



## Robert "Bob" Schwalls

March 29, 1933 - November 17, 2018

Robert "Bob" George Schwalls, age 85 of McKinney, TX, passed away November 17, 2018. He was born March 29, 1933, in Scott, GA, to Remus T. Vestus Schwalls and Agnes (Hogan) Schwalls. Bob retired from the U.S. Army having served during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. He married the love of his life, Rosann Hackett, in Massachusetts February 6, 1955, and they shared 63 wonderful years. He was affiliated with Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall and St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in McKinney.

Bob is survived by his wife: Rosann C. Schwalls of McKinney, TX; children: James "Jim" Schwalls and wife Nancy, and Karen S. Ferrell all of McKinney, TX, Michael Schwalls and wife Hope of Ft. Worth, TX; grandchildren: Blake Schwalls, Chase Schwalls and wife Nikki, Brian Ferrell, and Ben Schwalls; great-grandchildren: Kassidee Mittlestadt, Brayden Ferrell, and Katie Schwalls. He was preceded in death by his grandson: Corbin Schwalls; 2 brothers; 3 sisters; and his parents.

Funeral mass will be held 10:30am Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 652 Redbud, McKinney, TX, 75069 with Rev. Eugene Azorzi officiating. Interment will follow at 1:15pm in DFW National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX, 75211.

Services are under the direction of Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Memory of Bob Schwalls to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch

<https://www.calfarley.org/waystogive/>

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## Cemetery

DFW National Cemetery  
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy  
Dallas, TX, 75211

## Events

NOV	Funeral Mass	10:30AM
27	St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church 652 Redbud, McKinney, TX, US, 75069	

## Comments



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I only learned of Bob's passing today. I had the privilege of working with Bob at the Defense Investigative Service back in the 1980's -- an opportunity that led to a genuine friendship that lasted well into his retirement. Bob was a true gentleman with the rare combination of a genial demeanor accompanied by an insightful and forceful personality. He was a mentor to me at a key moment in my professional career. One of my professional aspirations was to be able to emulate his example of what it means to be a true leader. I can still hear in my mind his distinctive laugh. My sincere condolences to Rosann and the rest of the Schwalls family. May you take solace in fond memories of a life well-lived. Bob was an inspiration to so many.

Bill & Clarice Leonard

Bill Leonard - December 06, 2018 at 04:40 PM



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I wanted to pass on my condolences on Bob's passing to Roseann, their extended family and friends as I am sure there are many. I started working with Bob in the mid 90's and when I started Boecore 18 years ago Bob helped me expedite the FSO/KMP process and ensured that it got done right. Bob and his team have been supporting us for the last 18 years with expert advice. Several years ago Bob and Roseann came to visit us at the Boecore office. That was a special treat as I had never met either of them in person. This really proves that you don't have to work with someone face to face to develop a long enduring relationship like we had with Bob. Bob will be forever missed at Boecore.

With sympathy,

-Kathy & Scott Boe

Kathy Boe - November 26, 2018 at 01:59 PM



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Susan and I were indeed saddened at the news of Bob's passing. He was a dear friend to both of us and an excellent mentor to me. Our hearts and prayers are with Roseann and their family during this difficult time for them.

My association with Bob as a business and security colleague spans close to 20 years involving three separate companies. He was a walking encyclopedia of industrial security knowledge and loved to share his knowledge and mentor others in his craft. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Bob for teaching me so much about security and helping to open some doors for me in the industry.

Bob was fun to be around. He always greeted people with a big smile and a hearty hello followed by their names and then almost immediately shared his latest joke with them. During our travels together, he always shared a good joke or funny story with hotel desk clerks and the wait staff at restaurants resulting in much laughter.

Susan and I met socially with Bob and Roseann on several occasions to break bread together and share stories. It was indeed a pleasure to hear them speak of the many adventures they shared together as they traveled for both business and pleasure around the world.

Bob loved his Church and His Lord. Susan and I will miss him on this side of eternity but are looking forward to being reunited with him one day when we also pass from this life to the next. Rest in Peace, my friend.

Gary Billens - November 26, 2018 at 07:08 AM



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We have lost a true professional, a kind man and a loyal citizen. I first met Bob when he and I were appointed to a corporation board. I was new to Industrial Security and Bob was a tremendous mentor to me and others, always generous with his time and knowledge. Because of him, I was and am able to fulfill my responsibilities as a representative of the US Government. We traveled together several times and I always enjoyed his company. We could converse on many subjects and he could always tell me things I did not know. He was a true treasure. He loved his family and was devoted to Rosann, Johanna and I enjoyed many dinners and evenings together. I once asked him when he planned to retire and he simply smiled at me and said "I am having too much fun." His accomplishments in life are remarkable. Successful in the US Army, in US Government and in private industry. WOW,

The Industrial Security world and our country will miss Bob. His love of our Country is unequalled and he demonstrated that each and every day. I will miss him personally and will miss his mentorship.

Johanna and I send our sympathy to Rosann and the family. RIP, Bob.

