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Robert L. Dreyer, 92 of N. Fort Myers, FL, peacefully passed on to his reward, at Charlotte Regional Medical Center, in Punta Gorda, FL on August 31, 2012. His wife Nancy was by his side as she had been since they met in 1972. Bob was born in Lynn, MA, June 8, 1920. MA was "home" until moving to Florida in 1986. Bob served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force from March 1942 to January 1946. He was a Control Tower Operator, last stationed on Amchitka, in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska. Before leaving MA, his last personal accomplishment was to earn his B.A. in the Management of Health and Human Services from the U. Mass Boston in 1980. He is survived by wife, Nancy; children, Stephen (Diane) Dreyer of West Lake Village, CA, Sharlene Dreyer Ford of Wakefield, MA, Andrew (Cathy) Dreyer of Saugus, MA, Ava Dreyer of Framingham, MA; grandchildren, Evan Dreyer, Jamie Dreyer, Kendall Dreyer, Julia Rose Dreyer, Brian Seekins and great-grandchildren, Benjamin Dreyer, Charlotte Dreyer, Rachel Dreyer, Samuel Dreyer. Bob leaves behind a legacy of happy memories. He always had a joke to tell; loved performing in plays and skits, especially (impersonating Jimmy Durante); played softball until he was 86, was an avid L.F.'s golfer and bowled through his 92 birthday; volunteered at C.R.M.C. for 20 years and stayed a Red Sox and N.E. Patriots fan always. His most recent great pleasure and honor was serving as a Coach for the Suncoast Youth Archery Team in N. Fort Myers. That program and those children have been very dear to his heart these last 2 years. Memorial Donations can be directed to Suncoast Neighborhood Task Force, Inc., 2241 Case Lane, N. Fort Myers, FL 33917; Memo: Suncoast Youth Archery Team .



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WC

Wilbur And Kay Chase posted:

Remembering Bob with great admiration. One of a kind, that's for sure. Kay and Wilbur

October 3 at 9:16 AM

JG

John E. Gideon posted:

Bob and I go back a long ways to the times when we were actors in the various plays and programs put on in the L.F. Clubhouse. Bob always kept everyone laughing with his jokes and acting. Bob was in the Happy 90s Club and was very active in the group and will be missed by all of us!

October 1 at 2:22 PM

PL

Patty Haas Lemon posted:

Our thoughts are with you all. Although Stephen and I met Bob only once (during our 23-years-ago visit with newborn Allison), his vivacious personality was contagious and remembered!

September 14 at 6:15 AM

AA

Anna Abbott posted:

Bob! Thank you for all the memories left behind. Dickie and I would never have seen half of where we all traveled. Nancy and I going in and out of stores while you and Dickie sitting on the benches talking and waiting for us. All the card games, especially Wizard, all the jokes and the love, you will be missed. Anna

September 9 at 3:31 PM

DH

Dini Haas posted:

Bob, such a true, genuine, kind soul and your appreciation for always looking for the humor in everything...just always had me, and I know many others!! The love and bond that you and Nancy have always had is something we can all strive for. You will be missed, but will always live in the hearts of all that you have touched...and that's a big order!

September 8 at 7:12 PM



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GG

Gary & Leeanna Geiger posted:

Bob & Nancy, From the first day you showed us and helped us purchase our home across the street from you, you were warm and steadfast friends. Bob's teasing and jokish personality still makes me smile. Your genuine warmth and friendship helped make our lives in Florida a most memorable time in our lives. God blessed me with true friends like both of you. Bob will be so very missed in the days ahead but the days he gave us and shared with us will remain with us always. Save a place for me in God's kingdom and we will share a laugh or two when we see each other again.

September 8 at 6:12 AM

DH

Diana Hoffman posted:

I was very sorry to hear about Bob. You both had been an example of what a marriage is – staying with each other through thick and thin. God did bless you with a wonderful husband and marriage. Charlotte Regional has been blessed with your dedication, and I was very blessed to have you both be a part of my life. Bob will be greatly missed but your love for him will continue to shine! Pass along his jokes! I will remember him and God willing, will see him again! Love you Nancy, Diana Hoffman

September 7 at 7:27 PM

DS

Don And Diana Stroetzel posted:

