

Robert Sargent Marriott

Died: February 11, 2013

Bob died on Monday, February 11, 2013 in Bonita Springs, Florida, of rapidly spreading prostate cancer. He was 73 years old.

Raised in Strongsville, Ohio, on the opposite corner of the state from Cincinnati where he spent most of his adult life, Bob graduated from Strongsville High School as class valedictorian. He was twice the class president, in his sophomore and senior years, and in the National Honor Society. He was in the glee club and on the staff of the yearbook. An athlete, he was on the football, basketball, and track teams.

At Dartmouth, Bob majored in economics and became a member of Beta Theta Pi. He played football all four years, baseball his freshman year, and was in the Dartmouth Outing Club and in Dragon. He also served during his sophomore year on the dormitory committee.

After Dartmouth, Bob went to the University of Cincinnati Law School. Thereafter, he practiced law with Graydon, Head & Ritchey in Cincinnati, emphasizing estate and trust matters.

In 1986, for our 25th reunion yearbook, Bob wrote that his “law practice seems to be more demanding on my time and energies, but it also provides a great deal of pleasure and reward.”

“In reflecting on my life, where I’ve been and where I’m heading,” Bob wrote, “I must strongly dissent from the worldly conclusion of Solomon, which is too often repeated by others today, that life is all vanity — a meaningless chasing after the wind. I find that genuine joyful life is in seeking a closer walk with the Giver of Life — He whose mercies are new every morning.”

Bob concluded, “I align more with the wisdom of King Solomon who, as an old man, observed that God has made everything beautiful in its time, and it is He who has set eternity in the hearts of men. I have set my heart to follow that course.”

Bob retired from Graydon, Head & Ritchey after 38 years, and, leaving Cincinnati where he’d spent most of his adult life, moved to Bonita Springs, Florida. In his short reflection, written from retirement in 2011 for our 50th reunion yearbook, *Paths We’ve Taken*, Bob said he had served on his law firm’s management board for several years and was a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Bob was active in Dartmouth affairs, serving on the Class Executive Committee (1970-1975), as Club President (1971-1973), and on the CFD Leadership Committee ((1982).

Our classmate Bob Moore wrote in an October 4, 2013 e-mail after Bob’s death that,

“Bob was a very good friend of mine at Dartmouth and in Cincinnati and Florida. He was one of the top estate planning attorneys in Cincinnati for a number of years. He was also an excellent golfer and married to a wonderful wife, Janet. He had a great sense of humor, and was a devoted Christian. Bob was an extremely friendly person. I will really miss him.

In an e-mail on March 2, 2013, shortly after Bob’s death, Jack Reno, also from our class, wrote that Bob’s death “was a real shame, as I always thought he was among the nicest of our classmates.”

Hank Eberhart said he agreed with Jack Reno’s sentiments. “Ozzie [Bob Marriott’s nickname from high school] was a great guy and a good friend.”

Bob was survived by his wife Janet, and two daughters, Deborah and Kelly.