



Robert "Bob" Sablatura

August 12, 1952 - October 25, 2004

Robert "Bob" Wayne Sablatura Bob Sablatura was born in El Campo, Texas August 12, 1952 to Raymond and Amelia (Kocurek) Sablatura and passed away in Houston October 22, 2004. Bob started as a free lance journalist and then worked two years for the Houston Business Journal. He worked for 13 years at the Houston Chronicle. He established several internet businesses and the Huntsville Observer. He continued to have a passion for what was happening in and around his community. He was currently writing for the Houston Chronicle. Services will be held on Monday October 25, 2004 at 11 A.M. in the Chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Mayes Cemetery in Huntsville under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Sunday, October 24, 2004 at the funeral home. He is survived by his wife of 32 years Penny, daughter Laura Gonzales and husband Marcelo of Houston, son James Sablatura of Houston, mother Lydia Sablatura of Wharton, sister Mary Ann Dittert of Willis, two brothers Raymond Sablatura of Denver, CO and Donald Sablatura of Houston and step-father Adolph Sablatura.

Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bob" Sablatura

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Dear Penny,

I was so shocked to hear about Bob's passing last weekend. I virtually NEVER buy our "competitor's" newspaper and heard about Bob's death from Nancy Wilson.

I can't tell you how sorry I am! Bob was a good friend and a great editor! In the time we worked together on The Observer, I learned a tremendous amount from him.

I know that words are such little comfort to you now, but words were what we had in common. I hope you know how much I think of you and Bob. Please let me know if there is ever anything I can do for you!

I will keep you and Bob in my daily prayers!

Judy Thornton

Judy Thornton - October 26, 2004 at 01:53 PM

JW

“ Dear Sablatura Family,

I worked with Bob, or Boblatura as many of us called him, during his entire stay with the Houston Chronicle.

Not only was Bob an honest and diligent reporter, he was an generous one who was always willing to help a colleague with advice, a bit of research or a shoulder to cry on.

I admired his belief that he could improve the world by letting people know how it worked. Bob wasn't a egotistical muckracker who liked to find troubles just for the sake of a good story. He honestly believed that the system corrects itself when people have accurate information.

Not only did I enjoy working with Bob, but I really liked arguing with him. He could stake a position and really dig in on it. He was hard to budge, though I always enjoyed trying.

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this period. I will miss him, as I know countless others will, too

John Williams - October 25, 2004 at 05:07 PM

KR

“ Mrs. Sablatura,

I was so saddened to read of Bob's death.

I met him during the very early days of his publishing The Observer. He performed a very meaningful service for the citizens of Huntsville.

I had great respect and admiration for his strong belief in truth and honesty.

You and your family are in my prayers for the Lord's confort during this time of grief.

Ken Reiland

Ken Reiland - October 25, 2004 at 01:25 PM

MB

“ Hi, Penny. You and your family are in our thoughts at this difficult time. I was shocked to hear of Bob's passing through Lotta Stevens in our (Item) editorial department. My husband, Tommy, is teaching at Ole Miss this year and I informed him of Bob's death. We admire him for his longtime journalistic ability and I will especially remember trading Chronicle stories with him (even though we were in different departments at the time). May the Lord bless you and your family.

*Margaret Booras
The Huntsville Item*

Margaret & Tommy Booras - October 25, 2004 at 11:02 AM

DS

“ To the Sablatura Family. Please accept my condolences and know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. We missed all of you at the last reunion and were saddened to hear that Robert was not well. I would also like to extend condolences from my brother and his wife, Charles and Joyce Sablatura who are currently out of state. May God comfort you and your family.

David and Rita Springer - October 24, 2004 at 06:39 PM

AP

“ Laura, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Alicia (Eakin) Perkins - October 24, 2004 at 04:04 PM

AB

“ Dear Sablatura Family,
Those of us who worked closely with Bob at the Houston Chronicle are heartsick at his death but also in possession of fond, colorful, indelible memories of him. Merely the word "Sablatura" struck fear in public officials and candidates, at least those who had something important to hide and were about to be held accountable for abusing the public trust that Bob held dear. That same single word brought a smile to many journalists' faces, because when Bob was on the story, we knew we would be witnessing the freshest chapter of his valuable work, work that demonstrated the core worth of a free press. The smiles also came from Bob's dry, ample wit. Sadly, there is no one left to do the heavy lifting, and make the wry comments, in the way that Bob did. May modest pride comfort you in your sorrow.

Alan Bernstein - October 24, 2004 at 12:06 PM

CT

“ Dear Mrs. Sablatura,
We wish to express our sorrow at Bob's passing. We will always remember, and appreciate, his efforts to ensure the citizens of Huntsville were well informed.

Catherine and Toby Tobias - October 24, 2004 at 11:13 AM

JS

“ TO: MARYANN AND FAMILY

SORRY ABOUT THE LOSS OF YOUR BROTHER. YOU AND HIS FAMILY ARE IN OUR PRAYERS. MAY GOD COMFORT YOU IN YOUR GRIEF.

JUDY AND BILLY

judy billy southerland - October 23, 2004 at 08:28 AM