



## Robert W. Stefanov

January 2, 1924 - August 19, 2024

Robert W. Stefanov, a beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away on Monday, August 19, 2024, at the age of 100. Born in Stamford, CT on January 2, 1924, Robert was the son of Walter and Mary Stefanov.

Bob married his love, Grace Knight Stefanov, on February 3, 1945, and together they raised their only daughter, Trudy Dujardin, who was born in Camden, SC. Robert was a devoted husband and father.

He was a graduate of Stamford High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. He had a successful career as an Instrument Designer at Barnes Engineering/Edo Corp. He designed instruments such as the Horizon Sensor for the Polaris Missile and the Tial Dial for the Space Shuttle, an instrument to gauge the measurement for each ceramic tile on the nose cone to deflect heat upon re-entry to the earth's atmosphere.

In addition to his career, Robert was a WWII veteran, served in the Army Air Corps, flying various trainers and retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He served many years in the Air Force reserves.

Bob had a passion for flying. He was a longtime member of the Flying 20 Club in Danbury, CT, and spent many years flying his daughter to Nantucket in a Piper Tri Pacer. He also loved animals and had a soft spot for dogs, having

owned over 7 throughout his lifetime.

A devoted member of St. Mary's Russian Orthodox Church, Robert served as an altar boy for many years and was actively involved in the church community.

He is survived by his daughter, Trudy Dujardin and her husband, Frank Fasanella of Fairfield, CT & Nantucket, MA; his sister Anna Mae Schaab, by his nephews Sacha Chen-Schaab and Barry Schaab; as well as by Luda Pavlukovska, who was his devoted caregiver for many years He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and his brother William Stefanov.

Services will be held at St. Mary's Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church, 141 Den Road in Stamford, CT on Monday, August 26, 2024. Visitation will be from 9am to 10am with funeral services at 10am. His interment will follow at Fairfield Memorial Park, 230 Oaklawn Ave, in Stamford, CT.

Bob will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Please consider making a donation in his memory to: St. Mary's Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church, 141 Den Road, Stamford, CT 06903.

However, if you would prefer to send flowers, please have them delivered to the funeral home by Sunday.

Arrangements are being handled by Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation, 453 Shippan Ave, in Stamford, CT.

To share memories and condolences, please visit the family guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Fairfield Memorial Park

230 Oaklawn Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06905

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 26. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church  
141 Den Road  
Stamford, CT 06903

## Funeral Service

AUG 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KA

“ Dearest Trudy and Frank and family,  
Tom and I will never forget the beautiful evening that we met Bob when you brought him to our dinner party we hosted in our garden at our Nantucket cottage. I remember how delighted he was to be with us. The feeling was mutual! He sat at the head of the table as he should have, and talked about, among other things, his military experiences. I had forgotten that he and Frank shared their love of flying or that he would fly you back and forth to Nantucket. Or that he had played such a significant role in aviation design! He shared with us a photo he carried of him as a WWII pilot-how handsome he was!

The way that you devoted yourself and lovingly cared for Bob was extraordinary, especially in his later years. Your endless love was a gift that kept on giving. He was so lucky to have you as a Daughter! Now it is time to step back and be proud of the work you did to make his later years so amazing. You are truly a one of a kind Daughter of a unique man!

We love you Trudy and are so sorry we weren't on the mainland to join you and Frank and the family and friends in Bob's memorial services but we have held you in our hearts and send you our love and prayers, looking forward to when we return in September, when we see you and Frank.

Love, Kathy and Tom  

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**Kathy and Tom Ayars** - August 29, 2024 at 08:15 AM

DH

“ Dear Trudy, Frank, & Family, I didn't know your Dad, Trudy, but I've learned a

lot about him after reading the memorial. He was very handsome & bright & loved

his family! A fabulous education & many years in the Army Air Corp. A brilliant

designer at Barnes & a longtime flyer! I didn't know your Mom but surely she

was lovely like you.. Cherish all your special memories forever... Love & hugs,

Dawn

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Dawn Hogan - August 25, 2024 at 04:30 PM

MY

“ Dear Trudy, Frank and Family,

*We're very sorry to hear about Bob's passing. He made it to 100! I wish we could've been there for that celebration. Thank you for this thorough obituary. He was amazing in so many ways. He was also your assistant and expert Bichon guardian for many years!*

*My best memory of Bob is when my whole family visited Stamford (from California) in the 80s. We were visiting my grandfather, whom I'd never met. We stayed in your home (my mom, 2 brothers and me). Bob made these scrambled eggs that I will never forget with Jarlsberg cheese and fresh dill. I still make them for guests after all these years. He was a sweet man, and I already miss our conversations.*

*With sympathy,  
Melanie Yunk (daughter of Eunice Hawran)*

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**Melanie Yunk** - August 23, 2024 at 02:48 PM

TF

“ Dear Trudy, Frank and family,  
So sorry for your loss. We were honored to celebrate your Father's 100th Birthday this past year. What impressive work and military accomplishments!

*With sincere sympathy and love.  
Terri & Jim Fasanella and family*

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**Terri Fasanella** - August 22, 2024 at 04:20 PM

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“ May your memory be eternal! God grant rest to the soul of his servant and remember him in his kingdom. Rest in peace.

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**Y.L.** - August 22, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ R.I.P. Bob and say hello to “Gracie” for me

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**joanne raino lockwood** - August 22, 2024 at 11:35 AM