



## Robert Lanier Sides

June 23, 1951 - October 1, 2023

Thank you for visiting Rob's tribute page. His loved ones are currently crafting his obituary which will be shared here when available.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park  
115 Northside Lane  
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

*The terrain can be tricky so comfortable footwear is recommended, additionally, there are no restrooms at the park. You may want a hat or an umbrella to protect you from the elements.*

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ I met Rob way back in the fall of 1970 when he was a student at Rice University in Houston. I was program director of a Houston Radio Station 93.7 KBNO. At the same time Rob & his fellow students were constructing Rice Radio KTRU 91.7 with a power of 10 Watts. He would become program director of KTRU.



Rob & I had a great rapport instantly. He introduced me to many of his fellow radio students at Rice. A few I actually hired at KBNO. I'll never forget when Rob was getting ready to turn 20 in the Summer of 1971, his friends wanted to give him a big birthday party on June 23rd. Someone asked me if we could all celebrate at my parents home in Meyerland. I was happy they chose me to ask!! Yes indeed, we had a big party for Rob. Everyone had a great time. Someone my have pictures of that event. As I continued in the radio business, Rob became a record promotions rep for Warner Brothers. This would have been in the mid 70's. He & I stayed in touch for a good while. From what I recall at some point he was transferred to Dallas (I Think). Then over the years we lost touch.

Just like everyone else has expressed, Rob was a good friend to many with a positive upbeat personality that everybody loved. I have thought about him many times over these years & sadly just learned yesterday of his passing.

I had no idea that he was living in Austin.

Just like all of you, I will look back with very happy thoughts of the times we spent so long ago. Rob was a wonderful person who left each of us with some very happy memories. He was just as sincere and real of a person one could find. Sending my best to his many friends & family.

Johnny Goyen

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Johnny Goyen - October 31, 2023 at 03:32 AM

LW

“ Rob was one of the nicest, funniest and most genuine people I knew. Decades have passed since we saw each other but we chatted now and then via Facebook and it always felt like the old days. Growing up where we did on Long Island was great - having him as a friend was an added bonus. I'm sorry he had such a tough time these last few months. It never seems fair. Love to the entire family 💔💔💔💔

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lisa wasson - October 06, 2023 at 03:38 PM

LH

“ We worked together a couple of different times and Rob was always very professional, warm and friendly. He was def one of the good guys in a business that could eat you alive. May he rest easy. Prayers for his family.

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**larry Hensley** - October 06, 2023 at 05:09 AM

RS

“ I love you Dad. You were always so positive and confident in all you did. It feels like this is all too soon but you did it your way and had tremendous support from Margret, who I know loves you so dearly. You will be missed for the rest of my life and I will recall the memories I have when I feel I need you to lean on.

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**Rob Sides** - October 05, 2023 at 05:10 PM

“ *He was a man of music  
A record wizard  
He could dance  
So elegantly*

*He was a father of many boys  
Scattered all over,  
Yet he remained important  
and a central figure for the family*

*He was a life lover  
Enjoying good company  
and tequila.  
In that way, he got close to  
Mexico  
His green machine off piste  
was raucous pleasure*

*He was a traveller  
An anthropologist earlier  
When visiting Copenhagen,  
he devoured real Danish  
for breakfast  
He felt close to Bernie Sanders  
Without mittens*

*He hated the medical world,  
and from what we know  
with good reason.  
Medicine was also a fate,  
and brought us the loss  
that we feel today*

*He was the husband of Margaret  
That was a significant fact  
It became his journey  
into a serious love which lasted  
many recent years and troublesome days*

*He was our dear friend*

*Jette and Hans-Otto  
Denmark*

CY

“ For 11 years, Rob was my client and friend  
Unfortunately, I found out he was no more.

He was a good man, friendly, funny, energetic , and always excited to workout.  
Our workouts were filled laughter because Rob always told a joke. He will asked  
me about my family in Liberia, West Africa and my 5 years old son.

Rob's goals were to be strong and fit.

