



## Robert Killough III

March 9, 1931 - February 14, 2025

Robert “Bob” Killough, 3rd, died peacefully at the Novant Presbyterian Hospice on Valentine’s Day, 2025, surrounded by family and friends. Almost 94 years young – and perhaps almost 95 though we will never know for sure – he lived a full life with a spirit for adventure from earning a private pilot’s license to scuba diving to sailing boats in rough weather. Born in Philadelphia, he spent half of his life in that area, then moved to Connecticut and eventually settled in Charlotte, NC. Drafted into the Army during the Korean War, Bob became a Captain and taught Morse code. Due to the draft, Bob missed finishing his final year at Muhlenberg College, and eventually earned a BA from Temple University. He attended the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia for two years, but ultimately chose a career as a contractor building homes and doing housing remodeling. He was always appreciated for his most beautiful carpentry work. An avid reader, walker, and dog lover, Bob was known for his storytelling and always welcomed a good debate. He was also known for his booming voice, which did not lessen with age. Bob was predeceased by his son, Dr. Steven F. Killough (Anne Strong Killough), and is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth D. Killough (Gilbert Frost), three grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and awesome friends. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Humane Society of the US, 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20037

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Robert Killough



Elizabeth Killough - March 07, 2025 at 11:31 AM

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Elizabeth Killough - March 05, 2025 at 05:20 PM

LA

“ Our family met Bob at Dish in Plaza Midwood a few times. He was so kind. Always in the same booth. May he rest in peace.

Lauren Allen - February 23, 2025 at 10:18 AM

RI

“ I met Bob for just 30 minutes when I photographed him for SouthPark Magazine. I have never forgotten his wonderful outgoing personality. I have some wonderful photographs of him. I would be more than happy to send them to the family. Please reach out to me. [info@richardisrael.com](mailto:info@richardisrael.com) and I'll get them right to you.

Richard Israel - February 21, 2025 at 08:23 AM

EK

*Thank you, Richard! Just sent you an email. Yes, indeed, my dad was quite outgoing. I look forward to your photos!*

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**Elizabeth Killough** - February 22, 2025 at 02:04 PM

JK

“*Bob used to live at the end of the street of the coffee shop my wife and I own. Up until the tree fell on his house before Covid and he moved to a different part of the neighborhood, for the first 12 years we were open he would come in at least twice a day for a cup of coffee and a pastry. I was fortunate to get to know him, have countless cups of coffee with him and listen to his endless stories that were always interesting. He was always so kind to us and our staff over the years. He was loved by all. To the point when our staff raised money and donated their own tips to help him get new dentures. A truly kind and gentle soul that will be missed. May his memory be eternal.*

*Jimmy and Louisa Kleto*

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**Jimmy Kleto** - February 20, 2025 at 09:16 AM

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*Jimmy & Louisa, my dad LOVED Central Coffee. You were his first stop every day and he was so disappointed to have to move away from the neighborhood. He brought my brother and me to your shop whenever we visited. Thank you for your love and support! (And I totally can't believe that Louisa is the beautiful daughter of a former board president of mine -- small world indeed!)*

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**Elizabeth Killough** - February 22, 2025 at 02:04 PM