



Robert Drury

November 28, 2013

Robert A. (Bob) Drury passed away on November 28, 2013 at his home in San Antonio, Texas. He was born in Kelso, MO on April 3, 1932 to Lambert C. and Lorraine Dohogne Drury. He was 81 years old. He attended St. Augustine grade school in Kelso and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Bob is best known as co-founder of Drury Hotels and his tireless dedication to his faith, community, family and business. He is survived by his wife, Maria del Carmen Armendariz; his son Richard G. (ReBeca) Drury ; daughters Kathryn G. Drury and Julie A. (Bruce) Williams; stepsons Richard (Shannon) Armendariz, David (Marisol) Armendariz, and Daniel (Megan) Armendariz; 12 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; brothers Charles L. (Shirley) Drury and Jerry M. (Katie) Drury; sisters Nancy (David) Pfeiffer and Victoria (Ted) Hahn; brother in law Donnie (Wilma) Heisserer; sisters in law Rita M. Drury, Mona (Joe) Nenninger, Carolyn (Bill) Bohnert, and Charlene Alvarado; and numerous nieces and nephews Bob was preceded in death by Anna Rose Heisserer Drury, his wife of 45 years; his parents, Lambert C. and Lorraine Drury; his brothers Thomas Drury and James L. Drury; his sisters Patricia Schlosser and Mary Jane Jansen Ford; and his granddaughter Jennifer Davis. In addition to his business interests, Bob was dedicated to his faith and community. Over the years Bob worked to improve the lives of the less fortunate, directly and indirectly through a variety of charitable organizations. Bob and Carmen recently received the Lifetime Faith and Services Award from Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Bob was a member of the American Presidents Association and was Trustee Emeritus of the Notre Dame High School Education Fund Foundation. Bob was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1111. Bob served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1956. Visitation will be from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, December 6 at Notre Dame Regional High School, 265 Notre Dame Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO. Parish prayers will be at 7:30 PM with Knights of Columbus rosary immediately following. The funeral mass will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral in Cape Girardeau, MO on Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 am with Father Tom Kiefer officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Cathedral Building Fund or Notre Dame Regional Education Fund Foundation or Guadalupe Home with Catholic Charities, San Antonio.

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25;8) What a wonderful day that will be!

K. Jackson - October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Good man from a good family, He will be missed

gary and wendy rust - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Carmen, Sue and I are sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. You and Bob have been so good in looking to the needs of people less fortunate. Many blessings upon you. Our sympathy also goes out to you too Charlene. What a dear brother-in-law, who kept a close watch over you. Many blessings on you and your family.

Rosemary Denson and Sue Kohl - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JI

“ We were so sorry to hear about Bob. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. We are out of town until next week. Our sympathy from all our family.

Jim and Thelma Irwin - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My fondest memory of Bob is his compliments of the chili I was serving at Sug's one night. He wanted to "market" it! I pray that he rest in peace and that the family take comfort in his memories. Pax Mary Ann

Mary Ann Haynes - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Drury family and the DSW organization today. While I couldn't be there for the visitation, I want you to know how much Bob meant to me over the years and what a major impact he has had on our company. He will be greatly missed!!

Linda McCombs - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ to the entire drury family, my deepest condolences. bob drury was a great great man and was admired by many. you are all in my thoughts. may god bless keith hall

keith hall - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ He was the perfect example of "I did it my way". He was always nice to me, and he will not be forgotten.

Donna Coleman - May 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ It is the little things, the small, everyday occurrences that you will remember. The laughs, the stories and the smiles. Even though it seems like you can never recover from your loss, it is these very special memories that will help push the pain away and bring back the sunshine. My condolences to the Drury family.

Donna G King - May 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am honored to be a former Drury hotel employee that benefited from the kindness and compassion that was bestowed upon those who were in that part of the Drury "family." What a great example of honesty and integrity. God bless! Patti DeArmond (former GM of Houston Hobby)

Patti DeArmond - May 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Bob for several years. I truly enjoyed listening to him talk about the Drury Group and everything else. My thoughts and prayers are with the company employees and his family.

Manuel Casanova, Jr., SVP, Inter National Bank - May 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I was truly saddened to hear of Mr. Bob's passing. It's been 17 years since I was employed by DSW, but it feels like yesterday as I recall the many lessons he taught me that I still use in everyday life. His biggest lesson was the way he lived his own life.... He expected good work, but lead by example & worked even harder. He was **THE BEST** analyst - of anything & everything - I've ever met. His success was hard-earned & well-deserved. I respected him more than any employer I've worked for & most men I know. Every year at Christmas I really think about RAD, as he truly was a real life Santa Claus ... To family, to friends, to the clergy, to NDHS, to employees ... He was a giver. He taught me that hard work & love of God & family & being a man of your word will always lead you down the right road. I wanted so bad to talk with him again the past few years. I am honored & thankful that I got to know RAD back then; he will be truly missed.

Connie (Yeargain) Anderson - May 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ Sorry to hear of Bobs death. Harold worked for Dury's for several years and learned much from Bob. Memories last a lifetime. Cherish them. All of us can strive to follow his lead being a good servant of God.

Harold and Kathy Jansen - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ It has been a pleasure working with Bob all these years, our thoughts a prayers will forever be with Bob and his family. Sincerely,
Kyle R. Mitchell Alamo Tile & Stone

Kyle R. Mitchell - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LK

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Larry Karam - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *We were sad to hear of the loss of your dad, father in law and grandfather. Your family is in our prayers.*

Mr & Ms Thomas (Dennis) Abell & Family - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM