



Robert Paul Corley

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Robert Paul “Bob” Corley, 79, Ft. Myers, FL, formerly Sullivan, IL died October 24, 2016 in Lee Memorial Health Park, Ft. Myers. He was born on a farm near Herrick, in Shelby County Illinois, the son of E.J. “Dib” and Genevieve Rogers Corley on August 21, 1937. Robert attended Shady Lane a one room school, Herrick Grade and High Schools and Eastern Illinois University. He was a member of the Herrick Methodist Church. He married Glenda Sue Walker, daughter of Dr. Glen and Fleta Clark Walker of Farina, IL on July 2, 1960 in Farina; they were blessed with two children, Kevin Scott and Angela Renee. After schooling Robert worked for International Harvester Company in Springfield, Peoria, Carlinville, Decatur, IL, and Indianapolis IN. In between moves he served in the US Army for two years. In 1968 he purchased Larry Coffee, Inc. an IHC dealership in Sullivan, IL which became Corley International, Inc. He operated that along with other ventures until 1987. During those years he was elected and served as President of The Illinois Farm Equipment Dealers Assn, and President of Equitrac Insurance Company, a Bermuda Co. In 1984 he established and operated the Chrysler Auto dealership in Sullivan. In 1987 he merged the Farm Equipment dealership with other FE dealerships and became General Manager of Corley-Otto aka Arthur Farm Power with dealerships in Arthur, Mattoon & Shelbyville. At the same time he and Bill Stubblefield merged their Sullivan auto dealerships forming Corley-Stubblefield a Chrysler/GM dealership. In 1989 they sold that dealership to Kessler Motors of Indiana. In 1991 after severing his Farm Equipment business relationships he repurchased the Sullivan Chrysler & GM dealership from Kessler Motors. He owned and operated that dealership as Corley Auto Center until 1997 when he sold it to HPR Automotive Superstore. He and his wife Glenda then retired to golf, boat and travel, and in 2004 moved to Florida. Bob was active in Sullivan Lions Club as President, Sullivan Country Club as President, a Booster of Sullivan Singers and supported other High



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School athletic activities. He was the Chairman of the Moultrie County Sheriff Commission serving in that position for 15 years. He served at the Mayors request on the Tabor Park development committee developing that 20 acre park. He was instrumental in restructuring the present day corporate organization of the Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan. He helped form and served as the President of the Lake Shelbyville Development Association to help get high water ramps constructed on the Lake. He was a loyal U of I Football & Basketball supporter, heading up the local Illini Quarterback Club. He & Glenda tailgated at almost all home football games, attended many bowl and out of state games to include the Final Four and the Rose Bowl. Bob was a golfer at the Sullivan CC and supporter of the HS and U of I golf teams. He snowmobiled locally and annually traveled with the family & friends to Wisconsin for many years while organizing a local Snow-N-Go club. He was a house boater on Lake Shelbyville and personal watercraft enthusiast. He along with Dr. Jerry Snyder of Decatur organized PWC tours for as many as 25 riders for trips down the entire Illinois, Mississippi, Tennessee, Cumberland and Kaskaskia Rivers and many other lakes and rivers that include numerous southern and western states including the Gulf of Mexico. Living in Florida at Gulf Harbour Yacht and Country Club in Fort Myers near Sanibel Island, he was active in the Club's golf program. He served as chairman of two men's golf leagues. He and his wife Glenda organized 12 annual away golf outings with as many as 108 members travelling to golf resorts throughout the Midwest and the Northeastern US. He was instrumental in forming the Gulf Coast Men's Interclub league with eight clubs and served as the inaugural President for the first two years. He organized and started numerous other golf programs and games for Club members. For years he was the chief operator of the community's closed circuit TV station on Comcast, Channel 195 and served on both the community and Club's communication committees. Bob is survived by Glenda, his loving wife of 56 years. By son Kevin (Bonnie Clark) Corley of Westlake, TX, daughter Angela (Mark) Aukamp of Greenwood Village, CO. Grandsons Kevin Andrew & Robert Clark Corley, Granddaughters Emilee Anne & Elena Corley Aukamp, and Brooke Corley. He was preceded in death by his parents, a baby brother, and his in-laws. In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation in Bob's