Some of Rob's fitness goals were to bench press 225lbs, do more pull-ups and  
push-ups.

He was excited when he got pretty close to his bench press goals. He bench  
pressed his personal record(PR) of 205lbs and did 50 push- ups during one of our  
sessions 🍌🍌🍌🍌

In this world where many things are short term, the client's and trainer's friendship  
blossomed.

We discussed training programs, politics, sports, the entertainment industry and  
more.

Rob will always send me links to his personal adventures and he will always  
mentioned those adventures when we met during training.

I remembered Rob talking about his driving adventures during one of our  
workouts. Rob sent me a video of his NASCAR experience. He was excited that  
he drove 16 laps in Sprint Cup car.

This post is a tribute to his incredible spirit, and to the trust he showed in me to  
help him reach his fitness goals years ago.

I never forget my clients and I can never forget a client like Rob. Heavens must  
be smiling, because his positivity will make them a better place. 🙏.

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**Cornelius Yoko** - October 04, 2023 at 10:58 AM

DH

“ Robbie lived next door in Houston. We each had single digit ages. Together we  
pretended to be Davy Crockett and Peter Pan... not at the same time. It WAS a  
time. We were simi-blood brothers which is a story and we moved though each  
other's lives since then with gaps and inevitable reconnections. We are surly of  
the same karass; until we meet again, he will be missed. My condolences to ALL  
his family.

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**David Hamill** - October 03, 2023 at 11:47 PM

LM

“ Robbie lived across the street from us in Stony Brook he dated my step sister Anne and he was such a friendly, funny and generous guy. He treated me like a younger sister and gave me advise about how to clean my room. He told me to make the bed then put everything on the bed and sort it all out from there. I am so sorry for his loss. He left us way too soon. PS love to Ricky and Jimmy I am so sorry I am sending you love and tenderness --Love Lizzie

Liz Matthews - October 03, 2023 at 08:53 PM

James Baquet

“ Robbie was a good friend, generous and understanding at a time when my life was turned upside down. Though I haven't seen him in years (decades!), I'm truly sorry he's gone from this earth.

James Baquet - October 03, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ I first met Rob when I was in radio and he was the Warner Bros. Rep. I liked him from the get go because he knew what he was doing and was good at it. Then years later when I went to work for Atlantic, we were together alot. Rob was a great guy and good friend....I will miss him....

Rod Tanner - October 03, 2023 at 07:20 PM

CH

“ As the wife of Margaret's eldest son, Rob and I had a special kinship. Rob was my "biggest fan" and was confident I'd be a good partner to Patrick after our first meeting over 10 yrs ago... Since then the four of us have spent such special time together. We'd have long dinners filled with laughter and wine and would enjoy ourselves so much that we'd lose track of time and regularly shut down restaurants. We became particularly close during the pandemic as we all were in Austin during lockdown and our dinner dates turned to our homes where no one could kick us out! Rob was a funny, witty, and wise man and my live was more enriched with him in it. Love you Rob, you are missed dearly.

Chandler Harrington - October 03, 2023 at 12:16 PM

PP

“ Rob helped me when I first got started in record promotion for Elektra in Houston when he was the Dallas rep. Sorry to hear of his passing, Death is not final but only a temporary separation. See you on the other side, my friend

Philip G Poulos - October 02, 2023 at 09:28 PM

MB

“ Rob and I worked together at several record companies. I have been posting about his change of cosmic address on Facebook. The outpouring of support for him has been AMAZING. He has a LOT of friends and fans. Mike Bone

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**Mike Bone** - October 02, 2023 at 08:59 PM

PA

“ From the day my Mom met Rob, I've always praised how amazing of a partner and husband he was to her. Rob coming in to our lives brought everyone together, and my relationship with my mother improved dramatically when he entered the picture. I'm heartbroken that Rob is no longer with us, but the positive affect that he's had on me and all of us will never change. Love and miss you. Patrick

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**Patrick** - October 02, 2023 at 08:31 PM