



## Robert W. Zinn

January 13, 1933 - September 5, 2016

Robert W Zinn passed away on Monday, September 5, 2016. Bob was born on January 13, 1933 in Spokane Washington to William and Ella Mae Zinn. His family moved to Florida in 1938 where his parents later established Zinn's Restaurant.

Bob graduated from Sarasota High School in 1951 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from Stetson University in 1955. Bob grew up in the Manatee/Sarasota area where he enjoyed playing on the water at Bowles Creek and Sarasota Bay. He loved the water and boating.

Bob had a successful career and was a Certified Public Accountant. He was the Sarasota County Clerk of Circuit Court (1965-1972), the youngest in Florida when he was elected at age 31. During his term he was appointed by the Governor to the Judicial Council of Florida, and was elected Treasurer of the Florida Association of County Clerks. In 1972 Bob declined a third term to become a consultant to the Auditor General of Ethiopia. While he was in Ethiopia he re-wrote government charters to enable fiscal accountability. Upon return to the US, Bob worked as the Finance Director for the City of Largo; Director of Internal Audit for the City of Clearwater; and Finance Director for Pinellas County. He retired as the Assistant County Administrator for Pinellas County.

Bob is predeceased by his wife Sondra, older brother William (Bill), and parents. He leaves behind four children, Robert Zinn, Barbara Simmons, Cyndi Zinn and Angela McLelland, as well as six grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, his favorite niece and two nephews.

At Bob's request there will be a private family service.

To celebrate Bob's memory we ask you to make it a daily practice to show kindness and tolerance to all.