



Robert Egan Graves

June 30, 1971 - June 25, 2024

Our much loved and multi-talented son and brother, Robert Egan Graves, passed away on June 25, 2024 in Austin, TX, at the age of 52. Born on June 30, 1971, Robert lived a life full of learning, teaching, dedication, humor and love.

He is survived by his devoted parents, Nancy and Milton Graves of Missouri City, TX, and his twin brother and sister-in-law, David and Wendy Graves of Austin, TX. He took pride in the close bond he shared with his family and many friends.

Professionally, Robert made significant contributions during his 10-year tenure at, what was at the time, a small computer company in Austin named Dell Computers. After Dell, he chose to follow his true passion: Golf. He completed his PGA Class A Professional certification in 2011 working as an assistant pro at private golf courses in Tampa, Sarasota and Austin before becoming a full-time swing coach. He loved teaching the game and helping his students improve their scores.

Robert attended Clements High School, graduating in 1989, playing varsity soccer and golf. He then pursued higher education at the University of Texas at Austin, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1993 and playing on the national championship winning UT club soccer team. His academic journey

continued at Southwest Texas University where he completed his MBA in 1995.

Robert was a man of varied interests, passions and abilities. He was a self-taught chef with a deep affection for dogs and an avid supporter of both the Manchester City Football Club and Austin FC. His beloved Shiba Inu, Saki, who preceded him in death, held a special place in his heart. Robert's love for golf was evident in the time he spent at work and on the course with his friends and family, creating memories that will be cherished forever. A naturally gifted athlete, whatever he did, he did with seemingly effortless grace, elegance and a style that was all his own.

Robert will be remembered for his warm heart, fierce independence, wry smile, intelligence, dedication to learning and teaching, endless supply of trivia knowledge and his unyielding enthusiasm for life. His legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched.

A memorial service and celebration of Robert's life will be held in Austin at an upcoming date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Robert's name to the First Tee Greater Austin, or a local animal shelter or charity of your choice, reflecting both his love for teaching golf as well as animals.

He will be missed by those who knew and loved him beyond any possible measure.

Service Details:

The family will be hosting a casual, non-religious event in Austin at Balcones Country Club on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 1-3pm. This will be a chance to come together, share stories and celebrate the life of our witty, charming and multi-talented son, brother, teacher and friend.

We'll be preparing a slide show and have A/V setup and microphone for those wishing to say a few words of remembrance. If you would like to send along photos for the slide show, please email David.f.graves4@gmail.com or text 512-970-5059.

Tribute Wall

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“ It is almost exactly a year since Robert died. Not a day goes by that we do not miss his presence in our lives. There is a hole that will never be filled. Because so many people have reached out to us in way or another over the past year, we know we are not alone in our grief. Please let me thank all of you for your kindness and compassion. We are very appreciative.

Nancy Graves, for Milt, Wendy and David

Nancy Graves - June 23, 2025 at 11:36 AM

KF

“ My first impression of Rob goes back to junior high when we first met. Sneaky smart and generous with his warmth and laughter, Rob raised the spirits of everyone around him. Even when he was torching us on the soccer field, which was often and immediate from day one. Luckily I rarely had to play against him. Mostly he was a great friend you could always count on. At his core, Rob was a great teacher. Besides all the people he's helped on the course, he taught me so much simply by example. How to keep smiling, stay positive, and do everything like you mean it. Thanks for sharing all that with us, Rob, and for making life brighter. Miss you, buddy, and much love to Nancy, Milt, and Dave.

Kevin Freedman - November 23, 2024 at 09:39 AM

NG

“ Thank you to all who have taken the time to share a memory of our much loved son. There is a hole that cannot be filled, but we are touched by the love and comfort offered by his friends and ours.

Nancy Egan Graves - November 12, 2024 at 05:52 PM

FW

“ My memories of Rob are a person that was caring, warm, genuine, funny and easy to be around. He had the type of personality which was comforting and someone you just wanted to be around. Others have noted how gifted an athlete he was and I was lucky enough to experience it first hand. What I admired the most though was his competitive drive and his will to compete. You wanted Rob on your side as there would be no quit. I remember the nights we would stay up and ponder life’s mysteries. Rob’s intellectual prowess and curiosity made those times special and unforgettable. I remember the nights out, going to ballgames, going to concerts. The laughs and the great times that I hold dear. I’m so sorry for your loss.

Frank Waterhouse - October 29, 2024 at 07:07 PM

LF

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. One of our son's "group" in high school is gone and his passing is felt deeply by all who knew him. May you be comforted by the memories shared by all family and friends.

