

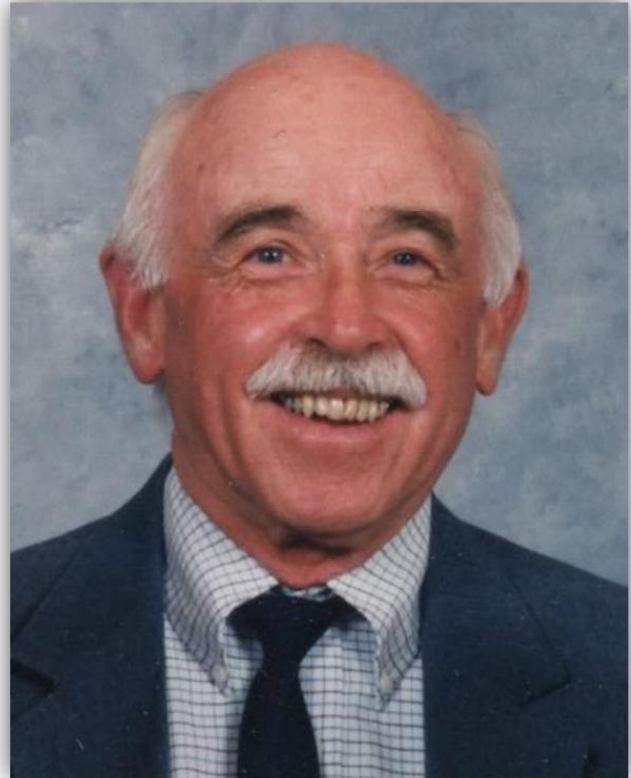
Robert Glenn "Bob" Rouan

March 10, 1932 - October 8, 2011

Passed away peacefully at home in the company of his family after a brief bout with Lou Gehrig's Disease. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Frances and brother Leo Wayne. He is survived by his son Michael Rouan (spouse Denise and grandchildren Richard and Michaela), daughters Suzanne Counselman (spouse Steve and grandchildren Kalin, Ani and Sam) and Elizabeth Rouan. He is also survived by nephews Gregory, Kevin, Robert, Richard, William and David Rouan and their families as well as Godchildren Stephanie and Chris Kong.

Born in Struthers, Ohio to Leo Michael Rouan and Barbara Elizabeth (Wayne) Rouan, he attended St. Nicholas Catholic School K-8 and Struthers High School. A lifelong adventurer, he regularly hitchhiked across country during the summer months of his teenage years. He attended Florida State University graduating at 21 years of age with a bachelor's degree in Economics/Geography. He would later attend Youngstown State University and receive a second bachelors degree in Education.

He joined the U.S. Army and spent 2 years stationed in Kumamoto, Japan as a paratrooper. Returning to the States, he worked for the Department of Agriculture as a map maker in Washington D.C. before returning to his native Ohio to teach at Holy Family School in Poland, Ohio. He abandoned pursuit of a Masters degree in Geography at Ohio State because he "didn't want to read about it" and decided to move to Europe where he lived from 1960-1966. Through the Department of Defense, he taught military children while exploring Western Europe during his vacations and free time.



In 1963, he married native Hawaiian Frances Tadako Matsunami who also taught for the Department of Defense. While the DOD provided faculty housing the couple preferred to live in the village among the French. They had 2 children Michael and Suzanne in France before splitting the difference between Ohio and Hawaii and moving to San Francisco. Their third child Elizabeth was born in the Bay Area.

Bob taught elementary school in Pacifica, CA for 20 years teaching music/drama, math and history. He was the secretary for the local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. He wrote 2 unpublished novels as well as several original plays and music. He exhausted his children with weekend adventures, cross-country trips, a European vacation, Catholic educations, music lessons, dance lessons, straight teeth... you name it - all on a teacher's salary. Sadly, he was widowed with the sudden and untimely death of his wife in 1980.

Retiring at 57, Bob pursued his many extracurricular interests. He was an avid saltwater fisherman as well as a fanatical runner, biker and swimmer. He swam every weekday at the University of San Francisco's Koret Center. He read multiple daily newspapers completing the crossword puzzles in ink and was perpetually in the midst of reading a book (generally history-related). He enjoyed playing for hours on his beloved grand piano.

His most passionate life-long interest was art favoring oils, pastels and watercolors as well as mixed media. He had studied art in and around the San Francisco area including the Jean Henry School of Art. He was a member of the Artist's Guild of Pacifica and frequently displayed his works at the Sanchez Art Center Gallery in Pacifica. Many of his works are privately owned.

Later in life, he was fortunate to remarry. He and his wife, Wai Han Wong, spent winter months in Hong Kong, extensively exploring mainland China including Harbin, Canton, Beijing and The Forbidden City. With his international travel companions, he also visited Russia including Moscow and St. Petersburg.

He was an avid sports fan following the San Francisco Giants, 49ers and Golden State Warriors as well as Notre Dame and Stanford University football. He also loved the sport of boxing never missing a Golden Gloves. His "Art Of Boxing" collection was featured at the 2000 International Boxing Hall of Fame. Bob was a 10+ year member of the Northern California Veterans Boxing Association.

A lifelong teacher and learner, Bob volunteered for the Red Cross teaching citizenship classes in San Francisco's Mission District. In death, he willed his body to science so that UCSF Med School students could benefit.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to either: [St. Gabriel Church](#) 2559 40th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116 or [Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory](#), 1055 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.