



Robert C. Vinton

March 10, 2023

Bob (Robert Carter) Vinton passed away on March 10th after waging an ongoing battle against prostate cancer that started in 2015.

He is survived by his dear wife Ulli, his children from his previous marriage Lindsay Helzer of Sherwood, OR and her husband Bryan; Alex of Thornton, CO, and Jeffrey of Tempe, AZ, his wife Julia and Bob's only grandchild Brady; as well as his step-children, Patrick Heckmann of Bamberg, Germany and Tanja Heckmann of Munich, Germany. In addition, Bob's brothers are Bill of Waterford, VT, Drury of Unity, NH and John of Bridgton, Maine along with numerous nieces and nephews from their families. One brother Jacob predeceased Bob.

Bob was born in St Johnsbury, VT to Ruth and Drury Vinton and grew up in the small town of Lyndon, VT. He excelled in his schools in academics and sports, playing football and basketball and running track in high school, Lyndon Institute, and went on to study Electrical Engineering at Lehigh University where he became interested in semiconductor devices.

That led him to a 40 year career in the high tech industry which led him to Maine, Arizona, Silicon Valley and then to Ft. Collins, Colorado where he was brought into the management team of a startup company called Comlinear Corp, later started his own consulting business, was a founder of Rockysoft, a

software company, earned his MBA at Colorado State University along the way and ultimately retired there with Ulli.

Bob's children were born and raised in Ft. Collins and he was active in helping coach their sports teams and also was busy in the community as a member of the Foothills Rotary Club, the Ft Collins Chamber of Commerce Board, the Air Quality Task Force for the city and The St Joseph's school advisory board.

The outdoors was also a constant theme with Bob, whether he was using his free time to go deer/elk hunting, running and bike riding with his best friends the Colorado Big Dogs, or going skiing and golfing, and spending time at Little Sunapee Lake in NH in the summer.

Travel was also a love of Bob's to see new places and get exposed to different cultures and experiences, whether doing this on work trips, family vacations to Bermuda or Mexico, trips to go to races or bike rides, joining Ulli on her work trips to see unusual destinations such as Ethiopia or Cape Town, and visiting Germany often to spend time with Ulli's family and friends made there in Mainz.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob 's name to the Prostate Cancer Foundation to help speed the progress to find a cure for this disease.

Celebration of Life

May 20, 2023

2 - 5 p.m. short program at 3:00 p.m.

The Group downstairs Conference Room

2803 E Harmony Road

As Bob requested dress for Spring, no dark colored clothing please.

Celebration of Life

August 5, 2023

2:00PM

804 Newport Road, New London, NH 03257

Per the family's request, please bring your bathing suit.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **20**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

The Group Conference Room
2803 East Harmony Road
Downstairs
Fort Collins, CO 80528

Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Lieber Bob
In 2 Tagen starten wir unseren Trip nach Colorado. Du hast diese Reise maßgeblich mitgeplant, und hast dich so sehr gefreut, dass wir Ulli und dich besuchen. Wir werden diese Reise nun leider ohne dich machen, aber du wirst in unseren Herzen ❤️ dabei sein. Wir werden uns oft an unsere gemeinsamen Treffen in Deutschland erinnern. Wir hatten immer viel Spaß zusammen. Es ist uns eine Ehre an deiner Celebration of Life teilnehmen zu dürfen.
Birgit und Thomas*

birgit heckmann - May 16, 2023 at 09:44 AM

GE

“ *Bob, you were a true uncle to me. I appreciated deeply your caring, friendship and true heart. Our time together was always so honest, comfortable and a joy. You are by me missed dearly.*

Geoff - May 09, 2023 at 01:31 PM

HB

“ *Herb and I have so many fond memories of our Bordeaux trip, especially spending time getting to know Bob and Ulli. He will be missed but surely not forgotten.*



Herb and Merle Brinkman - May 08, 2023 at 10:40 AM

PP

“ Bob,
If you can hear me, I wanted to tell you what you meant to me. I was a rookie Quality Assurance person when you hired back in the mid-1980s. You saw something in me that I didn't see in myself that launched me on a path to get certified as a CQE, CQA, and CQT. You trusted me with all manner of technical audits from space level customers to the Department of Defense. I was in charge of all incoming material, in-process, and conformance inspections. I never imagined any of this. It only became a reality because of your trust in me and mentorship. Of all the companies I subsequently worked at, YOU WERE ALWAYS THE BEST BOSS I EVER HAD. You really walked the Quality Talk and believed in teamwork. Here are some photos from one of the holidays parties we had. I cannot believe you are gone but am glad you lived. See you on the other side, boss. Pamela Petti (aka Doten)



Pamela Petti - April 19, 2023 at 05:14 PM

CD

“ So surprised and sad to read of Bob's struggle with cancer and ultimate passing. He and my husband, Doug, were running buddies, as well as friends. May you find comfort in each other and your memories 💔

Connie DeMercurio - March 19, 2023 at 11:32 AM

SK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sonja Kolb - March 15, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Dear Bob, we know and appreciate you with all your humbleness and decency (to mention but a few of your many virtues).
You were never just Ulli's partner joining our reunions, but a dearly loved, and now missed, member of it.
Wherever you are now, shine your light on those in need of it, yours faithfully,
Sonja

r - March 15, 2023 at 07:35 PM

UL



Ulli - March 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM

AH

*Lieber Bob,
wir sind sehr traurig, dass du nicht mehr bei uns bist. Wir hatten immer viel Spaß bei unseren gemeinsamen Unternehmungen. Wir vermissen dich und werden dich nicht vergessen.
Anke und Helmut*

Anke und Helmut - March 23, 2023 at 02:11 PM

MG

“ Dear Bob, let me say goodbye to you personally... Tears are running down my face... Your race on earth is over... What a wonderful life it was - together with your beloved wife Ulli...So intense... So often full of joy and happiness.. So strong when things went wrong... You have passed the earthly finish line just a few hours ago - entering eternal life...Whatever that means ... No more pain, no more tears, no more evil...endless joy and happiness... God bless you and shall take you by your hand - guiding you to eternity... On earth you will live on in my heart...as long as I live... You'll never die! Your friend Matthias



Matthias Krüger, Berlin, Germany - March 15, 2023 at 02:20 AM

UL



Ulli - March 22, 2023 at 11:02 AM

Off-Roading
Arizona

Bob, I will miss you. An amazing mentor, and so many trips with you and Ulli will be remembered forever. You really touched my life. Rest in peace my friend, Greg

Off-Roading Arizona - April 28, 2023 at 08:16 PM