



## Robert "Bob" James Carr

July 2, 2018

Robert "Bob" James Carr, 85, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away on July 2, 2018, at home surrounded by his loved ones.

Bob was born on June 12, 1933, in Jamestown, Rhode Island to Charles Henry and Mary Alice (Smith) Carr. He graduated from St. Leo College Preparatory School, San Antonio, Florida in 1951, attended Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, for his first semester of college, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Miami, Miami, Florida in 1955, and received his law degree from the University of Florida, College of Law, Gainesville, Florida in 1961. Bob was admitted to the Florida Bar Association on June 2, 1961, and joined the Law Firm of Kirk Pinkerton. Bob spent his career at Kirk Pinkerton, becoming the Firm's Managing Partner. A key person assisting Bob in his professional success was his legal assistant, Anne Arizpe, with whom he worked for over forty years.

Bob first came to Sarasota in 1937 when his father was hired to manage the Ringling Hotel. He loved telling stories about all of the famous people who stayed at the hotel during its heyday. Bob loved Sarasota and remained active in the community and the state for his entire life. He served as an altar boy, along with his brothers, Charles, Jack and Tom, at St. Martha's Church dedication service in 1942. His mother helped raise the money for building the church and dedicated one of the stained glass windows in honor of his

grandparents. He served as local campaign manager for Governors Askew and Chiles, as well as sitting as the Chairman of the Board for the The John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art and The University Club, and on the Board of Trustees of St. Leo University in Dade City, Florida. An avid golfer, most weekends Bob could be found at Gator Creek Golf Club, where he was a charter member. Bob loved to travel the globe with his wife Kathryn and to cook for his family. His Marchand de Vins, lobster bisque, and Steak Diane are legendary.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn Angell Carr of Sarasota, Florida, his children, Mary Seton Carr of San Diego, California, Robert James Carr, Jr. of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Thomas Smith Carr, II of Orlando Florida, his sister, Elizabeth Carr Loughlin of Wrentham, Massachusetts, his grandchildren Hali Kristine Gardella of Brooklyn, New York, Justin David and James Thomas Fryer of San Diego, California, Dalton Thomas, Max Gerard, and Kendall Meghan Carr of Orlando, Florida, 13 nieces and 12 nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Charles Henry Carr, Jr., John Joseph Carr, and Thomas Smith Carr. The family would like to thank Bob's niece, Angela Montgomery, for her continued care and counsel over these past years. A memorial mass celebrating his life will be held on Saturday, July 7th at 10 AM, at St. Martha's Catholic Church, 200 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ringling Museum of Art, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota, Florida 34243 [www.ringling.org](http://www.ringling.org).

Toale Brothers Funeral Homes & Crematory, Colonial Chapel is caring for arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ Prayers and love from Sister Roberta and the Benedictine Sisters of FL in St. Leo ...

S. Roberta Bailey - July 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Sorry to hear of the loss



Ann Maire Stokman - July 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dear Kathryn, Seton, Jimmy and Tommy, and family,

*We share with you our deepest condolences. At this time however, we smile as we remember the delightful times shared in Bobs presence.*

*Joan and Bob Brand*

Robert Brand - July 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Best wishes Kathryn and to your family. Bob and only a couple other of the great Sarasota attorneys in the early eighties, when I arrived as green as they come, mentored me in a soft yet understanding and direct way. He once told me to "Stay a Planner. You'd make a lousy lawyer" He meant it and I got it. Blessings.

Bruce Franklin - July 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Although I did not know Bob well, the encounters I had with him years ago showed that he was a kind and dedicated attorney and gentleman. Condolences, Kathryn on your loss.

---

**Dan Lobeck** - July 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Bob was a brilliant attorney. As a young inexperienced attorney, I remember going to a meeting led by Bob to tackle an issue against a very difficult adversary. Bob was like a general leading a group of young associates into battle. He was able to see the big picture and then direct specialist to tackle the problem. Bob was also very kind and generous. He will be missed, but not forgotten.

---

**Jim Toale** - July 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Bob was a good man and great lawyer. I was privileged to call him a friend.

---

**Michael Furen** - July 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I have wonderful memories of Uncle Bob and his funny stories and antics. He will be missed. Love Scott and Debbie (Carr) Stuart.  
Salem, Oregon

---

**Debbie Stuart** - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Katherine, my condolences for the loss of your husband and best friend.  
Shirley J Andrews

---

**Shirley Andrews** - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I share everyones condolences to the Carr family and especially to Kathryn. My families thoughts and prayers are with you now. Celebrate Bobs life. And cherish his memory. The Gestners, Pittsburgh Pa

---

**deborah gestner** - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ I have fond memories of the time I had the opportunity to spend with Bob. His stories were so wonderful and he had a special way about him. He will always be remembered. My sincere condolences to Kathryn and the Carr family.

---

**Adria Jensen** - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM