



Robert Anthony De Lorenzo

May 10, 1941 - November 8, 2022

Kennewick, Washington

Robert Anthony DeLorenzo - loving husband, father, grandfather, friend, and mentor - passed away in Kennewick, WA on November 8, 2022.

Bob was born to Antonio and Angiola Di Lorenzo in New Haven, CT on May 10, 1941. He attended North Haven High School, and then Brown University, where he studied Electrical Engineering and was active in the Navy ROTC. At Brown University, Bob met his wife, Nancy Robbins, and began a strong 46 year partnership. After graduation, Bob entered the US Navy and attended nuclear power school. He and Nancy then moved to Honolulu, HI, where Bob served on the USS Benjamin Franklin, and their first son, David, was born. Following his service, he and Nancy moved back to the east coast, where their second son, Michael, was born.

During his career, Bob worked in the nuclear industry in executive management positions, then formed Randel Associates, Inc. to provide consulting services as an expert on all aspects of nuclear power plant design and construction. After retiring in 1993, Bob was a volunteer board member and officer in community organizations such as the Richland Utility Advisory Board, Columbia Basin Apartment Association, and Richland Rotary Club. He served as an officer of Rotary International when he was District Governor in 1998-1999. He and Nancy also became avid travelers, visiting 6 continents and many countries to learn about their history studying history and ancient cultures. An avid fisherman and member of the Columbia Basin Fly Casters, Bob made numerous trips to Alaska, Belize, and rivers in the western US, and loved being where fish live.

Nancy developed early-onset dementia in 2001, and Bob shifted gears to focus on supporting her battle with the disease. They became active with the Kadlec Neurologic Resource Center, and Bob served several years on the board of directors and led several Alzheimer's support groups. Nancy passed away in 2011, and Bob continued to lead the support groups for many more years. During this time, he attended the Augustine Institute and attained his third Masters' degree, a Masters in Theology, shortly before his 77th birthday. He was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and taught several classes for members. He had a passion for learning and mastering a subject and loved sharing his knowledge with others.

Bob is survived by his two sons, David and Michael, and their spouses Truc and Kristin and six grandchildren (Carina, Robin, Amelia, Elena, Bridget, and Dominic).

A funeral service will be held on December 19th at 12pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Kennewick, WA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kadlec Neurologic Resource Center.