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memory to The Heights Foundation which provides tutoring for kids struggling in school, job training for hard working parents and access to lifelong education and wellness to foster the creation of an entirely different future for families in one of Lee County's neediest communities, Harlem Heights. Contributions can be mailed to 15570 Hagie Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33908, or by calling (239) 482-7706. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be made at: <https://www.fortmyersmemorial.com/m/obituaries/Robert-Corley-3/Memories>The Family will hold a celebration of Bob's life at the Gulf Harbour Golf and Country Club dining room in November. Later in the summer another celebration of his life will be held at Meyers Cemetery, Herrick, Illinois where his ashes will be laid to rest next to his Mother and Father. To share a story, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time please visit Robert's memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign his guestbook.



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DF

Debora Frazier posted:

Dear Glenda, Kevin and Family, Angela and Family, Mom (Joyce Hamilton/Frazier/Fermi) just wrote that Robert Paul has died. I am so very sorry to learn this and send all of you my deepest sympathies. I, of course knew Robert Paul mostly while growing up and have vivid memories of Uncle Dib and Aunt Genevieve on the farm. I remember him as so caring and kind and generous. And you both were so important and helpful to Mom and Aunt T (Janet) when Grandma Hamilton died. And I remember visits with you both in my early years. Sending my love and condolences to you all. Debora Frazier (Joyce's daughter)

December 14 at 8:57 AM

BS

Bret Smock posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Corley

November 13 at 6:16 AM

JD

John Daily posted:

Glenda, and family, we were sorry to hear about Bob, please accept our deepest sympathy. John & Sharon Daily

October 31 at 3:20 PM

SB

Scott Bales posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of such a great man. Glenda, Kevin and family, Angela and family: please know that Bob will be greatly missed and many will consider him a blessing to have been in their lives. Bob was always gracious and sincere to all the friends that came over to hang out with Kevin. We had a blast in their basement in the house on Mattox Street. I appreciated Bob and Glenda's hospitality in allowing a bunch of goof-ball boys to join them in U of I tailgates and basketball games. It was great fun then, and left good memories. The city of Sullivan is a better place because the Corley Family called it "home" for so many years. God Bless all of you in this time of grief. So many of us here are grieving with you. Please remember that he is in a great place now and probably teeing off right now. Scott Bales

October 31 at 12:19 PM



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JH

Joseph Hayward posted:

When I first arrived at Gulf Harbour, I met many members but then (thank heaven) Bob Corley met me. This wonderful man took a lot of his time during my first few weeks and more, to make me not only welcome, but to make me feel quite special! I only realised later that Bob did this with everyone! What a man, what a gentlemen! Thank you Bob, and may you rest in peace, well-deserved. Joe Hayward

October 30 at 12:36 PM

DD

Doug Duncan posted:

Bob was the most welcoming individual I knew. When we moved to Gulf Harbour he went our of his way to get me involved in golf and introduce me to people that are great friends today. I will miss him severely Doug Duncan

October 30 at 7:10 AM

KG

Kit Gerken posted:

Glenda, I am so very sorry for your loss. I met Bob when you started dating him in 1959 or 1960 (can't remember exactly when) on the porch of one of our aunts in Herrick, IL.Find comfort in your many wonderful memories.Kit

October 29 at 8:25 PM

PC

Perry Clark posted:

Bob tried to take me out on the course in the 60's. While you were living in the Peoria area. I was so inept at the game that I never went again. Bob was his gracious self and did not treat me as a hack. But did not try to get me to go again. So sorry for your loss. Love Perry

