



Robert J. Field

June 28, 1931 - November 29, 2018

Robert James Field of Hampton passed away peacefully at home on November 29th, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in St. Albans, Queens, NY on June 28, 1931, the son of the late Agda Marie (Edmark) and John Aloysius Field. He shared the last 30 years in marriage with his loving wife, Allison, and their children, Brendon Cooper of Gulf Breeze, FL, David Cooper and his wife Leah Chavla of Washington, D.C., and Miriah Sullivan and her husband, William, of Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. He is also survived by two grandchildren whom he adored, Dylan Cooper and Scarlett Sullivan, his sister Joanne Dinga of West Palm Beach, FL and a number of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, John Weston Field.

Bob was raised in New York, attending Manhattan College on a basketball scholarship to attain a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering, graduating in 1952. After working for a few years as an engineer, Bob studied for the priesthood and was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY in 1959. He was assigned to the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Roosevelt. In 1968, he was transferred to St. Anne's Parish in Brentwood, NY, which is where he met Allison and became a friend of the family. He transferred in 1978 to Pope Pius X Parish in Hicksville and then volunteered in 1979 to start a mission parish in the Dominican Republic in El Cercado, near the Haitian border. He became fluent in Spanish and spent 6 years in the Dominican Republic, returning to the US to become pastor of St. Luke's in Brentwood, NY. He attained a Master of Theology and a Doctorate in Divinity.

Leaving active ministry after 29 years to marry, Bob worked as a social worker for the State of Maine, doing child protective and adult protective work. He retired in 2002 at the age of 71, and began volunteering for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH, advocating for abused and neglected children. He was a CASA volunteer for over 10 years.

Bob loved being a Dad and “Grampie” – his family meant the world to him. He was an adoring husband, and a wonderful Dad, setting an example of humble service, open-hearted kindness, and gentle and abiding love. Curious and intelligent, he used his engineering training to make numerous improvements to their homes in Hampton Falls and North Hampton, before moving to Hampton 3 years ago. He continued to play basketball for a number of years with a Senior League. He enjoyed his friends with whom he lunched on Thursdays, and the walking group he met with on Fridays.

Visiting hours will be on Monday, December 3rd from 2-4 and 6-8 at Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH. A mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, December 4th at 11:00 am at St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church in Durham. Interment will follow in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Hampton Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [CASA of NH]<https://casanh.org/how-you-can-help/give/> P.O. Box 1327, Manchester, NH, 03105 or [St Thomas More Parish]<http://www.stmdurham.org/> 6 Madbury Rd., Durham, NH 03824.

Cemetery

Oak Lawn Cemetery

Nason Road

Hampton Falls, NH, 03844

Events

DEC **Calling Hours** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
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DEC **Calling Hours** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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DEC **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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Saint Thomas More Roman Catholic Church
6 Madbury Road, Durham, NH, US, 03824

Comments



“ I knew Bob Field when he was a parish priest. He was in every respect the kindest man. As the boy's basketball coach, he was patient with my lack of aggressiveness under the boards. As a confessor, he was the only priest in our parish whom I felt wasn't terrifying. Truly. After I left town, my parents and brothers were still around. When he went to DR, where he met Allison, mom stayed in touch with him. I still have some of the postcards he sent her from DR. I know he and Allison stayed in touch with my folks, at least via Christmas cards. I'll be treasuring the postcards he sent from DR, in the early days with Allison. He enriched the life of anyone he touched.

Jim Ross - August 22, 2019 at 10:18 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Robert J. Field.



December 04, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ Dear Allison and family,
Our friend, Bob, has been in our hearts for 50 years. The Brentwood years were warmly enriched by his presence and active participation in our lives. He brought good things to us and to many by introducing programs that moved people forward. Teen agers, engaged couples and many folks who were in need.
Bob and I, Jack, were chatting in the rectory of St. Anne's one evening when a woman in need of food for her family knocked on his door. Bob listened, like a friend, took out his wallet and emptied it into her hands. I suppose that had something to do with his priesthood, but after getting to know, Bob, even better here in New Hampshire, I believe it had much to do with the very good man that he was. Bob Field has cast a long, gentle, loving shadow which has touched many.

With much love to you, Allison and your family,

Janet and Jack Meyer

JACK MEYER > - December 03, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ I did not know him well, but I knew Bob simply as a kind and generous man. I replaced him as well as I could in our diocesan mission in El Cercado, Dominican Republic. I can testify that he was held in high regard by the people of that pueblo. He rests in peace with the God he has loved. I wish peace and comfort for the family and friends he leaves behind.

Andrew P. Connolly

Andrew P. Connolly - December 03, 2018 at 09:35 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert J. Field.



December 01, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ Dear Allison:

Bob was a beautiful human being.
He exemplified the very definition of "gentle man."
It was an honor to know him and a real day brightener
to encounter him.

My heartfelt sympathy to your Family.
Peace in the Risen Christ,
Fr. Andy

Fr. Andrew W. Cryans - December 01, 2018 at 11:04 AM