

Robert Phillip Schafer, Jr.

August 29, 1943

August 7, 2020 (76)

Rockford, IL

Robert Phillip Schafer, Jr. was born August 29, 1943, age 76, in Rockford IL. His father, Robert Schafer, Sr., of the Greatest Generation, was killed in action in on Roi Island in the South Pacific theater of World War II. He made the ultimate sacrifice for his young family, leaving behind Bob, Jr. and wife, Margaret. Bob was reared by mother, “Peggy,” and grandparents, Fred and Ethel Lee. August 7, 2020, surrounded by family in his Sun City, AZ, winter home, he succumbed to the cancer that appeared five years earlier.



Bob graduated with honors from Rockford West High School in 1961; honors included Pendant Scroll award for journalism, National Honor Society, an Illinois State scholarship, and finalist for the National Merit Scholarship. A 1965 college graduate of now Rockford University with a degree in Economics, he played college basketball, baseball, and golf.

Bob’s first job was with IBM, Rockford; he quickly moved on to Sundstrand Aviation where his over 30-year career as Vice-

President and General Manager of the International Group he was responsible for sales outside the Americas; he retired in 1999. Shortly thereafter, he took the position of President of Envirovac Systems in Machesney Park, Il. Two years later, he was rewarded with a promotion to President and Chief Executive Officer of the parent company, Evac International, Helsinki, Finland. After the sale of Evac in 2004, Bob retired again only to work as a business consultant on various projects in Rockford. In 2006, Bob started a competitor to Evac, B.E. Eco-Systems, quickly establishing B.E. as world leader in aviation waste and water systems. Leaving B.E., Bob retired fulltime to Sun City.

Bob is survived by three children, Robert (Linda Consuegra) Schafer III, Basalt CO, Stacy (Rick) White, Loves Park IL, and Drue Schafer, Gilbert AZ; and grandchildren, Robert "Tito" Schafer, Basalt, and Miranda Schafer.

Bob was an avid golfer, belonging to several golf clubs in Rockford and Arizona. His proudest golf moment was during his college years when he made a hole-in-one on the 15th hole at Macktown Golf Course (Rockford). He wants to acknowledge the special 50-year friendship with the “bridge boys” and the “golf boys” - you know who you are.

In lieu of flowers, Bob asks that you contribute in his name to either Mending Waters Montana that allows disabled combat Veterans to heal while fly fish in the great outdoors of Montana or to Wounded Warrior Track Chair that provides mobility to disabled combat Veterans.

Reference:

[Robert Schafer Obituary \(1943 - 2020\) - Sun City, AZ - Rockford Register Star \(legacy.com\)](#)