



Robert "Bob" Ames McKenry

January 26, 1957 - November 20, 2024

Robert "Bob" Ames McKenry, 67, passed away peacefully on November 20, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. His struggle with Grade 4 metastatic cancer, diagnosed in January 2024, ended, freeing him from pain and suffering.

Bob is survived by his wife, Mary Linn Woodruff-McKenry; his daughter, Carlie Bowden McKenry; his brother, Carl McKenry (Sandra), sisters, Carol Ardolino and Mary McKenry; and a host of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Bob's greatest joy was his daughter, Carlie. Their extraordinary bond was evident in his constant presence at her athletic events and recitals. Whether it was watching Carlie play field hockey for her college team in Kentucky or attending her other performances, Bob traveled near and far, always making her a priority. His devotion to her was a true reflection of his loving and caring nature and he always considered these moments his "happy place."

Growing up in Coral Gables, Florida, Bob forged lifelong friendships that will always remember the fun and unforgettable moments they shared.

Bob's educational journey took him from The Lawrenceville School to Texas A&M University and ultimately, to the Texas A&M Maritime Academy, where

he earned a degree in marine engineering. This is where he first met his wife of 42 years.

His passion for the sea began with a childhood cruise with his grandmother and led him to a rewarding career, particularly in engine room operations on tankers, where his expertise and commitment to excellence made a lasting impact.

For 35 years, Bob was a key member of the Dole Fresh Fruit Company, contributing his dedication and professionalism across North America. He earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, not only for his work ethic but also for his generous and caring spirit.

Though Bob faced his illness with remarkable strength and dignity, he kept it private for much of his journey, sharing his condition with only a few close individuals until his final weeks. His grace throughout this difficult time reflected the private and resilient character he was known for.

Bob's legacy will live on through the many lives he touched—his daughter and wife, friends, colleagues, and anyone fortunate enough to have known him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask donations be made in Bob's name to the Delaware Humane Association, <https://www.humaneanimalpartners.org/give/give-now/>. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, from 2-3 PM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE, 19702. A celebration of life will be held at 3 PM. For directions or to send an online condolence please visit www.stranofeeley.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd.
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459

Celebration of Life

NOV **26**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

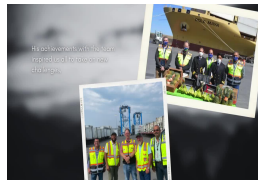
SJ

“ So sad and too young. I worked with Bob during the time our careers coincided at Dole. Many great memories I will cherish forever. We have made a donation in Bob’s memory to Humane Animal Partners.

Stuart Jablon - November 29, 2024 at 12:37 PM

JK

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



JOANNE N KENT - November 27, 2024 at 11:53 AM

JK

“ My deepest sympathies to Linn and Carlie and the entire family. Bob was not just my coworker he was very special in my life. Working together for 30 years you pretty much become family. I will miss him dearly.



JOANNE N KENT - November 26, 2024 at 11:09 AM

CT

“ Deepest sympathies to Linn and Carlie , my family will remember fondly the kindness of Bob and the many fun times shared with him. What a wonderful man and father. He will be missed by many.



Christine Tito - November 26, 2024 at 03:17 AM

BF

“ Brennan F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Ames McKenry.

Brennan F. - November 25, 2024 at 08:21 PM

CM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carl McKenry - November 25, 2024 at 05:16 PM

CM

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Carl E McKenry - November 25, 2024 at 02:01 PM

RG

“ Carlie, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. He was one amazing parent who I valued and appreciated. He was always so proud of you and wanted the best for you. I enjoyed sharing your progress with him when he came to conferences when you were in first grade. I loved sitting with him on the sidelines cheering for you and the Tatnall Field Hockey team when you and Riley played together. I am keeping you and your family in my prayers. Hugs, Renee Greene

Renee Greene - November 25, 2024 at 01:52 PM

AN

“ I always enjoyed our convos and meetings. Always filled with good information & it was nice to see how proud and happy you were of your family. We'll miss you, Bob - Yokohama Tire.

Andrew - November 25, 2024 at 12:30 PM

CC

“ Bob was a straight forward and genuine person, socially and in business.
My condolences to his wife and family. Charlie Cailliau.

charles cailliau - November 25, 2024 at 10:57 AM

VE

“ Mary, and family, sending my condolences. May your memories of Bob provide peace in your heart. Much love, Verneita of Gables.

Verneita - November 25, 2024 at 10:57 AM

CS

“ Bob was a great guy did business with him many years Cory Nelson Sr

Cory Nelson Sr - November 25, 2024 at 10:20 AM

SM

“ Stuart, Jennifer, Aiden and Abbey McKenr purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Bob" Ames McKenry.



Stuart, Jennifer, Aiden and Abbey McKenr - November 25, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Ames McKenry.



November 25, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Bob" Ames McKenry.

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“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Ames McKenry.



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