



Annen, Robert P.
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MADISON – Robert P. Annen was at home, comfortable, and surrounded by family, when he passed away on July 8, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Delores (Capaci); his children, Vickie (Donald) and Steven (Colleen); his grandchildren, Alexandra, Amelia, Matea, and Demeke; his siblings, Donald (Dorothy), Janet (Anthony), Doris (Charles), Elizabeth (Robert), Lorna (Joel), Marilyn, Michael (Jane), Rodney, and Richard (Mary). Bob is also survived by his numerous nieces and nephews and his many friends. He is preceded in his passing by his parents; and brother, Roland (Jeanne).

Bob was born on Dec. 4, 1936, in Madison, Wis., the fifth child of Peter and Edna Annen. He grew up on Mound St., amidst the constant activities of a large family made even larger by the presence of many friends and neighbors. Bob worked steadily from a young age, beginning at Candlin Pet Hospital. He graduated Madison West High School in 1954 with many close friends whose antics, including cannon firings and a stolen moose head, became the stuff of legend.

Bob studied mechanical engineering at UW-Madison. He completed U.S. Army ROTC, and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. Bob and Delores were married in 1957 and started their life and their family together. In his junior year, Bob deferred college and entered active duty, serving in the 19th Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Fort Mead, Md.

Bob returned to college and completed his degree in 1959 and started his engineering career at Bjorksten Research Labs. In 1964 Bob joined the Wisconsin National Guard as Captain and Company Commander of Headquarters Company, 42nd Infantry Division, Wisconsin Army National Guard. During this time, Bob was an active amateur athlete, playing touch football, volleyball, and soccer. He was a member of the Madison 56ers Soccer Club from 1964 to 1969, his team winning the state championship in 1967.

In 1969, Bob and family moved to Boca Raton, Fla., where he began his work in the defense industry at Lundy Technical Center. Bob continued to advance in his profession and relocated in 1977 to West Caldwell, N.J., where he worked at ITT Avionics until his retirement. Bob and Delores returned to Madison in 2012.

Bob continued his athletic endeavors throughout his life and played on numerous softball, soccer, sailing, and volleyball teams. Bob competed in age-bracketed masters competition volleyball from 1982 through 2016, amassing numerous team and MVP medals. Upon his return to Madison, Bob played volleyball with the Madison Turners. Bob ended his competitive career as a member of the Annen family trivia team.

Bob found great joy in being a loving and enthusiastic grandfather known affectionately as "Daddoo." He and Delores made many trips to California to visit their grandchildren and attended their events, creating lasting memories. Robert P. Annen will be remembered for his intelligence, knowledge of all things, do-it-self nature, passion for team sports, dedication to his family, loyalty to the extended Annen family and his enthusiasm for Annen Camp.s

A funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 11 a.m. at CRESS FUNERAL HOME, 6021 University Ave., with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Bob's life.