Two words tell what Bob Dreyer was so wonderfully about. He loved. Nancy, most of all knew that, for he would put glow into her life. When sponsors of a good cause needed a willing volunteer, they came so often to Bob for he loved helping others. His love of baseball had him into his eighties batting doubles, chasing flies, and running the bases in older softball leagues that played him even in distant cities. He loved entertaining others from his file cabinet of jokes or counseling novices betting on the horses. A lover of life, he battled death courageously and long, an example to both of us as we have faced serious illness. We will miss him, a memorable, loving man. Diana and Donald Stroetzel

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September 7 at 5:39 PM

GL

Georgie Brown, John Lambert posted:

God Bless Bob, Nancy and family. We will never forget the wonderful time's that we had bowling with Nancy and Bob. He could 'out-bowl' us, he coached us and gave us lot's of laugh's ...and heard everything I said when I thought I was whispering after throwing a bad ball.He will be greatly missed and we will never forget him.

September 7 at 5:34 PM

GB

Gloria & Ron Busch posted:

To all the Dreyer Family, Your husband and father was very special to all of us at CRMC. He always had a special story to make us all laugh and was so proud of some of the events he participated in. He was a delightful man and will be greatly missed by all. Our most sincere sympathy, Gloria & Ronald Busch (volunteers CRMC)

September 7 at 1:32 PM

IE

Iris And Allan Edkins posted:

Bob, You were always welcoming, friendly and generous with your time, encouragement and good humor. We shall miss the rich benefits of your good will. What an example you set us all – young and not so young alike – in good times and in adversity. Fare thee well good friend. We shall take care of Nancy. Iris and Allan

September 6 at 5:09 PM



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RH

Rick Haas posted:

I was a kid when my aunt brought her new "friend" to our home in Greenwich, CT. It was a neighborhood filled with kids, around 8,9,10 years-old. This new kid shows up on our makeshift baseball field in the front yard. This kid, as I soon learned he was, came in what would have been about a 50-year-old body (if I do my math correctly). But despite the older chassis, this kid was a lively one, and proceeded to school us in the art of hitting a baseball. He did it with that remarkable smile and twinkle in his eye that made you immediately warm to him, rather than reject the advise of a stranger. Later that evening he went on to pass on some elaborate piece of meat or fish my mom had conjured up for what he said was his favorite meal...hot dogs and peas. Yup, he definitely passed the kid test. These are the first memories I have of the wonderful man that would one day become my uncle. There are so many others, as my brother Hugh has already described in this guestbook. As young adults Cindy and I had the pleasure of visiting Aunt Nancy and Uncle Bob at their home in MA. I recall a wonderful daytrip to the shores of Gloucester. Once they moved to Florida we had our Thanksgiving trips to Captiva to share with them, as well as their occassional tepid forays to the frigid North. Along with my sons Dylan and Griffin, we had a chance to spend some wonderful time with them at their home in Florida, which we visited after a trip to Disney. On my last visit Bob had recently been felled by a stroke. Despite his advanced age, and debilitated condition, he went on to bowl, play pool, take on archery, art work, LIVE life, right to the end. Through all the memories the one that is the brightest and most enduring is how much joy and companionship he and my aunt brought to each other. Uncle Bob will always be an inspiration to me in the way he lived his life to the fullest, and refused to let adversity, and the hard knocks of life, dull that kid-like spirit I first encountered nearly 40 years ago. He is greatly missed by me and my family.

September 1 at 8:56 PM

JD

John & Carol Delaney posted:

/Bob, you and Nancy have been our best friends for so long, we don't know what we'll do without you! Our weekly pool playing and card sessions were the mainstay of our fun times. Your jokes became John's jokes (as you well know) and the two of you guys could always be relied upon for a laugh. You will be missed more than we can possibly say, but you will always be in our hearts. We love you, we love Nancy, and someday we'll all be together again, God willing. Your forever friends, John and Carol Delaney

September 5 at 2:16 PM



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TH

Tom & Juliette Haas posted:

We've spent many a happy time with Bob & Nancy through the years. Whether in NYC, their previous Massachusetts home, their Florida "retirement" home or with us in Montana or in the Berkshires, we always had a warm, enjoyable time. Bob was such an easy natured person who just loved the company of family and friends. He loved sports – playing or watching and a real highlight is when we all went to the Superbowl together. We will cherish our warm memories of Bob. Tom and Juliette

September 5 at 12:28 PM

CS

Carol Spurlock posted:

Nancy — Bob will always have a special place in my heart. There are many memories of all of our good times together (golf games, trips to Sun City, dance lessons and so much more). I know that the Archery kids are really going to miss him. He always was giving them encouragement to do better. But the most important thing was his love for you. He told me many times that he was so lucky to find you and that you were the best. My prayers and love go out to you, Bob's children and grandchildren.

