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Bob Foland moved his family to Florida from upstate New York in 1951 with a handpainted "Florida or Bust" sign attached to the side of the truck loaded with all the family possessions. He established Foland Insurance Agency in Orlando. Later as owner of the Village Gallery on Orange Ave., he learned to make frames and restore artwork. After his marriage to Beverly in 1982, he became co-owner of Beverly's Bridals and ran the tuxedo side of the business.

Memories that Bob cherished most included being a member of the first graduating class of helicopter pilots at Chanute Field, Illinois. He served in WWII performing helicopter search and rescue of downed pilots in the China Sea and later flying cargo between Burma and China.

Bob was renowned for his story-telling ability and for his memory of a huge repertoire of jokes. He loved to act, dance and sing. He had been a member of the Orange Blossom Barbershop Chorus, the Silvertones, and the Krooners. He was an active member of Toastmasters Orlando and received numerous awards for public speaking.

Born in Canastota, New York to William and Lamoine Foland, Bob was the

middle son with brothers Bill and Don Foland. He enjoyed his family and will be great missed by all of them. Remembering him always are his wife Beverly, son Steve and his wife Kay; daughter Debbie Boise; stepson Bob Haw; stepson Kevan Mull and wife Cathleen; grandchildren Lisa Foland Esmond and husband Mike, Bill Foland, Ben Boise and wife Libby, Gary Haw and wife Allison, Julie Haw Hawke and husband Mark, Chance Haw, Melissa Mull Youmans and husband Micah, Wesley, Logan, Joanna, and Benjamin Mull; thirteen great-grandchildren (Haw, Hawke, Esmond, and Foland) and many nieces and nephews.

The family appreciates the outstanding, loving care given to Bob by VITAS Hospice Team 1716. Their compassion and attention to Bob and his family were a special blessing.

The family is planning a memorial celebration at the J. Douglas Williams YMCA, 665 Longwood Lake Mary Rd, Lake Mary, FL 32746 on Friday, July 8, at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the J. Douglas Williams YMCA or to VITAS Healthcare, 2201 Lucien Way, Suite 100, Maitland, FL 32751.

Tribute Wall

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“ Bob was a good friend, always had a gleam in his eye and a joke on the tip of his tongue. I lived across the street from Bob and Bev for the better part of 30 years. Bob and I met most mornings or afternoons walking our dogs. Bob always had not one but multiple jokes and I always laughed sincerely at each as he told them. One of the nice parts about that was my short memory for jokes. I could laugh at the same joke more then once a month.

We also had a special connection, one that comes with serving your country. Although over 20 years apart in age, the connection was one of a brotherhood that is only known by those that serve in the military. Bob flew helicopters and I rode a diesel submarine...about as far apart as possible. His passion high in the air and mine deep under the sea.

I loved his stories as well, they were always delivered with passion and detail and kept your attention along with smiles and nods of understanding . Bob was a true friend, something hard to find and something that must be cherished.

During Bob's final months we visited Perks for breakfasts and I visited him to let him know that would not be forgotten. Bob told me many times during those last months what a wonderful person and wife Bev was and how he worried for he when he would be gone. My wife Roxanne put it best when she wrote, Bob is one in 10 million and a true friend. He will be Missed in so many ways. a loving neighbor, Ken Koller

Ken Koller - July 05, 2016 at 09:49 AM

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“ *The first and only time I met Bob was at a sorority couples dinner where I was fortunate to be seated with him and Bev. I was struck by the warmth, respect and love they exuded. Dinner conversation was so interesting! I thought then that they were a very intelligent couple who deserved one another. I am so sorry for your loss, Bev.*

Janice Ferguson - June 27, 2016 at 01:22 PM

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“ *Bob was always delightful to be around! He was always friendly, funny and a big tease! I remember many holidays with him and Bev, and their awesome cooking. He loved cooking salmon on the grill, and it was delicious! The grandchildren loved to sing for him when they were small, and they always knew Grandpa Bob would be a captive audience. Easter egg hunts and boating on the lake behind his house were fond memories. He will surely be missed by many!*

Terri Kimmig - June 25, 2016 at 12:02 PM