



Robert James Rinn

March 5, 1929 - March 19, 2020

Robert James Rinn, son of the late John and Mary Rinn was born in Boston, Massachusetts on March 5th, 1929. Died March 19th , 2020, in Raleigh North Carolina after a brief illness.

He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Cathryn Anne Rinn, four daughters, Judy Bodnar, Donna Neville, Marybeth Blades, Kathleen Duguid and their families including eight grandchildren, one great grandchild, numerous nieces and nephews spread across the United States.

As a very young man he served in the Navy during World War II, then remained active in the Naval Reserves, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and his local American Legion. After marrying and having four children he worked full time and spent eight years attending night school. He graduated from Northeastern University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He remained in that field until retirement. He had a great sense of humor, loved his family, and flying his airplane. He and Cathy traveled to many countries around the world. Bob was very involved in Ham radio, enjoyed listening to opera and National Public Radio.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Raleigh, North Carolina at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please take the time to care for yourselves, your families, co workers, friends and neighbors during this difficult time in our Country and across the globe.

Rest In Peace Dad, we love you

Comments



“ There are so many memories of Bob over the past forty years, but among my favorites are the Christmas time visits when all our kids and grandkids were here to help us celebrate. All of us especially enjoyed having Bob and Cathy come for dinner at those times, and they always came with a group game we could play. I remember lots of fun, lots of laughs, and lots of love in those special moments. At times, I felt that Bob and Cathy were surrogate grandparents to my kids. Bob, of course, always had a joke or funny story to tell. My all time favorite, and Bob loved to tell it, was the story of his brother's induction into the military. The intake officer asked his brother about family medical history, and was astonished when he received negative responses to all questions about diseases, allergies, and illnesses. When asked to verify that incredible information, Bob's brother calmly told the officer that he was adopted!

We are all are saddened by his passing and shall miss him. ~ Fair winds and following seas, Bob.

Missy

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