September 5 at 10:48 AM

CH

Carissa Harris posted:

Bob may be gone but he most certainly will never be forgotten. He made an impression on anyone he met and could not be described without mentioning his sense of humor. Anytime we saw Bob he had us all laughing and no trip to Florida was complete without a visit to see Nancy and Bob. I am so glad that we got to see him last month. He accomplished so much and lived a truly fulfilling life. We'll miss him.

September 5 at 10:44 AM



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RF

Rita Foley posted:

Yes, indeed.... jokes, laughter and always a tinkle in his eyes. That is the Bob that I will always remember. I loved how he teased and loved my mentor and dear friend, Nancy. I think I met Bob in 1970 and I knew he much have been a pretty neat guy and one with high values if he chose to fall in love with Nancy. I didn't get to see him much but when I did, or when I read the annual Christmas card, I just loved reading about all of Bob's activities. The best of us couldn't keep up with him. Baseball, talent shows, volunteering etc. The last time I saw Bob this past March, I got to see a little glimpse into his spiritual and creative side through the beautiful mandalas he made. I feel so very honored to have one made by him and given to watch over me. Bob, I know you are still watching over all of us. love, Rita

September 5 at 10:13 AM

KS

Kim Sutherin posted:

Trips to Florida and Lake Fairways won't be the same without being able to visit Bob during my trip. Always a joke or a smile. His beautiful mandelas! My family has known Bob for about 50 years...so that means I must have met him when I was 8. His Mom, Henrietta used to 'babysit' me, as my parents traveled a lot in their work.. I once 'stole' her car! I had never driven before at the age of 14...but I thought I could and should. While Henrietta was napping, I attempted to back her car out of the drive and go around the block. I did not get far, I backed into our fence. I think I scratched her car. I never gave that foolish thought any energy again. Henrietta laughed...and I bet Bob would have too. My parents grounded me! Bob was one of the 90+ year olds that has inspired me. He demonstrated (along with Nancy's help) how important it is to stay active mentally and physically well into old age. I will not forget that lesson as the years progress. Thank you for that, Bob (and Nancy). May your soul be happy, healthy young and vibrant...no matter where it comes to rest. I will always remember you! Thank you for the good memories. Love, Kim Sutherin

September 4 at 7:43 PM

JS

Jeanne And Earl Sutherin posted:

We have known Bob and for about 50 years. Prior to that, we were neighbors to his Mom, Henrietta. First we lived near one another in Hollywood, Florida. Later when we retired, Bob and Nancy and the two of us all ended up at Lake Fairways in Ft. Myers, FL. Through the years we have enjoyed Bob's sense of humor, talents and friendship. We will miss our Wednesday night card games and Friday afternoon bowling with Bob. Although we do look forward to many more years of activities with Nancy. Nancy took loving care of Bob for a long time. It was obvious that he adored her and was grateful for her love. We miss you Bob. May your days be filled with daily fun and peace and contentment...no matter where your soul is. Love and Peace, Jeanne and Earl Sutherin

September 4 at 7:32 PM



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DH

Denise Haas posted:

So many happy memories...especially of family times shared together on Upper Captiva!!!! His light will always shine on. You are in my heart, Denise

September 4 at 5:16 PM

RF

Rita And Frank Finch posted:

Nancy...He was a wonderful and funny man. I've always enjoyed talking with him. Our condolences go out to you and his family.

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Hugh Haas posted:

