



## Robert William Bushman Sr.

March 27, 2022

Robert William Bushman, Sr., an amazing father, husband, brother, son, uncle, grandpa, and great grandpa led a full life until he died on March 27, 2022, in Lake Ridge, VA after suffering from cancer.

Robert was born on February 12, 1940, in Seattle, WA to loving parents Merton Lewis and Marye Esther (Willahan) Bushman. He had one sister, Barbara Bushman (deceased). His immediate family was led by his loving wife of 60 years, Linda Ruth Sand Bushman (deceased). He has four children; Belinda Lee Forrest (husband Nick), Robert William Bushman, Jr., Amy Jo Powell (husband Rick) and Bradley Sand Bushman (deceased); Seven grandchildren, Robert, Ashley, Kennedy, Parker, Jake, Amanda and Delaney; and two great grandchildren (with one on the way), Leni and Liam.

Bob loved his family immensely. Linda, who he met in seventh grade, was the love of his life and partner since 1961. They truly loved each other until her death in November of 2021. He was never the same after her death and we believe he died from a broken heart. He was a loving grandfather and doted on his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bob was a retired hospitality industry veteran of over 50 years. He had long careers with Westin, Hyatt, the Seattle and King County CVB, and the Houston CVB before retiring from the Cincinnati CVB. He was inducted into

the HSMAI Hall of Fame and the Hotel Regional Sales Managers Hall of Fame, two accomplishments that made him proud.

Bob was fiercely loyal to the friends he gathered along the way in his work journey. They were highly important to him. He was phenomenal about keeping in touch with people over the years.

A private service will be held for immediate family. If you would like to make a donation in Bob's name, please consider ACTS of Prince William County <https://www.actspwc.org/donations>. This is an organization that was highly important to both Bob and Linda.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert William Bushman Sr.*

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January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *My favorite memory of Bob was when we did a program for the Potomac Chapter of MPI that was a spoof of the political talk show, The McLaughlin Group. Of course, Bob beautifully played the host, John McLaughlin, in all his pompous glory, ending with his trademark sign off, "Out of time, Bye Bye!".*

*Everybody knew Bob, and Bob knew everybody. We will all miss him, but we will all be glad that we knew him.*

*Thanks for all the memories, Bob.*

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**Charlie Wilson** - April 02, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *Beth,  
Sending love and healing thoughts to you and your family. Your Dad was such a gentleman who always had time for us junior folks 'back in the day'. He was kind and inclusive and an active listener and though he towered above most of us, he never looked down on anyone. May he rest in peace and may you be comforted knowing how fondly he was thought of.*

*With sympathy,  
Lauren Kramer*

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**Lauren Kramer** - April 01, 2022 at 05:07 PM

EP

“ *Sending sincere sympathy to Bob's family, what a loss for you and our industry.*

*Bob and I met in 1982 when I moved from operations into sales with Hyatt, he was always the kindest person and took the time to encourage me as I learned the ropes. He would always say hello at different events we attended over the years, and made me feel as though I was the only person on the planet during our interaction. The world is a better place having had him here, you will be missed. God bless you Bob, may you rest in heavenly peace.*

*Ed Psioda*

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**Ed Psioda** - April 01, 2022 at 09:32 AM

BR

“ This world will miss Bob Bushman for sure. In addition to being the consummate professional, he was a kind man who always made time for others. We both shared time earlier in our careers in the great training ground Seattle, where core beliefs of the power of "we" is instilled in the industry's citizens. Later in our careers, we both ended up here in DC.

What I will remember about Bob is how he engaged others and expressed genuine interest in your updates. Sure, he could tell a good story, especially one with a funny twist to it. However, he liked to listen more than he spoke. Moreover, he remembered what you said in previous conversations. Not sure how he remembered and kept it all straight. One time I asked him how he did it and he confided that when it is important to you to know things about people, it is easy to remember. That lesson randomly shared during an industry event was not on the official program but it was a sage nugget of wisdom.

I hope that we can all strive to be more like Bob Bushman, especially now as we re-learn about post-pandemic networking and face-to-face interaction. Rest in peace, Bob. May the Bushman family be comforted by fond memories of Bob at this difficult time.

*Bill Reed*

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**Bill Reed** - March 31, 2022 at 09:20 AM

DS

“ Oh, that smile and that laugh - Bob was a treasure, and I'm so glad he was in my life during my time in Seattle. It was so sad when he moved away, but on to bigger and better things - just like now. He is with Linda again and making sure everyone in Heaven knows each other. We will miss you but are grateful for the memories. RIP, dear guy.  
Devon

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**Devon Sloan** - March 31, 2022 at 08:27 AM

MM

“ For the past two days, I've been searching for pictures of Bob, but I can't find any.

*In my mind, however, I picture Bob:*

*Walking through the streets of DC, taking me on sales calls. I couldn't keep up with the guy! He never went straight to a sales call. He literally stopped many times along the way to greet people. And he made it a point to introduce everyone to each other.*

*Doing his laundry at my house while he was living at the Hyatt Regency. Linda hadn't moved to Houston yet, so I offered the use of my washer and dryer. He asked me to look the other way:)*

*Taking Jill Thomas and me to see Arlington National Cemetery. He wanted to make sure that we saw JFK's gravesite and the amazing view of DC.*

*So many people loved Bob and have memories of him to share. I'm just grateful to have my own special memories of him. Rest In Peace, BB!*

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**Mary Monaco** - March 30, 2022 at 09:41 PM



JC

*Rest In Peace Bob! Yes - many a sales call in DC! Mary Monaco - you are so right! Working with Bob when he was at the Houston CVB were the good ole days! He knew everyone and people referred to him as "The Senator"! He always had included the new kid (me at the time) in conversations at a trade show or conference and laughed about the long walk around Arlington cemetery where he got "turf toe"! A million laughs and boy did he love his Linda! Talked about her and the family all the time. I'm sad, but now he and the love of his life are together. See you around, Bob!*

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**Jill Thomas, CMP** - March 30, 2022 at 11:21 PM

MM

*Don't forget his car - "The Land Yacht"*

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**Mary Monaco** - March 31, 2022 at 11:08 AM

JE

*“ I wish I could remember when I first met Bob - sometime after my move to DC in '78 and then my first meetings in Seattle. What I know: he was a mensch who cared about each person. Even if we didn't do business with him, even if one didn't work with him, he cared and he showed caring. The number of people he mentored and because of him mentored more, has to be a majority of the hospitality industry! As I've told others who have retired, the outpouring of memories and love is so great. Damn death! May Bob's memory be for a blessing. May you ,his family, find peace in his life and the memories. The hurt won't end - the memories will help you endure.*

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**Joan Eisenstadt** - March 30, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert William Bushman Sr..*



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March 30, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.** - March 30, 2022 at 09:04 AM