

Robert "Bob" Cornelius Annen died suddenly on May 3rd, 2022, at the age of 84 while at his home in Alexandria, Minnesota. Bob was a caring, supportive husband and father and is survived by his wife Vivian, and his two children Angela, and Robert Cory. He will be greatly missed by them, as well as his extended family including many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Bob was born to Ervin and Theresa (Weiss) Annen in New Ulm, Minnesota on March 2nd, 1938. He was a loving son and had a very close relationship with his mother, especially after his father passed away while Bob was in his teens. He went to St. Cloud State University and earned a BS in Chemistry and Math. He served dutifully in the US Army and was stationed as an X-ray technician at the US military base in Idar-Oberstein, Germany.

Bob was an extremely hard working and dedicated employee. His scientific knowledge and intelligence were greatly appreciated. Most of his career was with Honeywell and he retired there as Vice President of Global Growth and OEM in 1998. During his career, he was able to travel the world and had the privilege of moving to Belgium with his family for three years. The family has lots of great memories from their travels and adventures during that time. One of Bob's career highs was winning the Honeywell Lund Award for excellence in leadership and employee development. He took a lot of pride in supporting and mentoring his employees and had close friendships with many of them.

Once retired, Bob moved from Plymouth, MN to a beautiful lake home in Alexandria, Minnesota. Moving to a lake home was something he always looked forward to and he spent many happy years there. He made some great friends in Alexandria and walked almost daily with a group who deemed themselves the 'Fat Boys Walking Club'. In retirement, he developed a love of cooking and made many delicious meals for family and friends. He was a skilled golfer and enjoyed fishing, especially with his daughter. He also took pleasure in sitting on the deck with family watching the sun descend over the lake, and during winter gathering near the fireplace for entertaining conversation.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My Life's been full, I savored much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Memory of
**Robert "Bob" C.
Annen**

March 2, 1938



May 3, 2022



Memorial Service

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Alexandria, Minnesota

Thursday, May 19, 2022
11:00 AM

Officiant

Father Matthew Kuhn

Musical Selection By

Luke VanOverbeke
Erin Takle

Readers

"Bob's Nieces"

Lori Butala Barb Camp

Military Honors

American Legion Post 87
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 936
Marine Corps League Detachment 1409
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 235
Minnesota National Honor Guard

Interment

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery
Little Falls, MN