



## Robert W. Risteen

January 1, 1925 - May 19, 2008

Robert W. Risteen of Montgomery, Texas, passed away in the early morning hours of Wednesday, May 14, 2008, of melanoma cancer. Bob had successfully fought and survived the disease for over 14 years. Bob was born in Brooklyn, New York, on Dec. 3, 1925, to Joseph W. and Stella Risteen. He attended Erasmus High School in Brooklyn, and immediately upon turning 18, enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served his country aboard the U. S. S. Roi, CVE 103 (Casablanca Class), as Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class (Aircraft Turret Specialist). After the war, he attended Pennsylvania State University, and graduated from Indiana University. He earned not only his degree in business, but a commission in the United States Air Force Reserve. He joined the 3M Company and embarked on a successful career of sales and sales management. In 1975 he was named Vice President of Marketing for Varco Pruden, an international steel building manufacturer in Memphis, Tennessee. In 1986 he returned to the academic world for an additional degree and later, taught sales, marketing, and management courses as an Associate Professor at Ohio University and Kent State University. He was active in the Methodist Church, the Republican Party, the National Association of Scholars, the Walden Men's Association, the Montgomery County Shrine Club, and until recent years, the Legion of Honor. He was recently recognized for 50 years of service as a Mason, Mystic Valley Lodge, Arlington, Maine. In 1990 he decided to locate World War II shipmates to form an association and found many across the United States. Bob organized their reunions, and served as

President of the U. S. S. Roi, CVE 103, Crew Association for many years. Bob was predeceased by his first wife of 28 years, Nancy (Smith) Risteen of Indianapolis, his parents, and his brother, Richard Risteen. Memories of Bob will be treasured by his present wife of 28 years, Mary Kathryn (Buss) Risteen of Weslaco, Texas, his sons: Russell and wife Katja of Naples, Florida; Reed and wife Abbie of Keller, Texas; and daughter, Lisa Kathryn Taylor and husband Steve of Valencia, California, as well as 6 grandchildren: Amy, Jordan, Dillon, Nathan, Evan, and Addison. A celebration of Bob's life will be held at the Walden Church on Walden Road, Montgomery, Texas, officiated by the Rev. Jim Hunt, on Monday, May 19, at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to: Arabia Shriners Hospital Benefit, 10510 Harwin Drive, Houston, Texas, 77036; or The Boy Scouts of America, Sam Houston Area Council, 2225 North Loop West, Houston, Texas 77008. Arrangements entrusted to Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Montgomery, Texas. You may leave the family written memorial condolences on our website [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert W. Risteen*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I did not know my Uncle Bob had passed. I hope Russ and Reed will see this and get in touch with me. It's been a long time. I am so sorry for your loss. Love, Dyann*

**Dyann Risteen** - January 10, 2012 at 01:22 PM



“ *To the family of Robert Risteen, My father(Dr. V.M. Graham served on the same ship-uss Roi during WWII. My prayers are with you,I wish I could have met Mr.Risteen. My dad became a pastor and spent over 40 years in the ministry. He passed away in 2000. Your family members service to our country is greatly appreciated. May God be with you.*

**Ken Graham** - May 25, 2010 at 12:26 AM



“ *Mary Katherine, our deepest sympathy in your loss. We were not aware of Bob's long battle with cancer. Just know that we are keeping you and your family in our prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Pat (Barlow) and Clovis McCallister*

**Pat & Clovis McCallister** - May 19, 2008 at 11:24 PM

MB

“ *Reed and Family,*

*My condolences to you and your family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mike Burns*

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**Mike Burns** - May 19, 2008 at 10:22 AM

JS

“ *Mary Katherine, we send our love and condolences for the loss of Bob. He was such a joy to be around and we treasure our times together. Your love for each other was obvious to us all and your cheery banter back and forth was a delight to witness. God has welcomed Bob into His heaven with love and will give him a life eternal which we all will share some day. God bless you and the family!*

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**Jean & Clifton Smith** - May 18, 2008 at 07:52 PM

JB

“ *Mary Kathryn, as a PEO Sister and as a friend, you and Bob have been in our prayers over this long illness. Your bright spirit and great love for Bob, as well as the wonderful memories you have shared, will sustain you in the difficult days ahead. We are so sorry for your loss.*

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**Jean & Wayne Bergstrom** - May 18, 2008 at 04:55 PM

CT

“ *Mary K, We were so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I know that you had a wonderful life together though and have good memories to reflect upon. God bless you,  
Mary Elizabeth and Chris Tompkins*

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**Chris and Mary Tompkins** - May 18, 2008 at 03:57 PM

JR

“ *Dear Mary Kathryn and family, You have been so on our hearts and in our prayers since last time we talked. We send our love and are so thankful to have known Bob. May you rest in God's arms and feel the love of Jesus all around you. Much love---Jim and Linda Ries*

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**Jim and Linda Ries** - May 18, 2008 at 03:54 PM

LK

“ *Mary Kathryn You and your family have been in our prayers and will continue with you. Know that you have a wonderful family and many others that will continue to support you during these very difficult times.*

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**Laura & Dave Kelly** - May 18, 2008 at 01:28 PM

BB

“ *Dear Reed and Abbie and family,  
We just wanted you to know that we are thinking of you and praying that you continue to be comforted by your strong faith and knowledge that your father is now at peace with Our Heavenly Father. Love, Ben and Shirl*

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**Ben and Shirl Benton** - May 15, 2008 at 01:37 PM

GM

“ *Reed - So sorry to hear of your father's passing. What a wonderful life he had! You and your family will be in my prayers.*

*Glenda Mullins*

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**Glenda Mullins** - May 15, 2008 at 11:27 AM