



## Thomas Robert "Bob" Castle

April 30, 2016

Thomas Robert "Bob" Castle of Sarasota Florida passed away on April 30, 2016. He was born in 1931, in St. Joseph, Missouri.

His parents were Patee Barrows and Kate E.(Laderoute) Castle, of Avenue City, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sandra (Elbring) Castle, their children; Elizabeth (Earl) Philmon, Raleigh, NC; Walter (Wendy) Castle, Washington, D.C.; Reed Castle, (Tricia) Tarpon Springs, FL; sister-in-law Mary Ann Castle, St. Joseph, MO; and five grandchildren, Alex, Zach, Jake, Will, and Katie.

His sister, Thelma (Castle) Irwin, St. Joseph, MO, and brother Donald O. Castle, St. Joseph, MO, predeceased him.

He was a graduate of Central High School, St. Joseph MO. He attended and graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia. He was a member of the Sigma Nu social fraternity. He was a varsity football player under the legendary coach Don Faurot and co-captain of the 1952 team. He made the all-conference team at the university. His academic and leadership awards were: Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Kappa; Scabbard and Blade; Convair Cadet Award for outstanding senior as an Air Force ROTC Cadet.

In 1958 he received his Master's Degree in Business from St. Louis University, College of Commerce and Finance. In 1987, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Missouri College of Arts and Science. He served his country during the Korean Conflict. Upon his Air Force active duty release, he joined Southwestern Bell Telephone in St. Louis, MO. He also worked in Cape Girardeau, Charleston, Kansas City, MO and Beaumont TX. He retired from the SBC Corporation as a Senior Manager in 1990. In 1993, Sandy and he moved to Naples FL. In 2004, they then moved to Sarasota FL. He enjoyed civic and volunteer work. He was a past President of the Downtown Kansas City Kiwanis Club; a past President of the Kansas City MU Alumni Chapter; Chairman of the St. Louis Leonor K. Sullivan OIC Program. He was on the Board of Jackson County Parks and Recreation, Kansas City Sports Commission, and Satchel Paige Stadium. As an avocation, he was an adjunct professor at Kansas City's Webster University, William Jewell College, and Park College.

In 2010, due and thanks to the genealogy work of his wife he became a member of the Sons of America Revolution, Saramana Chapter, where he served as an officer. His most current volunteer work was 3rd grade tutoring and Stephen Ministry at Church of the Palms, Presbyterian, USA.

The service is: 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at Church of the Palms, in the Sanctuary.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Fisher House Foundation (<https://www.fisherhouse.org/>).

# Tribute Wall

GC

“ Bob was a class man, he made such a difference in the lives of everyone he touched. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sandra and his family. Carolea/and George Beaumont

George & Carolea/Beaumont - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ My deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Bob Castle. All of his classmates are very sad over the loss. Please know that we will hold you in our thoughts and prayers. Rosalie

Rosalie Jornayavaz - May 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Love always, Uncle Bob.

Susan Castle Kimberlin - May 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Janet and Charlie Czeschin has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

Janet and Charlie Czeschin - May 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Sandy I am so sorry to hear of Bob's death. He really was a great guy, which I am sure you already know. Growing up in the same area and then knowing him all through school and college was a privilege for anyone lucky to know him. Please accept my sincere sympathy. Annie (Ryan) Thomas

Annie (Ryan) Thomas - May 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Sandy, I am so sorry you have lost Bob. He and I served the Saramana Chapter at the same time. I have prayed for both of you nightly.*

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**Greta and Richard Mahaffey** - May 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM