



Mr. Robert Stephen Pastorino

March 16, 1940 - June 6, 2013

Ambassador Robert S. Pastorino

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Died of natural causes in St. Helena. Survived by wife of 51 years, Frances Estepa Pastorino; sister Karen Pastorino Eagan; Loving father of Shannon Lewis (Michael), Stephen Pastorino (Teri) and Susan Donohue (Jonathan); Adoring grandpa to Robert, Christian, Alaina (Lewis); Lucca, Declan, Sophia (Pastorino) and Abigail, Ethan, Isabella (Donohue). Son of Stephen Adolph Pastorino and Florence Pierangeli (deceased).

Born and raised in San Francisco, “Bob” graduated from Polytechnic High School and San Francisco State University. He served from 1967-1994 as a Foreign Service Officer at the Department of State. In addition to Washington D.C., he served in Venezuela, Mexico (three times), Portugal, Colombia, Honduras and was named Ambassador to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic by President George H. W. Bush in 1991. In total he served under seven presidents. He also held positions as Special Assistant to the President of the United States for Latin America, National Security Council, The White House; and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Latin American Affairs. Upon retirement from the Foreign Service, he returned to his beloved San Francisco, and served as President of the Bay Area World Trade Center from

1994-1998.

Bob received several Superior and Meritorious Honor awards including the Department of State Superior Award for Assistance during the 1985 Mexico City Earthquake. He was an expert on Latin American affairs, especially Mexico. He assisted in developing the first conceptual paper for the future North American Free Trade Agreement between U.S.A. and Mexico. He was involved in U.S.-Mexican negotiations for many years, including agreements on intellectual property rights, trade and commodities.

A man of many talents, he was a multilingual voracious reader with an unquenched intellectual curiosity. An unrivaled sports fan, he cheered the Giants, 49ers, Warriors and Cal Bears with equal enthusiasm. He was incredibly devoted to his family, with whom he shared his love of all things Italian, books, sports, world affairs, wine, and travel.

Services are to be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wed., June 12 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 666 Filbert Street. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Wounded Warrior Project would be kindly appreciated.

“The noblest pleasure is the joy of understanding.” Leonardo Da Vinci

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN **12.** 10:30 AM (PT)

Sts. Peter & Paul Church

666 Filbert Street

San Francisco, CA 94133

<http://www.sspeterpaulsf.org/church/>

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Dear Shannon, just by chance I learned of the death of your father. Please accept my sincere condolences. I NEVER forgot my lovely student at St Dominic's Portugal. I often wondered how I could get in touch. Looks like your dear father has arranged that. Remember your parents fondly. Would just love to hear from you. With my sympathy and fondest memories. Kathleen Marron. camarron@btinternet.com

Kathleen Marron - August 28, 2014 at 05:37 PM

JF

“ dear shannon, our sincere condolences for the passing of your dear father - this message is from janet almeida, miguel almeida, jacquie almeida, katia almeida - we have so many memories of you from your life in portugal. bbk21@aol.com

janet almeda and family - October 24, 2013 at 10:28 PM

HB

“ My sincere condolences to the Pastorino family, and to all those whose lives he touched.
- Hannah Buchdahl

hannah buchdahl - June 14, 2013 at 05:45 PM

EJ

“ Dear Shannon,
We are so sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers to you and your family. What an incredible and accomplished life your father lived!
Love,
Elin, Tommy, Maren, and Trace Jackson

Elin Jackson - June 13, 2013 at 11:27 AM

FS

“ He was a great Ambassador, FSO, and friend. He really accomplished an awful lot for his country. I was his Political Counselor in Santo Domingo, and it was just tremendous fun working for him. I am so sorry for Fran, the rest of his family, and his many friends.
Paco Scanlan

Francis Scanlan - June 12, 2013 at 03:34 PM

DA

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your husband, brother and father. We send our deepest love to you all. David, Jenny, Parker & Penelope Moore

David - June 11, 2013 at 07:11 PM

MD

“ *Fran and all:*
With sadness in my heart -- i'll not be able to be with you to 'celebrate' Bob's exceptional life but my thoughts will be with you every moment.

Bob, my fountain man -- He loved the sound of water tinkling down a fountain and had to have one wherever he lived. Now, as I pass by a fountain, the sound of running water will remind me of him, relaxed in a comfortable chair, reading and enjoying peace and quiet around him. No doubt he will do battle with St. Peter to build his fountain "up there" and knowing Bob, he will win. Will miss you down here Bob.

Love, Mary D'

Mary D'Adam - June 11, 2013 at 01:31 PM

CY

“ Everyone-

We are so sad about Uncle Bob. We miss him already, and we so wish we could be in CA with all of you to celebrate his life. He's probably already with Aunt Eve watching the Giants from the big box seat in the sky. We love you, and we hope you find peace and comfort in knowing he sure lived life to the fullest and he loved all of you more than most people can imagine.

Love, cynthia, Bianca, and Alex

cynthia - June 11, 2013 at 03:54 AM

AW

“ *Ally, Cindy, Mary, and Whitney purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Mr. Robert Stephen Pastorino.*



Ally, Cindy, Mary, and Whitney - June 10, 2013 at 05:02 PM