Nancy, We love you and know how much Bob meant to you, and how much you loved him, and how you both had such a wonderful life together. We miss him deeply also. I am sure his immediate children, grandchildren and great grandchildren miss him also as he was such a loving and fun person to be around. I have so many memories of Bob and will keep the e-mail short but there are a couple of stories I would like to share that are my own, personal, funny and loving stories of Uncle Bob (as he was a master at funny) that I will never forget..... The first story was when I was probably 9 or 10 years old and I was going away to camp in the summer. For some reason, the night before camp, my parents couldn't make dinner so Uncle Bob was tasked to take me out to dinner, just the 2 of us. We sat in a booth at our favorite family pizza joint called Terry Lodge. I always thought Uncle Bob was funny but I remember us ordering pizza and root beer and laughing so hard at his jokes and stories that it was the first time that I had root beer shoot right out of my nose and laughing so hard that I actually "pucked" all over our table. We got our check, cleared out, and Bob's remedy for the the embarrassing situation, was for us to go get ice cream at Carvels. It worked and I still tell the story today. The second story was that whenever Bob and Nancy came to stay with us, we always knew that we had to have something "sweet" on the menu (which made their visits that much more fun). One visit, we bought the Pillsbury chocolate chip dough that you slice and heat up in an oven and have an instant cookie. The best way to eat those cookies is when they are gooey (not molten hot) and the balance between eatability and blisters was a very slim margin. So...on a particular batch of cookies/lava, Bob was the tester and took the cookie between his teeth and then announced (between clenched, cookie chomping teeth), that the cookies were good "to go" provided that you put them between your teeth first to cool down.....all I can say is that "have you ever had your teeth burnt"? It was a first and the crying was immediately solved by Bob with a huge plate of ice cream (again). I think he was on to something. I can go on.....left handed golf on a visit to Ft. Myers, Bob playing hardball with us when we were kids, bowling duckpins in Boston, going to the beach in Gaspirilla, etc. He will always be a great person and energy to emulate our lives after. I don't personally know this, but I bet he woke up every morning and looked at the day as a sunny opportunity. I see that in my Aunt Nancy also. My family, Henry, Merideth and I, will miss him deeply and never forget the loving person that he will be remembered by and as the great couple that you are. Love you always, Hugh, Merideth and Henry

September 1 at 8:56 PM



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AD

Ava Dreyer posted:

My father, my friend, my mentor and my inspiration. My Dad was all of these things to me. Just when I thought I knew everything there was to know about him, he would surprise me with another impressive aspect of his personality. His energy, love for life and talents were endless. Together he and Nancy showed me what a happy and healthy marriage, and a life well-spent should look like. I will sorely miss being able to pick up the phone and have a heart to heart conversation with my Dad, but his positive outlook, words of wisdom and sense of humor will live inside me forever. Nancy, thank you for lovingly taking such good care of Dad until it was time for him to pass into his eternal rest. Dad, may you rest in peace.

September 4 at 11:03 AM

JS

Jim And Gayla Spurlock posted:

Nancy, We are deeply saddened about Bob's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Each time I see the Mandela art of Bob's on our refrigerator I am reminded of him and of a life well lived! Our love, Jim and Gayla Spurlock

September 4 at 10:17 AM

DH

Donna Harris posted:

We will miss you Bob. The girls and I are so glad we got to visit you in July. As always, we enjoyed being with Nancy and you and you had us laughing. Rest in peace. You will always be in our thoughts. I'm sure you're beating everyone playing cards in heaven! Love, Donna, Carissa, Caitlyn, & Carli

September 4 at 9:27 AM

PN

Paul And Rae Nash posted:

Nancy and family, Bob was a very dear and close friend. As my Mother lay dying my friend Bob gave me so much hope and inspiration. Since I married Rae, Bob and Nancy were her mentors in the bowling league. Bob finally figured out what was wrong with her approach to the pins. In his infinite words "your rear end is too big". God bless you Nancy and Bob for sharing your humor and sound advice toward life. We have often said Bob will be our most unforgettable character in our life. Rest easy my friend until we meet again.

September 3 at 8:35 PM



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BN

Bob & Michele Nauyokas posted:

Nancy, Bob was a wonderful person, and we know that you and your family have suffered a great loss. We feel fortunate to have known Bob...and we will cherish the memories we shared with him at Lake Fairways; especially through theatre and bowling. Bob & Michele Nauyokas

September 3 at 5:08 PM

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September 3 at 5:00 PM

LH

Lyn Heath posted:

May God Bless you and keep you in his grace. May the Lord God keep you in his love. May his face shine on you and give you ever lasting peace. Good Bye Coach. xoxo

September 3 at 2:31 PM

DR

Don And Susan Roesch posted:

We made many trips to Florida over the 20 years Don's parents lived at Lake Fairways. Our vist was never complete without spending some time with Bob and Nancy—it usually involved a rousing game of Tripoli. Bob was truly one of a kind! We were so happy knowing our folks had such wonderful friends to share good times with.

September 3 at 11:28 AM

RF

Rad Family posted:

life was much brighter living in lake fairways with a friend like you.Rest in peace.

September 3 at 11:24 AM



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DR

Don And Joyce Roesch posted:

We met Bob and Nancy the first week we moved to Lake Fairways and have been dear friends ever since, We spent many hours together with fun and games. Our whole family met Bob when they visited Lake Fairways and they all thought Bob was the greatest! We will miss you, Bob.

