Robert B. Throm

August 23, 1931 - January 2, 2021

Robert Baker Throm, 89 , of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, died on Saturday, January 2nd 2021.

He will be remembered as a loving husband; dedicated father and grandfather; proud Marine; and successful businessman.

He was raised in Norfolk, Virginia, a town he remembered fondly throughout his life and the place where his beloved Aunt Elda lived for many years.

Enlisting in the Marine Corps on November 10th 1949, he rose from Private to Staff Sergeant before being commissioned Second Lieutenant in 1956, and retiring as Major in 1971. In Korea he served with the Seventh Marines., and in Vietnam with the 1st AmTrac Battalion as Executive Officer, Battalion Commander, and "A" Company Commander. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V," Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V," two Purple Hearts, two Combat Action Ribbons, The Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star, and the Korean Order of Military Merit Eulji Cordon Medal.

Major Throm was an active member of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania and the Valley Forge Marine Corps League Detachment. He was Commandant of Pennsylvania in 1978 and the 1984 Marine of the Year both in Pennsylvania and nationally. In 2000 he commissioned a stained-glass

window for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island Chapel memorializing thirteen of his fellow AmGrunts killed on January 20th 1968 at the start of the Tet Offensive. He was a supporter of the AmGrunt Memorial Fund Committee, National Museum of the Marine Corps, and the Marine Corps University Foundation.

After his retirement from the Marine Corps, Major Throm began a second career as a successful businessman and entrepreneur. He was Vice President and General Manager at Aloette Cosmetics and was instrumental in the company's initial public offering.

Major Throm was known for his love of backyard barbecues and family gatherings at his favorite restaurants. His baked beans and chicken wings, both made with his signature barbecue sauce, were legendary among family members.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years Patricia Ann (nee Shea) of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania whom he met at his first duty station, the Naval Supply Depot in Philadelphia; four children, Cynthia Kwasniewski (Tony) of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, Kimberly Throm (Stephen) of Clinton Corners, New York, Lindsay Throm (Philip) of Vienna, Virginia, and Robert B. Throm II of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; four grandsons, Anthony and Stephen Kwasniewski and Jackson and Connor Simon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral mass on Friday, January 8, 2021 at 10:30 am at St. Basil the Great R.C. Church, 2300 Kimberton Road, Kimberton. Officiating will be the Rev. Gary T. Pacitti. Friends will be received from 10:00 - 10:30 am. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Marine Corps University Foundation, P.O. Box 122, Quantico, VA 22134-0122.

Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

The funeral mass will be available via livestream on the Facebook page of St. Basil the Great. Please use this link to be directed to the Facebook page of St. Basil the Great. https://www.facebook.com/StBasilthegreat/

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **8**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Basil the Great R.C. Church
2300 Kimberton Road
Kimberton, PA 19442

Mass

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Tribute Wall

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Robert B. Throm

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - January 07, 2021 at 02:33 PM

RC

Major throm was a fine marine and a fine man who really cared about other people...I am saying prayers for all the throm family members and want them to celebrate his long life. Thank you one last time major throm for the beautiful stained glass window in the Paris island recruit chapel of the January 20th 1968 marines killed at cua viet that day. Simper fi and god bless you.

Robert cook in Saint Louis... and Vietnam 🇻🇳 67 and 68

robert cook - January 09, 2021 at 04:25 PM

BR

So sorry to read about the loss of our old friend. So many good times to remember. My most sincere condolences to Pat and the family. RIP Major Throm !

Barb Rambo

Barbara Rambo - January 08, 2021 at 03:43 PM

NH

From a neighbor and fellow Marine, Semper Fidelis and rest in peace Major Throm.

Colonel Neil Hartenstein

Neil Hartenstein - January 08, 2021 at 09:50 AM

WH

So many memories with Uncle Bob we would need a book to list them all. As a twelve year old I remember me and my mom driving Bob to Reedman's Motors in Langhorne, Pa to pick up his new 1959 Rambler station wagon. After our wedding Joanna and I stayed at at a Howard Johnson overnight then had breakfast at the Throm's before heading to the Poconos. While stationed in Japan we had a surprise visit from Major Throm at our off base house at Misawa, Air Force base. Then we have the backyard barbecues, the many dinners and birthday celebrations hosted by Pat and Bob and so many more memories to remember and relish. Bob had a good life with a loving family. We love him and will miss him so very much. Though not a Marine I wore two different uniforms in my life and I think it is ok for me to say, "Semper fidelis Uncle Bob."

Bill & Joanna Hitchner

William Hitchner - January 07, 2021 at 04:48 PM

CH

Memory Eternal. And may God’s peace and hope be with you.

Caroline Humphrey - January 06, 2021 at 10:21 AM

2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - January 06, 2021 at 01:42 AM

GI

My condolences to Pat and the family. I've known Major Throm for about 15 years when I held an office in the Valley Forge Det, MCL. He will be missed. Great stories at the Birthday Balls, when I was honored to sit at his table with his wife, Pat. Semper Fi, Marine.

Gene Irvin - January 05, 2021 at 03:05 PM

AP

Pat and Family.....
The Major has been ordered to report to our Supreme Commandant, where Chesty
and many of other warriors of our Corps have gone.
I have many fond memories of our respective family's over the last 50 years to many to
mention here.
he is now in a better place after serving our Country and Corps.
Al & Shelly Pasquale
SEMPER FIDELIS

Alfred {AL} Pasquale - January 05, 2021 at 12:54 PM

VR

My condolences to Pat and the family. I've known Major Throm for about 32 years through Marine Corps Detachment, Valley Forge. He was always a Marine and I looked up to him. He was so full of knowledge. He will be missed. God Bless as you report to your final duty station. Semper Fi

Virginia Rueber - January 05, 2021 at 11:38 AM

DA

Cindy and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in your memories.
Dana Herring

Dana - January 05, 2021 at 10:20 AM

SP

Syl and I offer our finest condolences on the passing of Major Throm, and we thank him for his service to our great nation.

Sal and Sylvia Katz of Phoenixville PA - January 04, 2021 at 09:52 PM

WD

Major THROM was Battalion Executive Officer of the first amphibian tractor battalion . The Tonkin Gulf was on our right. The demilitarized zone was our northern boundary. It was a hectic, combat tense situation. I was a major serving as the operations officer. Bob ensured that a huge range of responsibilities and tasks were smoothly conducted. Our battalion commander Lieutenant Colonel Toner held him in high regard as did I. I am scheduling a mass at our own church here in Boise Idaho for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace Semper Fi Walt DONOVAN Brigadier General United States Marine Corps retired

Walter Donovan - January 04, 2021 at 05:54 PM

DA

I will miss Uncle Bob. He really cared about his family and his extended family. He always hosted wonderful family reunions and togethers. He was always there for me when I needed advice. He was very special to mike and I.

Dawn Andonian - January 04, 2021 at 05:50 PM