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Robert Edward "Bob" Dobransky

September 11, 1938 – February 2, 2023



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JOHNSON CITY - Robert Edward "Bob" Dobransky, 84, passed away peacefully on 2 Feb 2023 at the NYS Veterans Home, Oxford, NY from pneumonia. This was after his long 16 year courageous struggle with leukemia.

He was a son of the late Michael and Anna Dobransky. Born on 11 Sep 1938, Robert led a full life of education, career, faith and service. He graduated from Johnson City High School and Broome Tech to become a Mechanical Engineer. Very soon afterward, he was called and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and was promptly assigned for two years at a U.S. base in Wurzburg, West Germany. With his experience and skills developed while deer hunting, Robert readily earned and was awarded 2 medals as an Expert Marksman for Rifle (M-14) and Machine gun (MG 30mm).

Returning to the USA and his home, Robert began working for Link Aviation, then IBM, and finally with McIntosh Laboratory in Binghamton. He had a long and very successful 20+ years career with McIntosh and eventually retired to move to Florida.

After three years in Florida, Bob returned to his roots, his hometown of Johnson City, whereupon he actively pursued his love of golf on all of the local courses with his many friends. He was a very dedicated golfer, practiced incessantly and became quite proficient. Bob golfed very often with his lifelong buddy Eugene Klym plus his close friend, Jon Ward. In addition, he greatly assisted Ron Markoff's team to win a Club Championship in 2013.

When Bob was not golfing, he became very active in other affairs. For several years, Bob followed in his Dad's footsteps as he became the General Secretary of the Ukrainian Workingmen's Association, Inc. (life insurance) for the local Southern Tier Region. In addition, Bob was elected as a Trustee on the Board of St. John's Social Club. He held this position for 8 years plus being an occasional popular bartender where he made numerous long-term friendships. Both his pleasant personality and his special "garlic flavored popcorn," will be long remembered by all. Bob devoted his entire life to his church, St. John Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City. In his youth for very many years, he was a member of St. John's Ukrainian Dancers. Now in his later years, he was elected as Vice President of the Parish Council, and for several years, weekly cleaned the church and mowed the vast lawn of the St. John's campus. He regularly attended the many pyrohy sessions as a "pincher" with his buddy Dan Matias. And very importantly, with his secret recipe, Bob's Spiedies were immensely popular at all annual parish Ukrainian Days Festivals for the past 30 years!!!

Bob was a regular member of the parish choir and had a deep faith in serving his church for the Glory of God. Robert was a regular Reader during the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Moreover, he was recognized and elevated to a Tonsured Reader in 2005 by His Eminence Metropolitan ANTONY, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, S. Bound Brook, NJ. This was Robert's first formal step towards becoming a Deacon.