September 3 at 11:16 AM

CH

Charlene posted:

We had the honor of having Coach Bob in our lives for the past 2 years. He was an inspiration to everyone he touched. He will be sadly missed but never forgotten by Myself as well as my children Cj, Hope & Faith. Coach Bob placed alot of memories in our hearts and we will always love him. Coach Charlene-Suncoast Archery Team

September 3 at 11:09 AM

ND

Nancy Dreyer posted:

Bob, you were my husband, my mentor and my friend. Yes, I was your caregiver and "body guard" for the past six years but from the time we met you have been mine as well. As new employees at Soldiers Home in Chelsea,MA.in 1970, you helped me grow from a very shy, withdrawn 35 year old dwelling only on what I could not do healthwise and in every other way to the person I am today. You taught me not to dwell on the pain but on the good things; to stand up for myself and be confident in what I could accomplish."I can't do it" was not in our vocabulary. If things were bad today they'd be better tomorrow. You even advised me about life after your passing. I hope I make you proud, as you watch over me from a much better place. "1-4-3 Nancy

September 3 at 10:51 AM

RM

Randy And Cindy Magill posted:

Uncle Bob always brought so much laughter and joy with him. His passion for life, sports and Aunt Nancy will be so missed. We send our love, prayers and thanks for the time we were able to share with this wonderful person and hope that Aunt Nancy finds peace and comfort in knowing all that she and Uncle Bob, together, shared with so many.We know that no matter what sadness we all may be feeling, there's a lot more laughter in heaven since Uncle Bob arrived. With love, Randy and Cindy

September 3 at 9:30 AM



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SY

Stan Young posted:

I can't remember exactly when I first met Bob, but I know it was on a softball field. Over the years we played together and against each other. We also played on the same traveling teams at one time or another. He was one terrific competitor. I hope I can do as well as Bob. May he rest in peace.

September 3 at 9:08 AM

SF

Sharlene Dreyer Ford posted:

He is Bob to everyone else. To me he is just, Dad. We talked (and argued) every Sunday when I called him. There were always words of advice and encouragement at every stage of my life. I feel part of him lives on in me because I have inherited my sense of humor from him, his greatest gift and his greatest asset. His best advice was, "Never give up on yourself." My answer to him is, "I won't, Daddy."

September 2 at 5:58 PM

EE

Eric & Chris Kittleson And Eric Jr. posted:

Bob, You touched our lives in your own special way. Through your laughter, your bright smile and most of all your jokes. We loved all your stories about the people who crossed your path in life and while playing baseball. We will always have fond memories which will stay in our hearts forever. Be at peace dear friend.

September 2 at 5:09 PM

JC

Josie Conrad posted:

Dear Bob – We've been friends at Lake Fairways for over twenty five years – you, Nancy and I. Who ever thought we (you and I) would become nonagenarians — it's very hard to say goodbye to old friends – but what friends! You will be missed by so many here at LF, NFM and Charlotte County for your help, friendship and "shenanigans" at LF functions. Just wanted you to know!
Josie C.

September 2 at 4:41 PM



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MP

Michael Paglieroni posted:

He was a great man! I always enjoyed going to Florida to see him and Nancy. I always laughed and smiled when I was around him. He will be dearly missed by all. His spirit will always live through the great memories he left us. RIP RLD!

September 2 at 1:16 PM

NC

Neil Cadigan posted:

My condolences to all. I've known Bob, since I was 15 years of age, having worked with him in the Volunteer Services Office at the Soldiers Home(Chelsea, MA). For 35 years he's been a great friend and mentor to me and will be truly missed!

September 2 at 10:06 AM

BS

Bob Shamma posted:

Bob was one of the first persons I met at Lake Fairways when we arrived from Boston. He made both myself and my wife, Alice, immediately feel welcome. Bob introduced me to LF softball and showed by example how to have a good time while being the great guy that he was.

September 2 at 9:37 AM

SL

Sharon & David Van Leuven posted:

Bob was a special friend of ours here in Lake Fairways. He was a fun loving person who would do anything for you! One day i asked him to be in our Veterans Fundraiser Show and be Jimmy Durante! He performed for every show we had and each year received a standing ovation. He will be sorely missed and remembered by us as a very special friend along with his lovely wife Nancy. MAY HE REST IN PEACE!

September 1 at 8:56 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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