



Robert "Bob" William Howell

September 4, 1926 - June 16, 2023

Robert ("Bob") William Howell, 96, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 16. Bob was born on September 4, 1926, to Thomas and Agnes Howell in Albany, Georgia. He married his high school sweetheart, Virginia, on October 25, 1944, and enjoyed 76 years of true love and happiness with her. Bob excelled at anything he put his hand to. He rose from a being a 'tailboard' firefighter in his younger years to being Chief of the fire departments in multiple locations at air bases in the country of Turkey and then spent his final working years as Fire Chief of Anchorage, Alaska during the 1970s - 1980s. Some of the hobbies that he enjoyed over the years included gardening, woodworking, wire-wrapped jewelry, and painting. His orchid arbor was the envy of the neighborhood. Fishing was also a lifelong love of his and he and Virginia spent many happy hours on the water all the way from Florida to Alaska. Bob had an intelligent curiosity about nature and current events and in his later years enjoyed watching documentaries and sharing what he learned with his friends and loved ones. As the family patriarch he gave generously of his time and love to our small family, and he will be sorely missed. Bob was predeceased by Virginia in July, 2021 and their son, Robert Philip Howell, in April, 2013. He leaves his daughter, Kathy Breakfield (husband Robert Breakfield), daughter-in-law June Howell, 3 granddaughters, Corey Breakfield, Melodie Tanigawa and Kristen Howell and 2 great-grandsons, Jack Tanigawa and Kai Tanigawa. His memorial will be a private family event. To send condolences please visit

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Howell, he was such a sweet and gentle soul. I am happy he has been reunited with your Mom. I will cherish his Alaskan firefighter stories and all of our chats. I was thrilled to see him several months ago when you brought him in to our office. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers! Dr. Koewler’s office!

Dr Koewlers staff - June 21, 2023 at 07:09 PM

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Our thanks to you for the kind words. Dad spoke so highly of all of the staff in your office. I think he looked forward to seeing you all when he came in.

Kathy Breakfield - June 25, 2023 at 08:01 PM