

# Robert Thomas Nast



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Robert Thomas (Bob) Nast age 79 of Oxnard CA passed away suddenly on October 13, 2024. Bob was born in Philadelphia, PA on January 24th, 1945 (along with his identical twin brother Richard) to William and Ellen Nast, of Nanticoke and Kingston, PA, respectively.

Siblings: The late William F. Nast, IV of West Chester, PA and Richard G. Nast of Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico.

Bob's family moved to Goshenville, PA when he was in grade school. Bob graduated from West Chester High School (now known as B. Reed Henderson High School) in 1962. He went on to earn a B.A. from Villanova University where he ran track and competed in the Penn Relays (the oldest and largest track & field competition in the United States), and an M.S. in Management from the University of Laverne as well as extensive course work in HAZMAT Management from University of California, Santa Barbara. Bob was proud to have served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam era as a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter pilot. While he never deployed to Vietnam while on active duty with the USMC, as a Department of Defense employee he spent a few years in Vietnam during hostilities and was the Defense Attaché Office Senior Logistics Advisor to the Vietnamese Navy. He was among the last US personnel to evacuate from Vietnam when Saigon fell in 1975.

As a career civil servant over his 35 year career, Bob enjoyed postings in Italy, Germany, Washington, DC and Port Hueneme. In Italy he served as the Assistant Support Office of the Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily. While in Germany Bob was the Project Manager for Non-Tactical Vehicles for US forces. He worked with the Defense Logistics Agency as the Project Manager for Non-Lethal Support for Afghan Rebels in support of the War on Terror. Bob's final posting prior to retirement was in the Washington, DC area where he managed the Littoral Combat Ship Program for the Department of the Navy.

Retirement from civil service did not slow him down. Bob was an active environmentalist who advocated against fracking and for baseline water testing to protect water users all over the country. He was elected as a member of the Board of Directors for Channel Islands Beach Community Services District in 2017 (he liked to joke that this is a water board but not a verb). His passion to protect human health and the environment was inspiring. He often signed off his emails with "Know where your food comes from and where your garbage goes."

Bob loved to golf and had 4 holes in one! He loved to fish and won big fish of the year at the Channel Islands Yacht Club with a 60-lb. white sea bass several years ago. He enjoyed being an active member of the CIYC, often attending special events there with his wife Pam, whom he adored. He loved animals, especially his two little dogs. They were members of the family. When he was posted on the East Coast, he enjoyed attending the annual Army/Navy rivalry football game in Philadelphia with his nephew Jeffrey who is an Army veteran. As a USMC veteran, Bob rooted for Navy, while Jeffrey rooted for Army. Bob was usually the happy one at the conclusion of the game.

He was as technically savvy as nearly anyone in his generation, utilizing Skype, email, text, and other electronic means to keep in touch with friends and family and conduct his environmental public service and activism. Bob was generous with his time and resources and valued time spent with family. He and Pam were enthusiastic and welcoming hosts to visitors to their Oxnard home. He was always good for a witty one-liner which elicited

groans as often as genuine laughs. He will be sorely missed by not only his family but by all those who had the honor and privilege to know him.


Bob was preceded in death by his wonderful parents William and Ellen and his older brother William.

Bob is survived by his second wife Pamela, twin brother Richard (wife Annie), daughter Abby Marsh (grandson Maxwell), stepsons Patrick Coray (wife Jennifer, grandson Kevin & granddaughter Emma), Elven Webb (wife Laura, grandsons Connor & Duncan, granddaughters Aurora and Cassia), nephews Dr. J.B. Nast (wife Carrie, grandnieces Juliette and Maggie, grandnephew Justin), Jeffrey Nast, Esq. (wife Jennifer, grandnieces Olivia and Ava, grandnephew Maximus), and Sister-in-law Barbara Nast.

Celebration of life will be held on January 24, 2025 at Channel Islands Yacht Club. In lieu of flowers please donate in his name to The Humane Society or Food and Water Watch.

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