October 29 at 7:50 PM

AH

Arnie Harris posted:

Bob did so much to make my life at Gulf Harbour fun...especially the Mon/Friday golf group and the fall golf tipswich. Bob and Glenda al ways planned a trip that was great for the golfers and non golf partners! He will truly be missed, but always remembered with a smile.Arnie & Liz Harris

October 29 at 3:59 PM



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TE

Tom Evans posted:

Glenda, Kevin, and Angela, Sorry for your loss. Bob will be missed by all of us. Had many enjoyable memories boating with Bob, family and friends at the Findlay marina and on the lake. Our boating trip to Lake Powell and sightseeing at the Grand Canyon was especially memorable. Please accept our sincere condolences in your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Tom and Debbie Evans

October 29 at 5:40 AM

DC

Dale Crawford posted:

Glenda, Kevin and Angela, so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I have many fond memories of equipment purchases and playing with Bob and Gordy on the Tuesday night league at the club. Also enjoyed summers on the lake and running into you all. Bob led a full and blessed life and will be missed. Our family sends its thoughts and prayers to you in this time of loss. Dale & Suzy Crawford

October 29 at 5:29 AM

JD

James Davis posted:

As a kid in the 1940s and 1950s, I enjoyed my family's trips from Michigan to central Illinois to visit my Mother's relatives. We often stayed with Uncle "Dib" and Aunt Genevieve at their home east of Herrick, and I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Robert Paul, as we called my cousin. He was great fun, with a ready smile, a bubbling sense of humor, a can-do spirit, caring civic involvement, and much good sense. We had good times at his house, in Herrick, at church, and at family reunions. Uncle Dib was a master story-teller, and I have wonderful memories of sitting under the trees east of the house in the evening and listening to him spin stories and family lore as he smoked cigars. Robert Paul also enjoyed these stories and he added to them with his own memories. After my wife, daughters, and I moved down to Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1971, we enjoyed driving over to Herrick and to other family reunions, where we had fine times with Robert Paul, Uncle Dib and Aunt Genevieve, and Glenda. In recent years we had fewer contacts with Robert Paul and his family, something I regret. My sincere condolences to Glenda, Kevin, Angela, and their families. Rest in Peace, Robert Paul.

October 28 at 12:53 PM



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JF

Jerry & Sandy Friesner posted:

Having known Bob for several years was a great friendship. Enjoyed his and Glenda's friendship very much. Much fun boating with them on Shelbyville lake. He will be sadly missed by all. To Glenda and the family, our deepest regrets for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jerry & Sandy Friesner.

October 28 at 5:19 AM

DL

Dennis Lapidus posted:

Bob was an amazing man. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. I and everyone else he met and touched will miss him. Dennis Lapidus

October 27 at 12:09 PM

SS

Stephanie Snyder posted:

It was a pleasure to know such a lovely man. Glenda, you and Bob enriched so many lives at Gulf Harbour. Thank you for many good times. It did not even matter that I could not play golf. He was always gracious. Sincerely, Stephanie Snyder

October 27 at 10:54 AM

BG

Brad Gray posted:

I have played golf in "Corley's" group on Thursdays since I arrived in Gulf Harbour. Upon arriving at the club four years ago Bob graciously welcomed me in. I was told to join his Thursday game and I have been there ever since; his no nonsense and disciplined approach, along with a keen sense of humor, made for a great time for all. Although I did not know Bob that long, he was a good friend and I will miss him greatly. My condolences to all. Brad Gray

October 27 at 9:07 AM

SS

Scott Schmidt posted:

Bob "The Mayor" of Gulf Harbour was one of the first person's I met when I moved from Navarre, Fl. He introduced me to various golf venues and made me feel welcome and comfortable in our new surroundings. He was a huge asset to Gulf Harbour and a lifelong friend. Scott Schidt

October 27 at 7:51 AM



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SM

Sandra Monds posted:

We met Bob when we had our houseboat on Lake Shelbyville, IL . Our memories of the fun times we had with Bob and Glenda are to numerous to express , but will never be forgotten. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. All our love and prayers are with you. Paul and Sandy

October 27 at 6:33 AM

DK

Dena And Ron Kennedy posted:

Bob and Glenda were always the first to welcome new members with a kind word and a welcoming smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Corley family during this difficult time.

