

ROBERT B. FAY, SR.



A man who loved to drink Fresca, Robert B. Fay, Sr., of Roanoke, VA, was born on October 12, 1928, in Pittsburgh, PA. Growing up in the Keystone state, Bob went to Central Catholic High School, participated in a college prep program at Mercersburg Academy, and later graduated from Lehigh University in 1950 with a degree in Engineering and Business.

He devoted his life to civil engineering. Bob was the president of Joseph B. Fay Company that his father, Joseph B. Fay, Sr., founded for 45 years. He also devoted his expertise to the Master Builders' Association of Western Pennsylvania, acting as President, Vice President, Member, and Chairman of the labor and construction advancement communities.

Outside of construction, Bob was incredibly involved in his community of Fox Chapel. He founded the Fox Chapel Fire Department, and served as chief for five years. He was also the president of the Fox Chapel Borough council, 1970-1987, and a member of the Fox Chapel Sanitary Authority from 1968-1970.

Bob lived in Fox Chapel with his wife, Celin B. Fay, who he married January 17, 1953. Together they raised seven children. Bob supported, loved, and cared for Celine throughout her life and battle with Alzheimer's, until her passing in 2006.

Bob loved his time in the choir at St. Scholastica. His beautiful bass voice echoed through the church. He loved to sing and pretended he could sing opera! Bob was preceded in death by his wife Celine; son, Robert B. Fay, Jr.; and grandson, Brendan C. Fay.

He is survived by his six children; two daughters-in-law; four sons-in-law; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery at a later date.

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