



## Robert (Bob) Spahl

April 12, 1931 - October 14, 2023

Robert (Bob) Spahl, of Leesburg, FL, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday October 14, 2023, at the age of 92. Robert was born on April 12, 1931 in Lodz, Poland to Gustav and Wanda Spahl.

Robert and his younger brother Alex were separated from their mother (their father died prior to the war) and other relatives in Poland during World War II. Robert protected Alex and they survived the war as young boys on their own for two years until they were reunited with their family and relocated to Rott, Germany. As a young adult, Robert became a tool and die apprentice in Nuremberg, Germany. He was offered an internship in the United States and immigrated from Germany to New York City, NY in 1955.

Robert served in the US Army from October 1956 to October 1958 and served 2 more years in the reserves. During this time, he met his wife, Rosalie Gruber, at a German Club dance in White Plains, NY. They were married on November 7, 1959 in Yonkers, NY. They were married for 50 years prior to her passing in March 2010.

In his professional life, he was a Master Tool & Die Mold Maker and worked for several companies in New York City prior to moving to Rochester, NY where he worked for Alliance Tool and Die and Eastman Kodak Company. He spent the majority of his career at Eastman Kodak where he progressed from

a Tool & Die Mold Maker to a Supervisor, General Foreman, and design Engineering. He greatly enjoyed his thirty year career at Eastman Kodak and retired in 1991. In 1998 both Robert and Rosalie were proud to become United States Citizens. While living in Rochester, Robert belonged to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reformation and the German American Society. In 2009, Robert and Rosalie moved to Leesburg, FL to enjoy retirement.

Robert was a devoted and loving husband, father, and Opa and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his daughters Angelika Wing (Duane Wing) of Dade City, FL, Silvia Bouchard (Dave Bouchard) of Crownsville, MD, and his grandchildren Hannah Bouchard of Charlotte, NC, and Justin Bouchard of Crownsville, MD. He is also survived by nephews and nieces from NYC, Hallein, Austria, and Rott, Germany. He was preceded by his wife Rosalie Spahl and his daughter Bettina Voelk.

Robert loved to travel even as a young child. He made it a priority to take vacations with his wife including taking cruises and multiple trips across the US, Caribbean and Europe. His favorite destinations were Mexico, Brazil, Hawaii, Germany, Austria, and Florida. He also enjoyed taking mini trips to Toronto, Canada, the Finger Lakes, and Pocono Mountains. Robert and Rosalie had an active social life and extensive German community friend group when they lived in Rochester, NY where they frequently hosted friends and family. Robert was also very handy and constantly kept himself busy with household projects. When he moved to Florida he set up a workshop in his garage and became the neighborhood "handyman". He loved the challenge of new projects and was always eager to tackle new projects. Other favorite past times were reading, gardening, and spending time with family (especially the grandkids)

Many thanks to his caregivers over the past several months including Visiting

Angels, Vista Lake Assisted Living, and Vitas Healthcare / hospice care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lollypop Farm, Humane Society of Greater Rochester, NY [www.lollypop.org/donate](http://www.lollypop.org/donate)

A celebration of life will be held on November 10, 2023, 11:30 AM with reception from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM. It will be held at the Social Hall of the Legacy of Leesburg, 5400 Legacy Blvd, Leesburg, FL 34748.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **10**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Social Hall of the Legacy of Leesburg  
5400 Legacy Blvd  
Leesburg, FL 34748

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello all,

*As we reminisce, we fondly remember Uncle Robert and the wonderful lifetime friendship that he and Tante Rosie had with our parents, Hans and Ingrid Schober. They were the best of friends. Uncle Robert encouraged and sponsored our father to immigrate to New York City. Our parents actually had a double wedding and our families essentially grew up together. We are very close and we considered us all “family”.*

*Uncle Robert was such a strong and brave man, surviving so much in his early years and then immigrated to the United States where he built a wonderful life and an amazing legacy. He was such a hard worker and built an extremely successful career. He and his beautiful wife had three beautiful and amazing daughters. We remember him as a devoted family man who loved his family and his grandchildren.*

*We remember so many wonderful gatherings, picnics, parties, family trips, church activities, etc. After his daughters brought home some adorable cats and dogs, he became a real animal lover. :-)  
Apparently, our father talked him into letting the girls get a cat, and the rest is history!! LOL!*

*All our love thoughts and prayers go out to Silvia and Angie and their families. Your father’s love will live on forever in your hearts, and ours. May you find peace in knowing he is now with your beloved mother, sister, his parents, Walter, our dad, and other loved ones...*

*We love you!!!!*

*Susi, Annette, Michael, Ingrid, Curt and Mike*

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**Susan Stover** - November 09, 2023 at 02:38 PM

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“ Hi all, I remember uncle Robert and the stories he told his late nephew... my husband.. loved him so much he thought very highly of him..howwhen he was a kid went to the store to get something for uncle robert and came back with everthing but what uncle Robert wanted . And no change. He also want his sister in law my mother in law. And his nephew to come live with them. He built a place down stairs .yes we visited in Rochester even on are honeymoon lol and later with the kids they spoiled them.. yeah I have sweet memories of him.i know he love his family Good Job uncle Robert you done good in all you done ..Say hi to Walt and betina oma and aunt Rosie I know you will be happy you with her know..love and blessings R.I.P. God Bless. Arleen Nikki George julie aria noah Zechariah Spiconardi whoops I mean gruber lol

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**Arleen spiconardi** - October 20, 2023 at 08:47 PM