



Robert "Bob" James Schultz

April 2, 2026

Robert "Bob" James Schultz, professor emeritus of Civil and Construction engineering at Oregon State University, died at his home surrounded by his family on April 2nd, 2026. He was 92. He was a devoted husband, father, educator, athlete and member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He valued hard work, fairness, precision, respect and caring for others, and giving back to his community.

Bob was born in Worcester, Massachusetts to Joseph and Clarissa "Blanche" Schultz, the youngest of two sons. He graduated from South High School and went on to Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he would receive his Bachelors of Civil Engineering in 1955 and his Masters of Civil Engineering in 1960. He was a member of Skull Club and Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity. He also served in the US Army Corps of Engineers in the late 1950's.

A talented athlete, Bob was never short on hustle. He was a three sport athlete who played football, basketball, and baseball in both high school and college. While at WPI, he earned twelve varsity letters and he was the captain of the basketball team his senior year. In 2008, he was inducted into WPI's Athletic Hall of Fame on his own merits.

Bob was a member of the Mid-Valley High School Football Officials Association for more than 45 years. He officiated many high school football

games at all levels including the Oregon State High School Championships. He was the rules interpreter and taught many of the newer officials. He also officiated high school basketball for more than fifteen years.

Bob was also a long time attending fan of the OSU Beaver Football and Basketball teams, as well as the Corvallis Knights baseball team, rarely missing a home game and attending games all the way up to the months before he passed.

Bob moved to Corvallis in 1962 to begin teaching in the Civil Engineering Department at Oregon State University and continued teaching for 56 years. As a result of his longevity, three generations of students received education from him. He was well known for reminding students to “draw a sketch” and “check their work” when doing challenging computations, and he cared about his students, giving his time freely helping them to understand the content. In addition to the university classes, Bob taught professional workshops on several surveying topics for practicing surveyors and engineers. These workshops helped many people prepare for and pass the professional land surveyor and Oregon state-specific surveying exams.

A notable achievement for Bob’s professional career occurred in 1968 with the passage of the Oregon Beach Bill by Gov. Tom McCall, which established public ownership of Oregon beaches. Bob was one of the critical people that helped determine the methodology of how to appropriately define the boundary between public and private lands on the Oregon coast.

Bob served from 1979-1987 on the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying. He was a member of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology Engineering Accreditation Commission. His life-time memberships included the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, National Society

of Professional Engineers, and Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon.

Bob received much recognition for his commitment to teaching. He received the SaGES Career Recognition Award, the 2002 OSU Richard M. Bressler Senior Faculty Teaching Award, the 2013 OSU College of Engineering Alumni Teaching Award and was the 2018 Dennis Marker Teacher of the Year. He also was honored with the OSU President's Medal for 50 years of service to Oregon State University.

When possible, Bob also donated his professional services to the community. Some examples include the layouts of the outfield fence at Spartan Stadium and the Veterans Memorial at the armory.

He was an active parishioner at St. Mary's Catholic Church. He served on the church's OSU Newman Center Board in the 1980's. He was a lecturer at Mass for many decades.

In addition to sharing with his family his passion for sports, Bob also took the time to share with them the beauty, wonder, and history of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Many trips and adventures were taken over the years, including crabbing trips to Newport, ski trips to Hoodoo and Bend, camping trips and adventures to many state and national parks, hikes on both local trails, and in the Cascades.

Bob is survived by his wife of 60 years, Constance Schultz, his daughter Anne Marie Schultz and husband Jay Resch; son John (Alma) Schultz; daughter Georgeanne (Kurt) Windisch; and daughter Mary-Jo Schultz.

There will be a funeral mass Wednesday April 22nd at 11am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis, Oregon. There is a LiveStream scheduled at

ggl.link/Schultz-funeral.

A private family burial service will be held at a later time at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Corvallis, Oregon.

The family suggests those wishing to honor Bob's memory may donate to the Robert J. Schultz Geomatics Endowment Fund, which supports geomatics education and research in the OSU College of Engineering's School of Civil and Construction Engineering. Contributions to this fund can be made at give.fororegonstate.org.

Tribute Wall

MO

“ I was fortunate to work with Prof. Schultz for many years, and I learned so many things from him. His wit and the stories he was able to tell are unparalleled. He was a giant in the profession and had many accomplishments. I will treasure the time that I had to spend with him whether at work or at a football game. He was a man of principle and dedicated himself to others whether it be students, family, or friends. His impact will ripple throughout generations to come.

Michael Olsen - April 22 at 12:58 AM



“ Professor Robert Schulz, mentor for my graduate education, will be remembered by surveying and mapping profession and community as one of a kind giant in the field. I dare to say his dedicated and disciplined education technique is hard to beat by any of us who followed his foot step. He was always there for me as a student but more importantly he was there to guide me in difficult situation to make the right decision, and for that I will remember Bob as one of my best friends.

Ramesh Shrestha

Ramesh Shrestha - April 17 at 08:20 PM

JH

“ I always enjoyed my conversations with Bob. Entertaining and a joy to talk with Bob was gifted with an awesome wit and humor. Most of all I always enjoyed his reminiscing about his experiences in surveying and surveying education. A true legend he will live on through the skill and practice of his students.

John Hohol - April 15 at 11:09 PM

AN

“ Professor Schultz was my survey instructor, along with many of my coworkers in the industry. He was respected for being firm but fair, and feared for his highways class. Thank you Prof. Schultz for shaping me into the engineer I am today. My deepest condolences to his loved ones.

Anonymous - April 15 at 06:03 PM

CM

“ I was not lucky enough to have been a student of Mr. Schultz' but he was present and impactful enough that I do wish I had been able to take at least one of his classes. Over the years working in the Willamette Valley, I have frequently heard positive words regarding Mr. Schultz in the surveying community, he was deeply respected and correctly idolized as a pillar in our industry and our survey community.

On behalf of all of us at MSS Inc, a company to which he and two other professors founded, I want to pass along a deep appreciation for his work, knowledge, and efforts.

Caitlin Mills - April 15 at 04:00 PM

JP

“ Professor Schultz was a wonderful teacher and mentor to multiple generations of surveying and mapping professionals. His dry wit and sense of humor always left indelible lessons on all of us, including to be sure we have removed all blunders before even attempting to adjust a network! His memory will live on through the Robert J Schultz Memorial Geomatics Endowment Fund administered by the Oregon State University Foundation (<https://give.fororegonstate.org/PL1Uv3Fkug>).

Jim Plasker - April 15 at 03:33 PM

CG

“ Bob was not just important to surveying education in Oregon, but he was also important to surveying education nationally. His wit and humor will be missed by all that knew him.

Chuck Ghilani - April 15 at 02:35 PM

AP

“ Mr. Schultz was an institution that shaped decades of civil engineers and surveyors in Oregon and beyond. He was an amazing educator and will be missed but always remembered.

Allison Pynch - April 13 at 03:36 PM

GF

“ Bob Schultz was my survey teacher, and I know I'm just one of the countless students whose path he shaped over more than half a century. My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones; his reach was vast, his manner humble, and his impact enduring. -Gary Ferguson

Gary Ferguson - April 13 at 12:16 PM

RP

Bob Shultz was likely the States most important surveyor/professor that provided seminars, classes and leadership the supported the Professional Land Surveyors and licensing. I think here was irreplaceable.

Ron Stuntzner PLS/PE - April 15 at 03:58 PM

JM

Bob Shultz was one of the great pioneers of modern surveying education, someone who had a tremendous impact on the field across the US and beyond. John McLaughlin, President Emeritus, University of New Brunswick (Canada)

John McLaughlin - April 16 at 08:46 AM