Mike and Linda Freedman

linda and mike Freedman - October 27, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ I remember a gentleman and scholar, a kind soul and a great friend. I remember an agile athlete, good at every sport with a flair. Though I also remember the worst round of golf I’ve ever witnessed by someone who mastered the game. I remember summer tennis with twins, then swimming, then visiting with Milt and Nancy, who treated me as one of their own. I remember someone who did the right thing, and ended up with a broken jaw and drinking smoothies for months. I also remember his friends searching town for the assailant ready to do him wrong. I remember the preppy clothes, the Latin, the crawfish boils, and riding around in a little red peanut. Lastly, I remember a comedic, free golf lesson and connecting with Rob about golf in my new home in Oregon. Wish we could have played again together and mostly, I just wish we had Rob back. Love you buddy. Love you too Dave and Milt and Nancy.

Always, Bruiser

Chris Broussard - October 26, 2024 at 10:21 AM



“ Char & Ted Volf lit a candle in memory of Robert Egan Graves



Char & Ted Volf - October 21, 2024 at 11:13 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Robert Graves



Ted Volf - October 21, 2024 at 11:08 AM

BC

“ I remember playing with Robert on the golf team at Clements High School. He always had a smile on his face and a great competitor. So sorry for your loss.

Blake Chustz - October 14, 2024 at 11:13 PM



“ I just found out the heartbreak news. How my heart breaks to hear about Robert's death. Robert was a dear friend! He is dearly missed! He was a very special person. He always knew how to make you laugh. I am so sorry for your loss! My prayers for you all! Saki I'm sure is sitting right by his side! Now they are both little angels together again! RIP my friend see you when I see you again! You'll never be forgotten and will always be in my heart. You are dearly missed.



Jackie Johnson - August 09, 2024 at 01:43 AM

JG

“ Robert singlehandedly rebuilt my swing and made me want to improve at golf. I will miss his quick wit and brutal honesty. Before his death, I had cracked the 5 iron of a set he fitted me for. I sent him a photo and he told me to bring it in so that it could be replaced. I had moved to Georgetown, so I was no longer spending my time in the simulator like I had been. On Jul 3rd I sent an email to him asking for status. I thought nothing of the lack of reply. Yesterday I had business South Austin so I popped in at GT to say hi and see how he was doing. This is how I learned of his passing. I am still processing what I was told yesterday. Robert taught me so much. I will miss him.

JJ Garcia - July 28, 2024 at 01:01 PM

RN

“ Apologies this is so late, I just found out about Robert’s passing today. I began taking golf lessons with Robert in September of 2015. Around 2020 or so my wife and I started our family and I really didn’t get to see Robert as much as I would have liked. I purchased a golf package in February, with my youngest son coming in March with the idea I would start up with him again after things settled and returned to the office. I went to schedule this afternoon and that’s when I found out. What I really want to say is Robert was a genuinely kind human and I will miss him. He helped me with golf, but he also invited me to play and hangout during his off time. He became a friend. The best example I have of how genuine and kind he was is a story involving my dad. In 2018 to 2020 or so I got really into cigars and actually worked at a local cigar shop every Friday just for fun. They had live music in the back and Robert frequently came to visit and hangout. I remember he was allergic to smoke, but he would always sit out back for a bit. Anyways, one time Robert came out and my dad happened to come by and visit as well. When I mentioned to Robert my dad was there he immediately said I had to introduce him. When I did he made sure to tell my dad he raised a great son. I’ll never forget that because it made my dad light up. That’s the kindness Robert showed the world, and it is a better place because he was in it. My condolences to David, Robert’s parents and all those he knew and loved.

Russell Newbury - July 23, 2024 at 09:55 PM

JL

“ Jennifer Lavorel lit a candle in memory of Robert Graves



Jennifer Lavorel - July 11, 2024 at 06:14 PM

KR

“ Robert was a wonderful golf coach. I know I'll miss my time with him and all of his sarcasm. He made me a better golfer and I miss our time together



Kristin - July 07, 2024 at 08:09 PM

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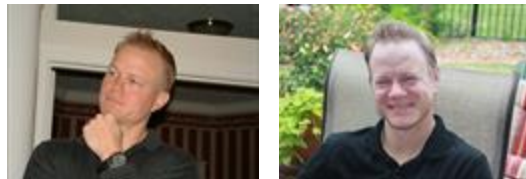
“ Mark And Brenda Fallon lit a candle in memory of Robert Egan Graves



Mark and Brenda Fallon - June 29, 2024 at 06:21 PM

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Wendy Graves - June 29, 2024 at 12:20 PM

JH

“ John Hebert lit a candle in memory of Robert Egan Graves



John Hebert - June 28, 2024 at 06:55 PM