



## Robert B. Sayers

May 6, 1946 - July 24, 2016

Robert B. Sayers of Treasure Island, FL and Harwich, MA passed away on July 24, 2016 in South Pasadena, FL. He is survived by his brother John of North Haven and the loves of his life, his niece Beth (John) Van Slyke of Seattle, WA and his nephew Mark (Kelly) Sayers of Stamford. He is also survived by his grand nephew, John R. Van Slyke IV. He was born in New Haven to John H. and Veronica Gleason Sayers and was a graduate of Boston College and received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Simmons College. He was employed by the General Accounting Office as an auditor and subsequently by Lifespan Health System. Bob was a loving brother and uncle and will be missed.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday morning, August 3 from 10:00 until 11:00 at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 am in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Burial will follow at St. Marys Cemetery. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

3102 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

AUG 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
[siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

## Funeral service

AUG 3. 11:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church  
2819 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

GK

“ George and Vicki Killgoar purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert B. Sayers.



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**George and Vicki Killgoar** - August 01, 2016 at 01:28 PM

LL

“ Lou Lucas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert B. Sayers.



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**Lou Lucas** - July 31, 2016 at 10:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert B. Sayers.



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July 31, 2016 at 12:37 PM

DH

“ I worked with Bob for many years at GAO. There was no one who had more knowledge about the Medicare program - he was the expert and always willing to share his knowledge. I was very sad to hear of his passing. A great guy with a huge smile. I can't attend his service but would like to make a donation in his name. If the family has a specific charity they believe would honor Bob's memory, please add it to the obituary. Wishing the family peace and courage in the difficult days ahead.

*Denise Hunter, GAO colleague*

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**Denise Hunter** - July 31, 2016 at 08:20 AM

WS

“ Bob and I were friends for nearly 30 years. He and I worked together on a couple of Medicare jobs for GAO. Bob took great interest in my professional development and I learned what a great guy he was. We played a lot of golf and tennis together, and I have to say he was a better tennis player than golfer. In 1983 we started playing fantasy football together and it was that activity that kept us in touch throughout the years. Bob was a valued colleague, avid sports fan, and good friend. He will be missed.

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**Wayne Sylvia** - July 31, 2016 at 06:09 AM

BM

“ Bob was the first person I talked to at GAO-Boston. I was scheduled to start in February of 1969 and there was a blizzard so I called to say I could not make it from RI. Bob answered the phone and said "that's OK, people can't make it from Brookline!!" When he found out I needed a place to stay in Boston, he and his BC buddies offered me an extra room they had until I could find an apartment. He was a great friend and one of the kindest people I've known. I have been getting together with him each winter when I go to Florida and will miss seeing him. Rest in piece dear friend.

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**Bill Moffitt** - July 30, 2016 at 08:10 PM

KG

“ We are very sad about Bob's passing. We know he was a great brother and outstanding Uncle to Beth and Mark who must be so very sad but have so many fond memories of their many wonderful times with Uncle Robert My husband Kenneth es;epically shares many BC memories, the BC alums have a tight bond and it has endured over 55 years==Our love and sympathy to the entire family loosing Bob must be very hard especially since Mary has left us all also. They must be having a joyful reunion in Heaven for that is where they definately are. God Bless. Kaye Gnazzo, Ken too

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**Kaye Gnazzo** - July 30, 2016 at 03:13 PM



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July 30, 2016 at 02:14 PM



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July 30, 2016 at 01:30 PM

TM

“ bob was a great neighbor and a friend. he was also the president of his treasure island fl condo where he did a great job. we used to get a real thrill when we would see bobs face light up when his cat would arrive a couple of days after his arrival via the pet taxi. there is a void in our condo community and he will be missed dearly. prayers for the entire sayer family.  
tom and sandy mcgoff

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**tom mcgoff** - July 30, 2016 at 12:40 PM

DG

“ Bob was a great guy to work with. Always a big smile that brightened the office. Fond memories.  
Diana Gilman

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**Diana Gilman** - July 29, 2016 at 08:10 PM

TT

“ Bob and I shared many laughs when we worked at GAO. We were stuck in the little town of Gettysburgh, South Dakota during a blizzard for 4 days. As word spread through the town that feds were in town, Bob got a kick out of the fact that people came out on their snowmobile during the blizzard to see someone from the federal government.

Bob loved sports and Boston College and we had many discussion about BC and my school, Florida State. He will be missed by many people. I am very sorry for you loss.

Tom Taydus

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**Tom Taydus** - July 29, 2016 at 02:57 PM

VF

“ A friend to all, good natured, great BC sports fan!

vince forte - July 29, 2016 at 02:03 PM

LL

*Bob's condominium in Hopkington was several blocks away from the starting line of the Boston Marathon. I know because in 1979 and for 3 or 4 years after that he let me and a few runner friends use the place as a staging area while awaiting the start of the 26-mile race. It relaxed us and took some of the pressure off. It was a very gratuitous and gracious thing for him to do. While at GAO we worked closely during the years I was there, especially on the medicare program but on many other assignments as well. I remember a very intelligent, cooperative, honest, curious and well liked person who you always wanted on your team whatever the assignment. Great memories.*

Louis Lucas - July 31, 2016 at 08:51 PM

MO

*I was one of Bob's coworkers at GAO for 13 years and also got to know him personally as we became carpool buddies for a few years as well as occasional weekend golf partners. He was as generous, easy going and good natured a person as you will ever meet. My condolences to his family on their loss.*

*Mark O'Malley*

Mark O'Malley - August 01, 2016 at 01:04 PM