



Robert William Nicholson

June 1, 1941 - February 8, 2025

Robert William Nicholson, 83, passed away on Saturday February 8, 2025 at Saint David's Hospital in Austin, Texas. Robert was born Sunday, June 1, 1941 to Paul Joseph and Dorothy Nicholson in Corpus Christi, Texas. The family settled in Midland Texas, where Robert graduated from Midland High School in 1959.

After high school, Robert attended the University of Texas where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Economics. During this time, Robert also worked at Austin State Hospital, where he would later dedicate the majority of his career.

After college, Robert joined the American Red Cross working both in the U.S. and overseas during the Vietnam War from 1961 to 1965. When he came back home, he returned to Austin State Hospital as a caseworker.

On December 19, 1970, Robert married Margaret Jane Lewis and had three children together. When his youngest was a baby, he returned to school to earn his Master of Science degree in Health Professions from Southwest Texas State University. Robert continued working at Austin State Hospital as a social worker and case manager providing and overseeing social services, therapy, and integration of patients back into society until his retirement in 2006.

Robert spent a few of his retired years living in Honolulu, Hawaii, ultimately returning to Austin to enjoy the company of his children and grandchildren. He embraced nature with his walks around the lake, as well as various other hobbies.

He will be dearly missed and a place will remain set for him at the game table among his beloved children.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Paul Nicholson, brother Joe Nicholson, and many beloved cousins, aunts, and uncles. He is survived by his sons Nathan (Yi) and Willie (Irma) and daughter Carrie (Mike) Aaron and three grandchildren, Aaron, Nicole and Kayla; niece Kelleigh (Cory) Satterfield, and great nieces Ava and Zoe, as well as numerous cousins and relatives.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in his honor to either of the following organizations:

Umlauf Sculpture Garden: <https://umlaufsculpture.app.neoncrm.com/forms/standard-donation>

Zilker Botanical Garden: <https://zilker garden.org/donate/>.

A graveside funeral service will take place Saturday February 15th at Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park. The terrain at Eloise Woods can be quite rocky so comfortable footwear is recommended, additionally, there are no restrooms at the park. Please dress for the elements which may include wearing a hat or bringing an umbrella.

Cemetery Details

Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park

115 Northside Lane
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

FEB 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Zilker Park Clubhouse
200 Arnulfo Alonso Way
Austin, TX 78704

All are welcome and encouraged to join together with family and friends at the Zilker Park Clubhouse to celebrate Robert's life.

Tribute Wall



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Jake Lorfing - February 15, 2025 at 11:08 AM

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“ So sad to hear this news. Robert and I stayed in email and FB contact and shared our updates and news. Many years ago, Robert did a huge favor for my husband, Augie. Augie's sister had ended her chemo treatment and planned to go to Hawaii. She had her dog and her Harley. Robert met her and helped get the dog to the right place. She stayed at the condo for a few days until the dog was released. Robert also gave me very supportive emotional help long ago for a sad situation. He was very supportive of our crafts and immediatly bought two of Augie's whimsical masks and named them too. What a great and caring person. May you find peace and love in your memories. Assunta and Augie Martin

Assunta Martin - February 14, 2025 at 02:15 PM



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