



## Mr. Robert Dean Fink

December 29, 1947 - December 14, 2020

Robert “Bob” D. Fink, 72, died on Monday, December 14, 2020. Born December 29, 1947 in Boston, MA, he was the son of the late Boyd William Fink and Genevieve Marie Cornwell Fink.

A member of Northeast United Methodist Church, Bob was a faithful follower of Christ. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam Conflict as a sniper with the 1st Marine Division, receiving two purple hearts; and following his military service, he went on to study Criminal Justice and earned his Bachelor’s degree at Central Missouri State University. Bob enjoyed the outdoors, especially anything related to the water, as he loved to go kayaking, fishing and sailing. A Past-Commodore of the Central Oklahoma Sailing Association and Central States Sailing Assn. Bob was an advocate for recreational sailing and racing, and some of his dearest friendships were formed at the lake. He worked in numerous fields, including as an undercover narcotics agent, and later as an insurance adjuster and in that role he helped many families following the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in April, 1995. Bob was a wonderful storyteller and had a famously dry and often sarcastic sense of humor, which he kept to the end. Most of all, Bob loved his family, and was deeply proud of watching his grandchildren grow and achieve their dreams.

Survivors include his loving wife, Joy D. Fink; daughter, Bonnie Riley (Sean); and grandchildren, Benjamin Cash, Jacob Robert, and Lydia E. K. Riley.

A memorial service will be held at 10 o’clock, Friday, December 18, 2020, at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel with The Rev. Robin Griffeth officiating. The family will greet friends following the service. All are welcome to attend; however, masks are required, and social distancing is enforced to maintain a safe environment for all. For those unable to attend, a livestream may be viewed by visiting Bob’s tribute page at [ShivesFuneralHome.com](http://ShivesFuneralHome.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Northeast United Methodist Church, 4000

Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223.

# Events

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**DEC** **Memorial Service** 10:00AM

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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel

7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Shives Funeral Home** - December 18, 2020 at 09:28 AM

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Shives Funeral Home** - December 17, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Loved Bob!

**John Lockstd** - December 18, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ One of the really good guys!

**John Lockard** - December 18, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ Bob's sense of humor provided me with lots of joy!!

**tammie sloop** - December 18, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ Great video tribute to a great guy. RIP, Brother Man!

Freddy

**Freddy Leggett** - December 18, 2020 at 12:58 PM

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“ Years ago, when Julie and I started sailing at COSA and CSSA events, it was always a pleasure to be greeted by Bob and Joy. Bob made sure that all felt welcomed. When Bob wasn't racing with Joy, both would volunteer their time to organize and run races for the rest of us. We still appreciate the time, effort and service Bob devoted to the sport.

Joy and Bonnie, our hearts and prayers go out to you and your beautiful family.

Andy and Julie

**Julie Davison** - December 19, 2020 at 03:21 PM

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“ 55 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Shives Funeral Home** - December 17, 2020 at 07:18 PM

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“ I will truly miss Bob, we first met when I was just taking sailing and helped out by introduce us to the sailing community on Lake Hefner. