



## Robert William Distifeno

May 28, 1939 - January 9, 2022

Robert “Bob” W. Distifeno passed away on Sunday, January 9th, 2022 in Corvallis, Oregon at the age of 82. Bob was born May 28th, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois to William Distifeno and Louella J. Kuner. He graduated from St. Rita’s High School and later served in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

Bob enjoyed sharing childhood stories from years spent running around Chicago with his best friends, including a priest’s quest to calm them down with an after-school boxing club. He eventually moved to California where he met and married Phyllis Noll on May 24, 1970. They later followed Bob’s job to Portland, Oregon, where they raised their children in Beaverton. There, they tried their hands at “farming,” which resulted in a number of funny and memorable experiences. After Bob’s retirement, they returned to California but eventually landed in Corvallis, Oregon.

Bob was a “Mr. Fix-it” by nature, and retired from the Pacific Northwest Bell (AT&T) telephone company after 40 years of service. Bob was a circuit designer, and self-made suburban farmer. He had a passion for fixing old cars, cooking for a crowd, and volunteering with the Boy Scouts as a leader. His favorite Boy Scouts endeavor was managing the fireworks stand each year; he was an amateur pyrotechnician with great love for wowing his kids with fireworks.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, William and Louella, and his eldest son, Robert Andrew. He leaves behind his wife of 50-plus years, Phyllis, and 6 children; April, Marci (Simon), Melissa, Michele (Gary), Christopher (Tricia), and John (Audra). Included in this large blended family, Bob also boasted 21 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and counting. Bob felt very blessed to be part of such a beautiful and large family. As an only child himself, it meant the world to him.

Bob will be laid to rest at an intimate family graveside service at Riverview Cemetery in Portland. Details to be given out separately. Please leave condolence messages for the family here on the website.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

300 S Taylors Ferry Rd  
Portland, OR 97219  
<https://www.riverviewcemetery.org/>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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**McHenry Funeral Home** - January 20, 2022 at 11:12 AM