



Robert "Fes" P. Fiesinger

July 29, 1947 - October 13, 2020

Robert P. "Fes" Fiesinger, 73, of North Syracuse, passed away Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital. A resident of Syracuse, Robert started his life's adventure in 1967 after graduating from Syracuse Central Technical High School. Faced with a low draft number, but high vertical jump, Fes as he would later be known, chose to enlist in the US Air Force where he joined the 3345th Air Base Group at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, IL. At a competitively advantaged 6'7", Fes would soon head up the Athletic Dept for duties performed under service. He played basketball and volleyball for Chanute Rockets, and in the winter months, was a goalie for a semi-pro hockey team. He also gave a go at team trials for the '72 Winter Olympics in bobsledding. An honorably discharged Sergeant in 1972, Fes went back home to Syracuse to work for the Carrier Corporation. The following decade Fes traveled the globe living in Saudi Arabia, London, England and spending time in almost all 50 states as a Liaison for Carrier. He would retire a quick 33 years later as the Director of International Relations for Carrier Global and would later say "there wasn't a day that went by that I didn't love what I did and the people I worked with. I was lucky." In the mid 80's, Fes became involved with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and later would become CNY Chapter president and Chairman of Special Fundraising Events. An avid golfer, Fes founded the annual MAW Open Golf Tournament and Short Fat Guys Road Run, which collectively raised over a quarter million dollars for MAW during his years of involvement.

In his free time, Fes enjoyed spending weekends at his family's farm in the Catskill Mountains trout fishing and horseback riding, a common bond both him and his late wife Vicki shared (not the fishing part). He loved coaching his only child, Scott, in Little League and being a supportive father, listener, and ever-encouraging champion figure for all of Scott's endeavors and dreams throughout the years. Most recently, Fes found absolute joy in becoming a grandfather to Owen and Weston and of course a father-in-law to Jess. A friend to many, he always enjoyed a good laugh and a cocktail with the boys 'Up the Road". There is no doubt, he will be missed. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Victoria "Vicki" Fiesinger in 2012; and brothers, Eddie and Charles Fiesinger.

Survivors include his son, Scott Fiesinger (Jess Stage-Fiesinger) and grandsons, Owen and Weston Fiesinger of Rochester; brothers, Don (Janet) Fiesinger and Richard (Jean)

Fiesinger; sisters, Lois-Ann Berry, Emma-Jane Fiesinger, and Laura Fiesinger; several nieces and nephews. Private services were held due to Covid-19, however a celebration of life will be planned in the months to come once we can safely celebrate and enjoy together (as he would want it!). We encourage you to email us at PartyWithFes@gmail.com to be added to a notification and distribution list for details on that event to come.

Memorial contributions may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation at <http://cny.wish.org>.

FARONE & SON Inc Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

Share condolences at www.faroneandsoninc.com

Comments



“ I am sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I worked with him at Carrier and to say he could command a room with his presence is an understatement but just a big teddy bear once you got to know him. I admired him for his dedication to others through MAW, my condolences to your family.

Joe Ostuni

Joseph V Ostuni - October 26, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Scott and Fiesinger Family, Sorry to hear Fes has left us but I have the feeling that he knew Chuck needed his help in working on the heavenly fiesinger farm and he needed to go help. I also know as I write this they're taking a break and are enjoying an OldOverHolt or two! I'll always remember all our fun at Herbs and Hafners . Fes will be missed but always remembered.

Dianna (Tootie) Button

Dianna Button - October 22, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ Very saddened to read about “Fes”. Throughout my 34 year career at Carrier Corporation, Fes was the absolute, utmost best boss I ever worked for and god knows there were many. So many memories made with the best Carrier International parties. One Christmas party featured the Gong Show and Fes dressed up as one of the Supremes with two other young ladies. He stole the show. Just like he stole the hearts of everyone who ever met him. Scotty, your dad talked about you every day way back when. I'm very sorry for your loss. Rest easy big guy

Linda Jackson - October 19, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ Dear Scott and Family and entire Fiesinger Family,

We are so very sorry for your loss. Having know Fes for over 40 years we know the great loss you bear. He was a beloved friend to us and he will be missed. Many a story and a good time is remembered from years at Carrier and many trips to the farm. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Rest in peace Fes.

Kathy and Bill Meyer (aka Tex and Stella)

Kathy Meyer - October 19, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ I worked with Bob for 25 years at Carrier off and on. Bob was a force and although we didn't always agree on strategies, we forged some good Customer Service outcomes for our International customers. Recently I went to Hefner's several times hoping just to see Bob again. I even sat in his seat (he has a plaque at the end of the bar with his name on it) but he didn't show. So Bob, I'll see you on the other side.

Jim Cavale - October 19, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ Sorry about your dad Scott, you & Jess & the kids are always in our thoughts & prayers.
Love you,
Grandpa Jack, Grandma Eleanor, Uncle John, Uncle Jim & Aunt Nancy Abulencia

Nancy Abulencia - October 18, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ I had the most distinguished honor to be Bobby's Boss for the past 5 years at Laboratory Alliance. Bobby was such a gentle soul and a caring friend to many. He was so caring for others and an inspiration to me. He will hold a special place in my heart forever.

David Dollinger - October 18, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ We were proud and blessed to know and be great friends with Fes and all those who knew him. It was always a sight to see a 6'7" guy step out of a little Pinto. As well as when Fes would drink a bottle of Maalox instead of a beer. We knew Fes from his start at Carrier and enjoyed every day seeing him. Fes will be sorely missed but NEVER forgotten. Our prayers and sincere condolences to Scott and all of Bob's family.

Fred & Marilyn Hartung

Fred & Marilyn Hartung - October 18, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ I'll never forget years ago in the middle of winter, we were hearing a banging of a hammer in our back yard. It was Fes building a snow boarding ramp for Scott and Brannigan to enjoy the local snow. I believe it was our turn to “host“ the ramp and the boys winter activity. That ramp held up to the reckless snowboarding of two teenage boys.

We will miss Bobs Christmas cards each year, always making sure they were one of the first cards we received. Great man, and he will be missed by many.

Our condolences to Scott, Jess, Owen and Weston and also to all of his family. RIP Bob.

Dianne & Jim Judge

Dianne Judge - October 17, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Dear Scott & Family.

So sorting to hear about your Dad. He was always so good to Bobby when he saw him.

The boys up the street will definitely miss him. We'll miss seeing him in the neighborhood.

The Caywood Family

Marcia Caywood - October 17, 2020 at 07:12 PM