



Robert E Henabery

September 12, 1926 - January 22, 2020

Robert E. Henabery, 93 of Sterling, Virginia passed on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at Heritage Hall in Leesburg, Virginia.

Born Sunday, September 12, 1926 in Los Angeles, California, he was the son of the late Joseph Henabery and the late Rose Lillian Nolan Henabery.

Robert was preceded in death by his first and second wife, Jeanne D. Henabery, and Susan C. Henabery.

He is survived by his son, Michael Cremins (Andrea), daughters, Kathryn M. Baker (Rodger) of Sterling, VA and Jennifer Markley, Grandchildren Patrick and Sarah McBride, Eileen and Brendan Cremins, Selia and Aidan Markley, and Nephew William Figueroa.

Bob was a Broadcaster Extraordinaire. He graduated from Fordham University with a degree in Communication Studies and shortly afterwards landed at ABC Radio as a Director of Programming. He left the corporate world to become his own boss. He founded Bob Henabery and Associates, his radio consulting business that he had for 30 years.

In 1976, Bob was asked by ABC to prepare a report for the United States Federal Communication Commission in defense of equitable distribution of radio services. The Henabery Report stated that broadcast programming, determined by competition, had produced a wide diversity in formats, necessitating a wide variety of licenses. As a result, Henabery was a force in getting the FCC to alter the manner in which radio licenses were offered to different entities.

A Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday February 7, 2020 at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church located at 101 Oakcrest Manor Drive NE Leesburg, Virginia 20176.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation can be made to the ALS Association, DC MD VA Chapter by clicking here(<https://secure2.convio.net/alsa/site/Donation2;jsessionid=000000>)

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Events

FEB **Mass of Catholic Burial** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

101 Oak Crest Manor Drive, Leesburg, VA, US, 20176

Comments



“ I am very sorry for the loss of Bob Henaberry.
I thank the family for his years of service at RKO General, and later at ABC; and for all of his expertise in what made Radio Formats work.

Matthew Parij - September 06, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ When I was 17, I read that talk WNAC would be changing to Top 40 WRKO. Being the clueless young teen that I was, I contacted morning man Roy Leonard with an offer to write free comedy liners for him. Roy told me he was leaving WNAC, but put me in touch with program director Bob Henabery. Bob met with me several times and eventually hired me to spend my summer before college writing for new morning man Al Gates and answering the WRKO Hit Line. Over the next four years I stayed in touch with Bob, who had gone on to run ABC's owned AM & FM radio stations nationwide. Shortly after I graduated, Bob hired me as an on air “jock” for ABC's FM stations in San Francisco and then Chicago. Shortly after I moved to Chicago, I met my wife. This past February, we celebrated our 46th anniversary. Everything I've become I owe to Bob's patience, faith and compassion. He was a great mentor and an an equally great human being.

Richard Stadlen - April 01, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ I first met Mr. Henabery at the N-Y Historical Society, after watching a preview of the first part of Ken Burns' Civil War documentary. He raised his hand to ask Mr. Burns a question, and identified himself as Joseph Henabery's son. Afterwards, i went over to introduce myself as a fellow who was making a study of actors who've played Lincoln in movies and TV, and that it was great to meet him.

I later phoned him to ask if he had any papers or pictures about his dad's role as Lincoln, and he said he had very little, but I was welcome to come over to his apartment to look at them. I think he said that he had already donated most of it to AMPAS. During my visit he asked me if I wanted one of his father's canceled checks. I couldn't believe it. He let me look through about fifty of them until I found one that looked the best and didn't have a cancellation holes over the signature. He wouldn't take any money from me.

He never bothered to tell me that he had once worked at ABC Radio in NY. And conversely, I never bothered to tell him that I was working as an audio engineer at ABC-TV (which was just around the corner from ABC Radio)!

Sometime later, his biography about his father was published and he surprised me by sending me a copy, gratis, which he inscribed and signed for me.

A few years later, I was slated to give my talk on the Lincoln actors topic at Ford's Theatre. By then he was living in Virginia, and I invited him to attend. He did, and I was thrilled. After the conclusion of my talk, I introduced him from the audience. He got a kick out of that and said he really enjoyed my presentation. He was always so nice to me. I hope his last years were good ones. My condolences to his family. RIP, Bob.

Richard Sloan - April 23, 2020 at 11:22 PM