



Robert Evan Leib

December 9, 1950 - May 23, 2024

Robert Evan Leib,

Known to his loved ones as Bob, passed away in his home on Thursday morning, May 23, 2024, at the age of 73. He is survived by his wife, Felice; his children Melissa (Brian), Ted (Libby), and Andrew; and his grandchildren Brooks, Oliver, Jonathan, Vivian, and Penny, who affectionately called him Zadie.

Born on December 9, 1950, in Los Angeles at Temple Hospital, Bob was a mentor and role model for his younger brothers Sam (Rosalie), Mitch (Stacy), and Dan (Judy). He was an extraordinary athlete and sports fanatic, playing in the 1965 U.S. Western Regional Championship. He played on the University of Wisconsin Hockey team in 1968, donating his front teeth to the sport during practice. He was the first stick boy for the NHL team "The Kings" when they moved to Los Angeles. He was also a lifelong skilled golfer and would custom-build clubs in his basement workshop. He shared his love of sports with his sons, son-in-law, brothers, and grandsons.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he attended law school and became a member of the California and Wisconsin Bar. He received a Master's in Tax Law from Boston University, earning a C.P.A. degree, and went on to become a Global Partner with the worldwide

accounting firm Arthur Andersen and Company. His practice focused on professional sports team franchising and stadium financing, which led to the formation of his own firm, The Leib Group. Bob participated in monumental transactions in the MLB (Los Angeles Dodgers), NHL (Pittsburgh Penguins, Minnesota Wild, and Nashville Predators), NBA (Milwaukee Bucks, Boston Celtics, Golden State Warriors), and the creation of the Jackie Robinson Ballpark. His experience and intellect were widely respected and sought by team owners in the US and Europe in both soccer and the entertainment industries.

Bob had an analytical and curious mind that transcended bias or mere subjectivity. He was a voracious reader, especially of WWII history and British spy novels.

Bob could tell a story like no other, almost all of which were humorous and self-deprecating. He'd tell jokes and laugh so hard in the process that you'd end up laughing harder at him cracking up instead of the joke itself. His long-term memory was remarkable, recalling details from decades past, yet still occasionally misplacing where he parked his car - a quirk that only added to his charm.

He absolutely loved music and delighted in niche blues and classic rock like Rory Gallagher and Dire Straits. He loved playing guitar with his sons, as well as collecting and rebuilding obscure Japanese vintage guitars.

Bob was happiest when surrounded by family. As a father, one of his remarkable qualities was his sage advice-giving. He possessed an art of offering support and guiding through life's decisions without imposing his solutions. With attentive ears and a non-judgmental demeanor (mostly), he was a steadfast supporter, instilling the belief that no challenge was insurmountable. His warmth extended to his kids' circle of friends, who found in him a welcoming presence.

There were two types of people on this earth: those who loved Bob Leib, and those who didn't know him. May his memory be a blessing.

Bob is also survived by his nieces and nephews; brothers and sisters-in-law, and his mother-in-law, Renee Diamond. He was predeceased by his parents, Norman and Charlotte Leib; his grandparents, Samuel and Dora Leibowitz and Birdie and Earl Kolen; his first wife, Barbara Jean Hoesly Leib; her parents, Bob and Olga Hoesly; his friend and father-in-law, Leo Diamond; his sister-in-law, Ilene Diamond; and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at Congregation Sinai, 8223 N. Port Washington Rd., Fox Point. Interment will follow at Mound Zion Cemetery, 14510 W. North Ave., Brookfield. Donations to the New York City Hope Lodge can be made at <https://cancer.org/hopelodgeenycdonate> <<https://cancer.org/hopelodgeenycdonate>>.

Following burial at Cong Sinai until 4 PM. Tuesday; also Tuesday and Wednesday 6-8 PM at 9704 N Lake Drive, Bayside.

Cemetery Details

Mound Zion Cemetery

14510 W. North Ave.
Mound Zion Cemetery, WI 53005

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Congregation Sinai
8223 N. Port Washington Rd.
Fox Point, WI 53217

Burial

MAY 28 (CT)

Mound Zion Cemetery
14510 W. North Ave.
Brookfield, WI 53005

Tribute Wall

DF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He and I were pledge brothers in 1971. I've only seen him once since graduation but I remember him well. He was always positive and fun. I don't know if he could actually play the guitar but he'd strum a few chords and come up with very creative and humorous lyrics off the top of his head. A wonderful person
My deepest sympathy to the family and all who knew him
Dan Fields

Dan Fields - May 31, 2024 at 04:56 PM

DM

“ Bob and Sam and my brother Ed and I were like brothers in Van Nuys. Bob was a giant role model to me. I was also eventually a stickboy for the Kings... Great times. Most everything I learned in sports was learned playing stickball in Van Nuys at the Leib's house. His dad would make us this amazing spaghetti after playing all day. And his Mom was a great kind soul to put up with us:)

Dale Magnin - May 28, 2024 at 08:52 PM

SL

Dale- all true. You and Edgar were so close to Bob and I. Wonderful memories. Many of the highlights of Bobs adolescence were with the two of you. Sam

sam leib - January 04, 2025 at 01:59 PM

MS

“ Our condolences to you and the family.

Matthew Sepersky - May 28, 2024 at 11:03 AM

JB

“ To quote an unknown source- *What makes a friend a good friend? A Good friend will show a genuine interest in what's going on in your life, what you have to say, and how you think and feel. Accept you for who you are. Listening to you attentively without judging you, telling you how to feel or think , or trying to change the subject.....That is Bob Leib. A great friend and so much more, yes, a Mensch. RIP.*

Jeff Bensman - May 24, 2024 at 05:22 PM