Bob Halverson  
Major General, US Army (ret)

Robert Halverson - November 25, 2018 at 11:05 AM



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I first met Bob when I came out to Texas to accredit his SCIF that he built for Vertex RSI. Bob, told me if I wanted a job I could come out and take his place at Vertex and that's what pretty much happened. I moved my family to Texas and spent the next 12 years working with Bob. I don't think Bob ever had any intention of retiring. He loved what he did each day. I have such wonderful memories of coming in to work and having Bob as a partner and a friend. He always had a smile on his face and if you didn't he would crack one of those corny jokes or tell you a story. He is truly missed by all.

Jim Dodson

James Dodson - November 24, 2018 at 09:07 AM



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I first met Bob Schwalls reporting for a new assignment at Defense Investigative Service Headquarters (DIS HQ) in May 1989. He was the Deputy Director for Industrial Security at the time. Although Bob was a senior official, he was very approachable, extremely knowledgeable of US government industrial security regulations and policies, and walked the halls of DIS HQ on a regular basis. One of the wonderful memories of working at HQ concerns staff birthdays. Bob new each HQ staffer's birthday and his lovely wife Rosann would bake a birthday. Rosann baked a birthday cake every month, which were very professional and scrumptious to say the least.

Bob and I stayed in touch over the years discussing industrial security matters and helping each other from a business perspective. Mr. National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual will be greatly missed by the DIS/Defense Security Service family.

My deepest sympathy to the Schwalls family.

Norm Pashoian

Norm Pashoian - November 23, 2018 at 11:37 AM



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Bob was a true giant in the world of Industrial Security. Through his knowledge and vast experience he mentored an entire generation of security professionals. He was also a kind gentleman of the old school. He will be missed.

Jim Bass

Jim Bass - November 23, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ I worked for Bob at Dis HQ for several years. I interacted with him daily during that time. He was a true gentleman and professional. I learned a lot from him. Our sympathy to the Schwalls family.

Judith - November 25, 2018 at 04:32 PM



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Uncle Bob was my favorite Uncle. Both he and Aunt Rosann made me feel loved when we were able to see them, which was far too seldom. One of the most memorable visits was when we met them during a river cruise and he told me about growing up in Georgia. Uncle Bob always made us smile and laugh with his wonderful sense of humor. He will be missed.

My heart goes out to all who loved him and will miss him. Sending you all our love. May God bless you and comfort you in the days to come. May your hearts be full of all the good memories you have of this wonderful man.

Leslie Bosch - November 21, 2018 at 12:12 PM



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I had the honor of knowing Bob. We first met in the early 80's shortly after I arrived at DIS. He always had a smile on his face and had a kind word for you. A true patriot and professional. My deepest sympathy and prayers to the family.

Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness. Isaiah 51:11

Mark Allen - November 21, 2018 at 11:52 AM



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We met Bob through sitting through many many hockey games. Loved his company. A very interesting man. Moe and I are saddened to hear of his passing. Moe and Betty Labbe

Elizabeth Labbe - November 21, 2018 at 09:22 AM



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Bobby was our favorite uncle. He and Roseanne were the kindest, most gentle couple I have ever met. We always looked forward to family gatherings at Aunt Inez's and Uncle Elmo's, so we could see them again if only for a few hours. Bobby will be missed so much. I am sending my love and prayers to you all in your time of need. With our deepest sympathy, Debby and Angie.

Deborah Wilson - November 20, 2018 at 10:14 PM



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Bob was a Director of our company in Austin. Bob provided guidance, helped our company build a strong security program, and helped me be a better security professional. He was a true leader in Industrial Security, my mentor, and I will miss his support and wit! Thoughts and Prayers to the family.

Dean Young - November 20, 2018 at 10:19 AM



“ Thoughts and Prayers to the family. Bob was a great leader in the world of industrial security policy. I recall our many engagements dealing with policy shaping matters.

P. Steve Wheeler  
Senior Director  
Security & Emergency Services  
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics

Steve Wheeler - November 19, 2018 at 05:50 PM

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“ I recall when I first transferred into Industrial Security and didn't even know how to spell NISPOM. My DSS Field Office Chief Ed Dotson recommended I go mentor with Bob for a month to learn the trade. He said no one knew more about Industrial Security than Bob Schwalls. So I reported to Bob's office everyday for a month. Bob would explain things, make phone calls, discuss situations, go over notes with me and help me understand the options and consequences. He was a great mentor and we've been friends ever since. He was a true gentleman, a consummate professional and forever a jokester. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Jane Dinkel

Jane Dinkel - November 19, 2018 at 04:10 PM

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“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Uncle Bob's passing. His kindness and sense of humor always came with that twinkle in his eye. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. As you gather together in grief, take comfort in the many happy times that you have had as a family. With love, Chris, Steve and Adam

Christine Roberge - November 19, 2018 at 11:28 AM

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“ Such a sweet, joyful personality. Always took such good care of Rozanne. Enjoyed many hours of bridge with both.

Sue Vaughan

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