



Robert L. Earthman

December 18, 1939 - August 26, 2024

Robert (Bob) Lawrence Earthman, age 84, passed away on August 26, 2024. A dedicated and loving man, Bob was the fourth child in the large Earthman family, growing up with his eight siblings on the Westheimer family farm. Family was central to his life from an early age. Bob attended St. Anne's Catholic School and St. Thomas High School, before graduating from the University of St. Thomas and Commonwealth College of Science.

His lifelong dedication to supporting the bereaved began during his final year of college when his closest sibling and best friend, his brother Bill, died tragically in an automobile accident. This life-changing event led Bob to alter his career plans, as he had now found his true professional calling as a funeral director. He helped tens of thousands of families in Houston during his 60-year career.

Bob's private life was shaped by the five children that he and first wife, Sonja, raised together. He embraced his role as a father, whether he was helping the kids build forts, setting up Tarzan swings from the oak trees in the backyard, making sure their house was the spookiest on Halloween with real coffins, or attending father-daughter dances and scouts with his boys. He cherished every moment of being a good father.

Throughout his life, Bob served in numerous leadership roles across professional, church, and civic organizations. Several included President of Texas Funeral Directors' Association; President of Southeast Texas Funeral Directors' Association; Chairman/Board of Directors of Greater Southwest Houston Chamber of Commerce; President and District Governor of Serra Club of Houston; Vice Chairman of Catholic Charities of Houston; Chancellor of the Order of Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, SW District; and Graduate of Leadership Houston, class VII.

Bob displayed incredible gardening talent with his blooming landscapes, and enjoyed playing golf with his family and friends. He loved to travel and spend time with his wife, Sandy, who passed away last year. From his Lazy-Boy

chair in front of the tv, he would cheer on his beloved Astros. Bob's cheerful demeanor defied the stereotype image portrayed of a funeral director.

Bob is preceded in death by wife, Sandy, daughter Amy Earthman Cardwell, and stepdaughter Allyson Babin. He is survived by his four children and their spouses, Mary Louise Littman (Michael), Bobby Earthman (Elena), Lannie Bluethmann (Bill), David Earthman and best friend Alena Love, as well as his stepdaughter Debbie Gutierrez (Richard) and twelve beloved grandchildren.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Ivette Gamez for the loving care she provided to our father during his final year, treating him as if he were her own.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 2140 Westheimer Road, in Houston,

Texas. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 29, 2024 also at St. Anne's, where the Rev. Michael G. Earthman is to serve as celebrant. The Rite of Committal is to follow at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Mr. Robert L. Earthman, Hosana In The Highest. You Are Today, Among All The Angels And Saints In The Eternal Triumph Of GOD.*

Juraj Mijo Rozman - February 20, 2025 at 01:27 PM

JR

“ *Juraj Mijo Rozman lit a candle*



Juraj Mijo Rozman - February 20, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ 🕯️ 🕯️ *Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that it was never known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly into you, O Virgins of Virgins, My Mother. To you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your Mercy, hear and answer them. 🕯️ Requiescat*

Juraj M. Rozman - October 08, 2024 at 12:55 PM

JR

“ *The Alpha And The Omega. Crucifix, Palm, Rosary. Prayer Cards. The Beginning And The End. Requiescat.*

Juraj Mijo Rozman - October 02, 2024 at 10:46 PM

JR

“*Juraj Mijo Rozman lit a candle May God have welcomed you into his kingdom with open arms. I remember the kindness you expressed to me as a student apprentice during my time at Commonwealth College Of Mortuary Science. I remember how You along with Mr. Lake were so tolerant of all my "professional mistakes" and my inexperience. I was so happy as to when you called me on April 5, 2024, It was so comforting to hear your voice. I have nothing but good memories and daily give thought to my time with Earthman Funeral Homes. You will never be forgotten. Let us not mourn Mr. Earthman, but celebrate his legacy assisting so many families in their hour of grief. You will be missed. The Lord has blessed you and kept you. The Lord Shined his face upon and was gracious to you. The Lord lifted up his countenance upon you and granted you eternal rest. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in me. Juraj Mijo Rozman.*



Juraj Mijo Rozman - September 07, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JR

“*During the time I served as President of Commonwealth College Bob and I had many opportunities to attend the same funeral events. Bob was always interested in how the College was doing and offering his help in anyway needed. Although we haven't been together for sometime , we did end up sitting next to each other a few years ago at a TFDA convention and Bob was just as interested in how the College was doing and wanting to lend his support in anyway he could. Bob was always Mr. Professional. Funeral service has lost a great supporter!*

John Rice - September 02, 2024 at 12:15 PM

JO

“ Bob I were high school classmates. Even though we only saw each other ever so often, i will always remember him as a true friend. i will miss him greatly.

My condolences to his family and I will keep him in my prayers.

James Ogletree - August 29, 2024 at 10:45 PM

CW

“ Bob was a regular and welcome visitor at Earthman Bellaire. Missed seeing him the last few years. He also called and asked what was happening. Please Bob say hello to Jimmy in heaven.

Carmen Wright - August 29, 2024 at 07:05 PM

SS

“ I had the privilege of working for the Earthman 17 years. I always remember Bob as a Kind and caring man. Always gracious when you met up with him . Prayers for all the Earthman family . They always treated me like family and I treasure those memories.

Sue Springer - August 29, 2024 at 11:38 AM

SS

“ Susan E Sardinha lit a candle Mr. Earthman taught me the true meaning of being a funeral director: compassion, caring, truly loving what he did in life. He made me the funeral director I am today and I will be forever thankful to him. Susan E. Sardinha Cape Coral, FL



Susan E Sardinha - August 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Kimberly (Rix) Curtis lit a candle I had the honor to work with Bob at Earthman's at Hunters Creek location. He took special care in teaching me how to direct funeral services and I will always appreciate his guidance. May you rest in peace Bob. Kimberly (Rix) Curtis



Kimberly (Rix) Curtis - August 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Bob and I were friends in high school. Well everyone in the St Thomas class of 1958 could say the same thing. Bob was well liked and fun to be with. After college and the army I married and left Houston for jobs in Chicago, Manhattan and Washington DC. I came home to retire and shortly thereafter my mother died. I called Bob and he guided me thru her funeral arrangements and we caught up with each other. He was the same congenial and caring person I remembered and liked as a boy. God bless you Bob. Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly - August 28, 2024 at 11:48 AM

RJ

“ Bob and I were in Class VII of Leadership Houston in the late 1980's. We became friends through that shared experience and remained close after he married Sandy and moved into Spring Valley. Once they moved to the Katy area, we didn't interact as often but stayed in touch. Bob was one of finest gentlemen I have ever know...RIP my friend! Richard Jennings

Richard Jennings - August 28, 2024 at 10:31 AM

SF

“ *Bob Earthman hired me in January of 1981 to the best job I ever had working with his family to serve other Houston families through tough times. This news stirs lots of memories for me and I want to express my condolences and thanks to those in the big family he leaves behind. Godspeed Bob!*

*Stan Ford
Long Beach, CA*

Stan Ford - August 27, 2024 at 03:17 PM