



# Robert Baldwin LaDue



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## **Robert Baldwin LaDue**

**R**obert “Bob” LaDue went home to be with the Lord on Monday, October 9, 2017, surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with cancer. Bob was born on January 10, 1925 in Toledo, Ohio. After serving for two years in the Air Force he attended the University of Toledo where he joined Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity and earned his B.A. in Marketing. There he met and later married our beautiful Mother, Beverly Ann Diethelm, his first love. During their 54 year marriage they partnered well together to navigate raising five children, numerous relocations, and the stresses of Bob’s demanding career with IBM. Bob left an indelible mark during his 30 year career as Director of Sales Training for the Office Products Division and later as a Resident Manager in Dallas. As all who knew Bob would agree, he was a “force” to be reckoned with. Full of personality, charismatic, a great joke teller and avid golfer, Bob’s energy brought life to every gathering. Bob retired from IBM in 1987 and spent time playing more golf, traveling with Bev, and enjoying an ever-expanding family. Bob’s devotion to Bev was witnessed by all as he cared for her during her long illness. She went to be with the Lord on November 15, 2003. At 80 years old and thinking life was over, no one was more surprised than our Dad when he met a cute “younger” woman, Bette Blair, at church one Sunday. He immediately recognized her as his soul mate and began a new chapter with her as his friend and companion. She was shocked to find out he wasn’t 65 as she was, but a much “older” man. Bette and Bob attended Calvary Church in Irving where they met many new friends, and Bob was involved in promoting awareness of The Moses Law. As their relationship grew over 13 years, Bob was blessed to share it with his most recent new love. As a family, we also witnessed his relationship with the Lord blossom and his personality soften as a result of Bette’s love and example. Bob is survived by his brother Dick LaDue and wife, Flo, of Hot Springs, Arkansas his son Craig LaDue and wife Jan; daughters, Carol Speckman and husband Don, Christi Hawkins and husband David; Cindy Wallets, and Cheri LaDue and partner Sue Fusco. In addition, he leaves behind ten



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grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren who will deeply miss their Papa. The loss of our Dad is devastating, and we long to be reunited with him in Heaven. We are thankful he is healed and whole and enjoying his family, friends, favorite dogs, Shawna and Puttee, and most importantly, the presence of our Creator and King. Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 2:30 PM in The Memorial Chapel at Restland Funeral Home. Memorials may be sent to Calvary Church, 4401 N. State Hwy. 161, Irving, TX 75038, [www.calvarvchurch.ee](http://www.calvarvchurch.ee); First Liberty, 2001 W. Piano Pkwy, Ste. 1600, Piano, TX 75075, [www.firstliberty.org](http://www.firstliberty.org); or the charity of your choice.



## Tribute Wall

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**Jo Da** sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert.

Big teddy bear guy

February 4 at 11:54 AM



**James S Roberts** posted:

To the LaDue family, I am sorry for your loss. Bob was an influence to many at IBM; myself one of 1,000s. Our paths crossed in late 1970s, after arriving to Dallas, One Main Place, IBM Sales Training from Northeast. Bob's calmness, self assuredness, thoughtfulness (along with many other fine qualities) were always present. A True Gentleman: looking for good, for fairness; deliberate and determined when needed. Bob practice "servanthood" before the word existed- placing character over career. Like many, I am deeply indebted and grateful to him. World's loss, heaven's gain.

October 18 at 8:57 AM



**Pedro J. Gonzalez** posted:

I met Bob after my wife and I moved to Dallas, Tx in 1982. He was one of "THE BEST" managers I ever met in IBM, a company known for its "OUTSTANDING" managers. He was compassionate and understanding in every sense of the words. May your family have the joy of knowing that anyone who met him always thought the "BEST" of him. May he RIP...

October 13 at 9:47 AM



**Rebecca Williams** posted:

I am so saddened by the news of Bob's passing. He was such a commanding and dignified man...I always loved hearing his words of wisdom about life. "May you take comfort in knowing there is one more angel above us." I am sure his Homecoming with Bev was a joyous one. Your family has such amazing strength and compassion. The care he received by you ALL is both commendable and admirable. Your Father would be proud. May the memories you shared comfort and sustain you in the weeks and months ahead. With love and deepest sympathy as we remember Bob. Rebecca

October 12 at 2:16 PM



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**Michael A. Cusick** posted:

I had the pleasure of working for Bob Ladue in White Plains, NY. He was a true gentleman and an outstanding manager. His door was always open and he was candid with his advice. His staff of managers and employees thought highly of his managerial style. It is obvious he made a great impression on me since I worked for him in the late 1960's. He was very instrumental in the advancement of my career. He was a fine man and sure he will be missed. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

October 12 at 9:53 AM

BT

**Bill And Pam Rainey, Denton, Texas** posted:

Our greatest sympathy goes to the sweetest family Bob could have asked for. I feel as Bette's little sister, we know each of you. She had certainly bragged on all of you and told Bob's Denton family of the beautiful love you have given Him as he was ill and the tremendous love and respect you had for him always. You all outdid yourself in taking care of your sweet Dad in his final days! What greater gift can children, grandchildren and great grandchildren give a father and Papa? We mourn with you. We loved knowing he made Bette so happy and we loved the fact that they were happiest in God's house with God's people. We rejoiced that Bob is safely in Jesus presence with no more worries of this ole world. We love each of you and will miss our Bob's enormous presence. He made my sister so happy by loving her. To God be the Glory. His plan is always perfect.

October 10 at 5:18 PM

RC

**Ruth Blackwell, Opex Club** posted:

Ever the gentleman, Bob and his humor, his laugh will be greatly missed. Rest in peace,

October 10 at 12:18 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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