



Robert Leroy Groat Sr.

September 4, 1936 - August 28, 2022

Robert Leroy Groat, 85, of Waldorf, Maryland passed away peacefully in his home on August 28, 2022.

Bob was born to the late Harriet and Harry of Oswego, New York. He is preceded in death by his siblings, Donna, Allen and Carl, and survived by his brother, Harry Jr., of Oswego, NY. Bob and Harry Jr. communicated often until his passing.

At the age of eighteen, Bob left Oswego, NY to serve his country in the United States Army. He served in Germany and is a Veteran of the Korean war. Bob was an active member of the U.S. Army for 10 years before leaving to pursue a career in law enforcement with the Metropolitan Police Department, DC. He served Washington, DC for nearly 25 years, first as a uniformed officer, then as a detective, and finally with the Federal Marshals office. After a well-deserved retirement, he became the Director of Security for Simon Properties, mainly at the St. Charles Town Center, where he worked until retirement in 2011. Bob spent his final working days at the White Plains Golf Course which helped keep him busy and out in the community. He always found someone to talk to and laugh with at the golf course which he missed the most once he finally retired in 2020.

Bob was a dedicated Little League Coach in Bryans Road and coached the

founding season of the Bryans Road Skyhawks Football Team. He was a Redskins Fan, loved the Orioles and the Nationals, and would also root for his "home teams" in NY. Bob was a die hard golfer and an avid runner. He loved working out at Golds Gym in Waldorf. Bob also attended Grace Brethren Church where he worshipped and volunteered for many years.

Bob is survived by his three sons Robert Groat Jr, John Groat (Amy), and Jeff Groat (Jennifer); his grandchildren Julia, Collin, Stephen, Brittany, Hunter, and Ashleigh; and his great grandchildren Braden, Roberto, Antonio, Karleigh, and Oscar.

He will be remembered and missed by many.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 10:00am with a service at 12:00 noon at Raymond's Funeral Home in LaPlata, Maryland. Burial will immediately follow at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway Cheltenham, Maryland 20623

Bob was a member of VFW Post 8810, 2310 Old Washington Road Waldorf, Maryland, where his family will hold a repast immediately following his burial.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Burial

SEP **15**. 1:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Leroy Groat Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Robert Leroy Groat Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I hired Bob in January 1990 as Security Chiefs at St. Charles Towne Center. We worked together until Aug 2003. We had great fun with the many events over the years. He and Larry played golf every Monday for years. We were blessed to work, play, and worship together for so long. May God comfort you all with the knowledge he's with Jesus! 💙*

Charlotte Vass - September 15, 2022 at 03:53 PM



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September 14, 2022 at 09:23 AM



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September 10, 2022 at 01:28 PM



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September 10, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ Bob was a true gentleman and a wonderful coworker. His professional commitment to St Charles TC was exemplary. He was loved by his family, coworkers, church and friends. Rest well my friend.

David Gott - September 08, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ I miss our chats we had at the mall daily from 1999 until you retired. Then you would come back and hang out and walk with the walkers. NOBODY got away with playing hooky at the mall when you were in charge! Fly high my friend!!! I'll see you on the other side.

Carol Pyle - September 08, 2022 at 11:00 AM

LG

“ Bob was my brother-in-law. He loved his family and his brothers and sister. The last time I saw Bob was when he came to New York to officiate my husband's burial and his brother Carl's burial. He gave Allen a wonderful tribute and he would have been proud. We have lost another Groat but he will not be forgotten. Rest in peace dear Bob, we will miss you.

Lois Groat - September 06, 2022 at 09:52 PM

AR

“ You were the best Granddaddy anyone could ask for I have many memories with you! You were there for every graduation from kindergarten, 5th grade, 8th grade. You were there for birthday's and when I was baptized. I remember trips to the beach. Sleepovers and the way you loved the great grand babies. I will truly miss your calls and visit. Fly high with grandma and give her a kiss for me I love you Granddaddy! -Ashleigh



Ashleigh Alonso Rodriguez - September 06, 2022 at 08:55 PM

RS

“ You we're always in a good mood. You worked out in the gym 24/7 365. You were an usher at the church. You were just an all around good guy. No matter how hard I tried to provoke you with politics you would just smile and say God's in charge it's going to be all right. You were an awesome stepdad and an excellent example to everyone around you. I love you and I will miss you. God bless you. - Benny.

Robert Schmidt - September 06, 2022 at 06:48 PM



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