October 27 at 5:10 AM

PL

Pam Lemon posted:

It is very ironic that members of Gulf Harbour were recently introduced to the software program called Golf Geniusi at the very same time we lost our "Real Golf Genius", Bob Corley. We will all miss Bob, his friendly smile, organizational skills and great golf wisdom!Pam and Bob Lemon

October 26 at 3:05 PM

MD

Marcia Devries posted:

Bob will be greatly missed....it will be like an end to an era at Gulf Harbour without him...we had so many great times with him and Glenda..they lived life to the fullest and that was the way he wanted it.....Marcia and Russell DeVries

October 26 at 2:10 PM

RC

Rob And Jolette Charron posted:

Bob always made us feel like we were part of the family. He will be greatly missed. We are so happy that we were able to get to know Bob over these past few years. We will really really miss him. Our heart goes out to you Glenda, and your family. Love Rob and Jolette Charron

October 26 at 1:31 PM



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AF

Arthur Fuccillo posted:

Bob was an unbelievable friend. He spread joy wherever he went with his personality. He was one of the first to welcome me to Golf Harbour and make sure I was included in golf. He displayed extreme patience with me when golfing. There are too many wonderful memories to list. He brought joy to all those who met him. He will be sadly missed and am extending a willingness to help in any way needed. Sincere sympathy is extended to Glenda and his family. Arthur Fuccillo & Vickey

October 26 at 11:43 AM

GA

Glen Aukamp posted:

He always made my family and I feel like part of the Corley family. from, Glen, DiAnne & Ashley

October 26 at 10:32 AM

CF

Chris & Shirley Freese posted:

Very sad to hear of Bobs passing. He will be missed by many.

October 26 at 8:08 AM

PM

Pat Messerich posted:

Bob was such a great ambassador of Gulf Harbour and made Sandy and my time here in the community and I am sure everyone he met time here such a joy. He will not only be missed by Sandy and me, but I am sure by everyone whose life was touched by Bob and Glenda. Thanks Bob for making our new life in Florida so much better just by your presence in our life. Pat Messerich & Sandy Erickson

October 26 at 7:42 AM

AM

Addy Mohan posted:

It was my great pleasure to get to know you over the years at Gulf Harbour and the privilege of playing golf with you and in your group. You will be dearly missed but will always cherish the memories. Our deepest condolences on this sad occasion.

October 26 at 7:01 AM



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Bob. Cicale posted:

Bob was a man that new how to get things done, and do them in the right wayHe was well respected by allThe world would be a wonderful place if it was full of Bob Corley,sl am privileged to have been his friend and to have known him.His family has a lot to be proud of a great husband, father ,grandfather andFriend.I am saddened by his passing, and we will all miss him, but we all know thatHis suffering is over and that he will Rest In Peace .May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace andMay perpetual light shine upon him.The hardest part of loosing a loved one, is on the family's left behindMay your knowing that Bob,s passing although it is difficult, be filledWith memories that will get you through you loss.Bob Cicale

October 25 at 5:41 PM



Marcia Hargis posted:

My heart breaks for you, Kevin and Angela Bob was such a wonderful father, husband and friend! I still smile when I think of the fun times that Bill and I shared with you and Bob going to the many Illini ball games both home and away; we even attended several Bowl games! Remember when we painted that old van and had so much fun doing it. These are just a few memories we shared; please smile or even have a laugh or two when remembering these precious memories.Sending love and caring,Marcia, Greg and Michael 🍷 🍷 🏀 🍷

October 25 at 8:57 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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