



Robert Mulvaney

February 1, 1949 - May 4, 2017

Bob Mulvaney February 1, 1949 to May 4, 2017 In the early morning of Thursday, May 4, 2017, Bob Mulvaney, 68, passed away peacefully in his sleep in the home he shared with his beloved wife, Jennifer Fehlman. They were married for thirty-three years. His beautiful hazel eyes filled with love and adoration every time they focused on her. Their love was beautiful to see and praised by its witnesses. They were the best of friends. Bob had three children: Melanie Mulvaney (Patrick Mallon) of San Luis Obispo, Lara Mulvaney of Huntington Beach, and Conor Mulvaney, who resides in San Diego. In addition, he had four grandchildren, the lights of his life: Harrison and Melanie Patri and Finley and Kieran Mallon. He was born on February 1, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois to James F. Mulvaney and Mary Ruth Rinderer. He is survived by his mother, Ruth Mulvaney of San Diego; his beloved identical twin brother Thomas Mulvaney (Karen) of Lafayette, California; his brothers, Lawrence (Deborah), James Jr., David (Jean Marie), Brian (Tracy); and sister Melinda McCabe (James), all residing in San Diego, California; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins were also lucky enough to be part of his family...a big Irish brood. He went to the University of San Diego High School '67, received a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Sociology from Santa Clara University '71, and then went on to earn his Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego, '74. His career included over a decade as a criminal defense attorney in San Diego and then continued for twenty- seven years as the Chief Investigator for the San Luis Obispo Public Defender's

Office. He retired in 2014. Bob was a master of loving out loud, making everyone feel so special in his presence and so loved. Everyone thought they were his favorite. He had so many friends and was the person who would listen without judgment and lend a hand at the drop of a hat. The spring in his step matched and sometimes was surpassed by his consistent joyful outbursts upon seeing his family and friends. He was a mixture of Pied Piper and Peter Pan. He loved his people and you knew he loved you because he wasn't afraid to say it and show it. He was so very kind and open hearted. He also loved nature and plants, cultivating tuberous begonias and orchids, working with the Growing Grounds, Cactus and Succulent Society, the Botanical Gardens and putting in his own garden alongside his beautiful wife. He enjoyed watching baseball and basketball, hiking and camping, stargazing, laughing and being silly. He never met a dance floor he didn't like and his enthusiasm for travel and new adventures was contagious. For those whom Bob has left behind, there are too many words and no words. We are too small and our time too short. With his sudden passing, we feel lost. We don't know who we are without him. What we do know is our love for him will last until the end of time. We will think of him every day and watch for his humor in situations, hear his kindness in our ears and feel his love in our hearts. A memorial service will take place on Friday, June 2, 2017, at 10:00 am at the Jack House and Gardens in San Luis Obispo. Attire will be casual. In lieu of flowers, please consider incorporating a kind deed into your daily routine in honor of Bob. Sign his guestbook at sanluisobispo.com/obituaries - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sanluisobispo/obituary.aspx?pid=185376942#sthash.HuQ9A1L1.dpuf>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (PT)

The Jack House

536 Marsh St

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

<http://www.slocity.org/government/department-directory/parks-and-recreation/jack-house-and-gardens>

Tribute Wall

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“ Jennifer - I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. When you called this morning, I did not know - after Ernie spoke to you, he told me - Bob will be missed by many. Be strong and know that people are here for you, whenever you need it. Many prayers - Nancy Kimmell

Nancy Kimmell - June 05, 2017 at 04:17 PM

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“ The last jury trial we worked at Defenders he got an acquittal for a young Mexican/American kid that grew up on the streets of Tijauna. Bobby was his champion and actually got the kid justice. He wasn't just a good guy, he was good people and way too young to go. The world is a poorer place for his absence. He was like the big brother I never had.

Michael Rohde - May 22, 2017 at 11:24 PM