

Obituary for Robert Harry Krause

Robert Harry Krause was a Hallowe'en baby, born in Allentown, Pennsylvania on October 31, 1937, to Raynard and Frances (nee Geyer) Krause. As a child he was a member, and frequently lead soprano, in the boys' choir of the Episcopal Cathedral in Allentown.

Bob joined the United States Marine Corps following High School, and served his eight year obligation honorably, training and serving in electronics technology. He later built upon that training with a degree from Penn State in Electronics and worked for many years, and many locations, in the early aerospace industry. Later he worked in field service engineering for Van Dorn Plastic Machinery Co, traveling across the country to solve customers' problems.

Bob was an avid firearms enthusiast, gunsmith, and collector, a certified NRA instructor in rifle, pistol, shotgun, and home safety, and taught the Concealed Weapon Permit required training course for South Carolina for many years.

He was active in the Masonic fraternity and appendant bodies, serving also with Loey in the Order of Eastern Star, and as Rainbow Dad in Fidelity Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, with Loey as Mother Advisor.

He was proud to be a direct descendent of several patriots in the American Revolution and was active in the Sons of the American Revolution, serving at various times as chapter and state color guard commander, and as chapter president.

He was an active participant in commemorative events of the Revolutionary War battles that took place in South Carolina, furthering the mission of the society to educate the public and encourage interest in the history of our nation.

He enjoyed active participation in Highland Games across North and South Carolina with the Scottish American Military Society, serving that body for 5 years as Commander, and leading the Honor Guard and Rifle Team for more than a decade.

He was also a faithful and active member of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, SMOTJ, serving the Priory of St Vincent and the Grand Priory of the United States in several capacities over nearly 2 decades. The role he enjoyed most was that of a Grand Sword Bearer.

He leaves behind his soulmate, Loey, wife of nearly 40 years. It sounds like a long time, but it was far too short. His sons Michael (Dawn), Richard (Joan), and Brian (Diann) Krause, John Pritchard, and daughter Tiffany Bernish (Brian), grandsons Marc, Danny, Kevin, Matt and Aidan Krause, and granddaughter Leanna Bernish.

He gave his heart and soul to causes he believed in, always finding ways to help others, and to

express his faith silently but actively. If you choose to honor Bob with a charitable donation, you might make donations to your local animal rescue.

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