



Bob

November 19, 1936 - January 15, 2026

Robert "Bruce" Fosberg, 89, passed away on January 15, 2026, at his home in West Linn, Oregon, where he had lived for over 60 years.

Robert Fosberg, Jr. was born on November 19, 1936, in Oregon City, Oregon, to Robert Fosberg, Sr. and Anna Lou Fosberg.

Robert graduated from Oregon City High School in 1953 and later attended Oregon State University where he played football for the Beavers. He started his career in the insurance industry and quickly became Regional Manager for Sun Life of Canada and Union Central Insurance. He also worked for the American Heart Association, as well as becoming a beloved school bus driver in West Linn.

Robert married Arlene David on April 6, 1963, at the First Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon. The couple had one son, David Fosberg, in 1973.

Robert was best known for his love of history, whether as a contributor to the Oregon Historical Society, or his vast knowledge of American and World War II history. He also loved travel, where he explored locations across North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

Robert also served as an Airman in the Oregon Air National Guard, where he

developed his life-long passion for military aircraft. This passion took him to airshows across the country and culminated with a magical flight over the Portland area in a restored World War II, B-17 Bomber.

He is survived by his son, David Fosberg and daughter-in-law, Lira Razak, of West Linn.

Robert is preceded in death by his wife, Arlene; mother, Anna Lou Fosberg; and father, Robert Fosberg, Sr.

The Celebration of Life for Robert will be held on Saturday, January 31st, at 11:00am at Hillside Chapel in Oregon City.

Memorial donations can be made in Robert's name to the West Linn Lions Club.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (PT)

Hillside Chapel

1306 7th St

Oregon City, OR 97045

Livestream: <https://hillside-live-feed.webflow.io/>

Tribute Wall



“ Hillside Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Bob



Hillside Chapel - January 26 at 01:51 PM

SS

“ Uncle Bruce Could tell a story like. No one Else Could! He captured the moment and he had your attention ! His stories were always so memorable and entertaining ❤️ My Family wad always so very excited when he traveled with Arlene and David to Powell River . And visited our Home ! We will always cherish ☐ those memories ☐ Forever in our hearts , thoughts and Prayers 🙏❤️ Tom , Sylvia , Justin, Bryan & Amanda Sparks

Sylvia Sparks - January 30 at 01:45 PM

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“ Sylvia S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bob.

Sylvia S. - January 30 at 01:28 PM

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“ Some people teach you how to throw a ball, but Bob taught me how to love the game. I’ll never watch a Super Bowl without thinking of him. He showed me that football is about more than just the score on the board—it’s about strategy, grit, and showing up for your team.

Think Pham - January 26 at 03:49 AM

TP

“ Think Pham purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bob.



Think Pham - January 26 at 03:42 AM

MW

“ Martin Wiitanen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bob.

Martin Wiitanen - January 24 at 02:52 AM

MW

“ Martin Wiitanen purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Bob.



Martin Wiitanen - January 24 at 02:52 AM

MW

“ I had known Bob since 1979, when my family moved to West Linn, I was just starting 4th grade.

Bob and Arlene were the parents of David, my school mate.

Bob(Robert) was my football activity bus driver for most of my highschool years and was just such a special person. He was one guy who appreciated conversation, he could talk far longer than any politician could.

He was a true family man, his wife Arlene and son David were his life.

I will sure miss him□.

Martin R Wiitanen - January 24 at 02:41 AM