



Dr. Robert Joseph "Bob" Mosby

June 7, 1927 - June 22, 2021

Dr. Robert Joseph "Bob" Mosby, a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, died Tuesday, June 22 at the age of 94. A longtime resident of Kirkwood, "Dr. Bob" was a self-employed psychologist for 28 years, practicing until 2010, when he retired at the age of 83. Bob was a member of the Kirkwood Rotary Club.

Bob is survived by his wife of the last 15 years Ruth Fischer Mosby, his children Donna Jo Mosby-Stolz (Fred), Daniel Scott (Kathy), Thomas Dean (Karen), Robert Dickson (Julie), Robin Bess Duda (Joseph), David Elliot (Leanne), stepchildren Deborah Smith and David Fischer, 22 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 55 years, Bessie May Myers Mosby.

Bob was born to Dorothy (Propes) and Thomas Joseph Mosby on June 7, 1927, in Granite City, Illinois. The family moved to Missouri and Bob attended Normandy High School, taking third place in the state in wrestling. After graduating in 1945, he was inducted into the U.S. Army eventually landing in Nome, Alaska to serve in the Signal Corps. He was discharged in 1946 and entered Harris Teachers College. He later transferred to and graduated from Washington University and earned a degree in elementary and secondary education. Bob married Bessie May Myers on June 10, 1950, and Bob began teaching school at Vought School in Ferguson. Between February 1952 and

May 1962, Bob and Bess were blessed with six children.

Dr. Bob earned several education-related undergraduate and graduate degrees, including a Master of Science in School Counseling from Purdue in Lafayette, Indiana, and a PhD in Educational Psychology from Washington University in St. Louis. As a PhD student at Washington University, he served as president of Phi Delta Kappa honor society. In his career, Dr. Bob was a significant contributor under an array of professional hats in a career spanning 65 years from the U.S. Army to professional practice as a psychologist. He was a passionate preacher, an innovative special education teacher, a Missouri Special Education Teacher of the Year, president of many professional organizations, educational administrator in Kirkwood and Franklin County school districts, a private practice marriage and family psychologist, founder of the Gateway Chapter of the Association of Couples Marriage Enrichment, and board member of his Horizon Village retirement community in North Fort Myers, Florida.

In 2005, Bob met his fun-loving and supportive wife Ruth Fischer Mosby. They married on January 6, 2006. In his retirement, Bob loved spending time and traveling with Ruth, working in his yards in both St. Louis and Florida, playing cards and discussing politics and current events with Ruth, his children, and his grandchildren. Bob and Ruth were blessed with a large, blended family and enjoyed many hours of family functions full of love and laughter, including most recently a celebration of Bob's 94th birthday. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Bob always filled any room with his charisma and joy. Bob touched many lives in his 94 trips around the sun and will be sorely missed by many.

A private memorial service was held with the large extended family.

Please send donations to honor Dr Bob to KirkCare food pantry. kirkcare.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Robert Joseph "Bob" Mosby*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Fond memories of Dr Bob and Ruth at Horizon Village. He so loved and enjoyed the morning exercise program. He will be missed.*

Elaine & Wayne Folsom - June 29, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ *Jack Renard and Mary Pat Henehan have such wonderful memories of Bob and Bess. They took us under their wings when we first joined what is now Better Marriage in St. Louis. He empowered us by having dinner with us at Bristols and wanted us to speak at a meeting on "gender issues and cultural differences in relationships." He and Bess were always warm and welcoming. He gave us lots of beautiful phrases to remember, like, "looks like the love bug bit you both." We send lots of love to the family during this time of loss. What a wonderful and memorable life!*



Mary Pat Henehan - June 28, 2021 at 07:29 PM

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“ What a kind loving man and such a wonderful teacher. We first met Bob when he and Bess came to our church and presented their ideas on how to have a better marriage. What a gift! Because of them we joined a marriage enrichment group (MEG) where we continued to grow and met so many great couples. He then encouraged us to join ACME the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment. Bob & Bess founded the local chapter of ACME where we became involved in various committee positions and eventually served as Leader Couple of the chapter. Words can never express the gratitude we have for Dr. Bob and his wife Bess for teaching us skills for making our marriage better. They were so skilled in mentoring and coaching us through demonstrating those skills and better yet showing us how to utilize those skills in their own marriage. They touched the lives of so many couples in the greater St. Louis area. His work continues on even today through the St. Louis Chapter of ACME. With deepest gratitude for his life and work in making marriages better.
D. J. and Audrey Hubbard

DJ & Audrey Hubbartd - June 26, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert Joseph "Bob" Mosby.



June 25, 2021 at 11:15 PM

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“ Blessings to the extended Mosby family. Uncle Bob was a treasure. Sweet memories💕 Bird Bell aka Karen Jepsen

Bird Bell - June 24, 2021 at 11:02 PM