



James Robert "Bob" Casian

October 5, 1945 - September 21, 2020

Hampton Falls - Captain James Robert "Bob" Casian, 74, passed away September 21, 2020, with family by his side at his home in Hampton Falls. Bob was born October 5, 1945 in Montreal, Canada, a son of the late William and Margaret (Crochetti) Casian.

He developed a passion for flying at a very early age and obtained his private pilot license before learning to drive a car. Bob served in the Army Reserves for four years before starting his illustrious career with the airline industry. In 1967, he began his career flying with Allegheny Airlines and achieved captain status before moving with his family to Gibsonia, Pennsylvania to work as a flight simulator instructor. In 1997, after moving back to New Hampshire with his family, Bob flew internationally as a captain of the Airbus A330.

On September 11, 2001, on a flight back from Rome, Italy, Bob's passenger plane was diverted to Gander, Newfoundland due to flight restrictions into the country. Bob entertained the tired and scared passengers with his notorious jokes for 48 hours before deplaning. Due to health issues, he retired from U.S. Airways in 2002 after achieving number eight in seniority for the company.

After retiring from the airlines, Bob continued to support his family working as a security officer for the nuclear power plant, as a school bus driver, a ship-hand for tall ships in Boston, and as a bailiff for the New Hampshire Circuit

Courts for a decade.

His passion for flying brought him back to a career with airplanes working as a simulator instructor in Miami, Florida, a ground school instructor and flight instructor at Hampton Airfield, and Director of Operations for Air New England.

Bob's interests included family, flying, flying, and more flying. He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol, Piscataqua Fish and Game, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Association of Flight Instructors, National Rifle Association, and member and President of the Port City Amateur "Ham" Radio Club.

Bob was always there for his family and friends when they needed him the most. As a stable hand for Nicole's pony club, youth hockey coach for Robert's hockey team as well as refereeing hockey together, supporting Emilie at dance recitals and admiring her artwork, attending Patrice's cheerleading and shooting competitions, and encouraging her to pursue her career, and supporting Peter for many years as he competed as an athlete at the Special Olympics. Bob was extremely proud of all of his children and their accomplishments.

Bob is survived by Renee (Biron) Casian, his wife of over 40 years, his five children and their spouses, Nicole and Jackson Crouse, Robert and Desiree Casian, Emilie and Alex May, Patrice and Joseph Touma, and Peter Casian; five grandchildren, Liam Casian, Dagny and Theodore Crouse, Campbell Casian, and Carmela Touma; his brother and wife, William Casian, Jr., and Eileen Casian; and many nieces and nephews. Bob's presence and humor will be sorely missed by all those that knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents. Bob was predeceased by his sister, Barbara Casian.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH. Masks are required and social distancing must be maintained. If unable to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed, please visit the OLMM church website (<https://www.olmmparish.org/live-streaming.html>)

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *James Robert "Bob" Casian*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Evita, how like your father you were: air license before car license. Well not quite but close. Your father inspired you. His spirit lives on in you. Of that I am certain. Your mother will lean on you. Support her in this difficult time*

Maureen and Larry Cullen

Maureen and Larry Cullen - September 30, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Robert "Bob" Casian.*



September 25, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Robert "Bob" Casian.*



September 25, 2020 at 02:59 PM

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“ *Bob Drake purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Robert "Bob" Casian.*



Bob Drake - September 25, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of James Robert "Bob" Casian.*



September 25, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Loved seeing Bob at Port City Air, when I was there. I will miss him very much. So sorry for your loss. Words can't say enough.*

Marshall Gregory - September 24, 2020 at 09:00 PM

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“ *I am SO very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. As a flight attendant for AL and US and now AA I had the pleasure to fly with him quite often. He was always always a gentleman and always had the best humor. A true professional. It was always a great trip (including one on the BAC 111 on a winter night when there were no hotel anywhere to be had and the crew spent the night on the aircraft (and that plane had no running water). A wonderful funny memory. Please know you are in my prayers. Bob- Rest In Peace.*

Ellie Zalesky - September 24, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Robert "Bob" Casian.*



September 24, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of James Robert "Bob" Casian.*



September 24, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Robert "Bob" Casian.*



September 24, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ *The Opest family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Robert "Bob" Casian.*



The Opest family - September 24, 2020 at 08:04 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Robert "Bob" Casian.*



September 23, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ *Laura Sagalski lit a candle in memory of James Robert "Bob" Casian*



Laura Sagalski - September 23, 2020 at 11:23 AM



Dear Renee, Peter and family, I am so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. Know you will be in my prayers. May he rest in peace and may God enfold you all in His arms and hold you close during this time.

Laura Sagalski - September 23, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ *I worked with Bob at the Seabrook Courthouse. He was always a joy to work with. He made quiet days fly by with his sense of humor. He was always upbeat. He always spoke lovingly and proudly of his children's accomplishments and of his dear Renee and "Little Pete" as he called his son. He would sit for hours when it was quiet at the front door studying his pilots manuals in order to give his students the most accurate knowledge he could. After he left Court service, I would look up to the skies whenever a small plane flew overhead wondering if it was Bob! Now he is flying at greater height where there is no turbulence. I will miss you!*

Howard Page - September 23, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Robert "Bob" Casian.*



September 22, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ *Dear Casian family, I will so miss your Pop. He always made me laugh so hard that my face would hurt. He was so kind, knowledgeable friendly, corny...Just a super great guy! He was so very proud of all of you. You are in our prayers. Thomas and Marylee*

Thomas M. Mason - September 22, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Robert "Bob" Casian.*



September 22, 2020 at 05:19 PM