



Robert Julius Christopher

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Robert Christopher passed away surrounded by family and friends on February 6, 2015 in Oakland California at the age of 97.

Bob is survived by his children, Barbara Kirby and Richard Christopher, Step Daughter, Marlene Beatty, Sister, Audrey Abrahamson, 6 Grandchildren & many Great Grandchildren. Devoted husband to the late Louise Christopher and Olivia Christopher.

Bob was born in Oakland in 1917 and lived all of his life in Oakland. He was a Navy Veteran and a devoted family man. After the war, he continued his career in the Oakland Fire Dept. He started his career with the Fire Dept. as a young hose man. After working for the department for 27 years, he accomplished the rank of Captain of the Firehouse and retired.

Bob was a devoted Christian, husband and family man. Everyone that knew him would say, he was generous, trusting and supportive. He was always there to help a family member or friend in need. In his younger years, he and his wife Louise, took in many family members to help with a place to live and warm meals to eat. Many stayed for months and some for years. He was kind-hearted and would never say no to a family member in need.

Bob had a great enthusiasm for life, and was a very social person. In his earlier years he enjoyed fishing, bowling, square dancing, traveling, and attending baseball games, especially the Oakland A's. Throughout his life he enjoyed the company of friends and family at dinner parties and social gatherings. His favorite game to play was cribbage, he first learned the game about 75 years ago when he was in the Navy. He was an avid Cribbage player, playing 2 nights per week at different Cribbage Clubs in the area. He enjoyed playing in Cribbage tournaments and won several awards and plaques.

Bob's zest for life and living it well is a great testimony for everyone that knew him.



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He knew how to do it, and his memory will live on in all of our lives. God Bless you Dad, we will miss you more than words can say.

The funeral service in on March 7, 2015, at the Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland, at the Julia Morgan Chapel. Viewing open from 10:00 to 12:00, and funeral service is at 1pm. Reception to follow service at 2pm at the same location.



Tribute Wall

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MC

Michael Christopher posted:

We will all miss Grandpa! I have many fond memories of Grandpa and most of them involve fun outdoor activities with family. If I could mention just a few of them they would be caddying for either Grandpa or Dad at a very young age, numerous fishing trips on party-boats out of various cities, camping and fishing at Clear Lake, going to see the A's play, and golfing with siblings and Grandpa and Dad. Grandpa was all about grabbing life "by the horns". He also took the time to tell you everything you ever wanted to know about Christopher family history. And how can you not admire someone who retires at such a young age to show Grandma more of the country before her passing at such a young age. Grandpa...I love you and will miss you dearly. It saddens me to know that you will no longer be there to visit on Oakland or San Francisco layovers. But I will always be thinking about you whenever I am in the air or on the ground anywhere near your stomping grounds. Rest in Peace!!

March 4 at 1:48 PM

RC

Rene Christopher posted:

One of the most memorable days in my life occurred this past August when Debbie and I spent the day with Grandpa at his home on the hills of Oakland. For six hours we kept asking questions and he kept supplying answers. Some of the things we never knew but learned that day included he was a third generation American. He never really knew his grandparents and never met his father in law. His father was a policeman, and Grandpa wanted to be a policeman but was denied due to his height... one inch short. His first job was at the shipyards. He took in my Grandmother Lou's brother and sister to ease the burden on Grandma's mother. Grandpa had a lot of titles during his life. Husband, twice, father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, veteran, fireman, Fire Captain, champion cribbage player, ok golfer, motorcycle enthusiast, world traveler. He led a life rich in adventure and was always surrounded by friends and family who loved him dearly. He wore a jacket to dinner, and wrote thank you notes. He was a proud Grandfather and Great Grandfather. He was a very caring man who will be missed by all. We thank God for extending your time here on earth. Not many other 57 year old men who could claim they still had a living Grandfather. You are loved and will always be remembered in my prayers. Much love, Rene

March 2 at 6:36 AM

SC

Shawn Christopher posted:

Grandpa, I will always remember your kindness, love and generosity you have shown to me and my family. You will be deeply missed and always remembered and loved. I am glad we were able to share the time that we did together and regret that there was not more. Rest in Peace and sleep with the Angels. Love, Double Trouble

March 2 at 4:59 AM



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ST

Simone Trott posted:

Dear Grandpa, I will miss you very much! You were such an energetic and loving man. Although we lived thousands of miles apart, I was fortunate enough to spend some time with you over the years. What I remember most is there was never a dull moment, we were always on the go either fishing on your boat, taking a trip in your motor home, watching an A's game or just playing cards in the house. Thanks for all the fond memories, I will remember you forever. Rest in Peace! Love, Simoney Baloney, aka Simone

March 2 at 4:23 AM

AA

Adrienne Armstrong posted:

Grandpa, You were loving and thoughtful man. While distance kept us apart you were always in our thoughts and hearts. I was proud to call you my Grandpa! You will be remembered for your quick wit, humor, love of life, cribbage, and travel. All of these characteristics exist and will live on in your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren! We will never forget the great nicknames you had for some of your grandchildren...."Sarge" (Michael), "Double Trouble" (Shawn) and of course "Simoney Baloney!" Rest in Peace, Grandpa! Love, Adrienne

February 25 at 6:53 AM

AA

Adrienne Armstrong posted:

Grandpa, You were a loving and thoughtful man. While distance kept us apart, you were always in our minds and hearts. The times we were together will always be treasured memories! You will live on in all of us – your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren! You will be remembered for your quick wit, humor and love for life, cribbage, and travel. Of course we will never forget the great nick names. Especially, "Sarge" (Michael), "Double Trouble" (Shawn), and "Simoney Baloney!" Rest in Peace Grandpa! Love, Adrienne

February 25 at 4:07 AM

PP

Pam Pizzi posted:

Please click above on Obituary & Service for some more interesting details on Bob's life. Also in the Photo's & Videos link there is a touching video remembrance of Bob's life with his family and friends.

February 24 at 2:03 AM



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Marty Froomin posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Robert Julius Christopher

February 12 at 2:38 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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