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Robert Warren Moss's life began on June 8, 1941, in Detroit. He was an only child, and he carried an intellectual, self-contented temperament throughout his years, always finding joy in simplicity. Bob studied Economics, receiving a Bachelor's in 1962 from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, a Master's in 1964 from American University in Washington, D.C., followed by a two year OECD fellowship in Europe and India.

He and his wife of 52 years, Sue (Heylar) Moss, were married in 1968 in Washington, D.C. after Bob finished his work on the Kerner Commission looking into the Detroit race riots. Within four months of meeting, they were married. After their time at sea, they returned to the U.S., and from 1975 until 2013, lived in Seattle, where they raised their two children, Karyn and David. Bob enjoyed a successful career as head of RW Moss and Associates, a forensic economics firm. With his family, he sailed the waters of Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands, and internationally while he and Sue also traveled the world by land. Eventually, they settled in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2013, following Bob's diagnosis with Parkinson's.

Bob was known for bringing people together. There was always plenty of room at his table, and he will be remembered for his loving dedication to keeping his extended family

as close as his own wife and children.

Bob exited the world on August 31, 2020, at his home in Oakland, California. A vocal advocate for laws supporting physician-assisted dying, Bob's passing aligned with his approach to living. He was a pragmatist and a planner -- the type who knew that it was time to gather up the sails when the wind can't carry you further.

Bob's memory will live on with his wife, Sue, his son and daughter-in-law, David and Lily Moss (of Federal Way, Washington), his daughter Karyn Veneklasen, her husband Noah (of Oakland, California), and his precious grandchildren, Lily 13 and Parker 10.

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Robert Moss, 79, passed away, on August 31 2020 in Oakland, California.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Oakland, 4499 Piedmont Ave, Oakland, California 94611.

Service details and Obituary will be posted as soon as they become available.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact the funeral home in advance, so that we can plan accordingly.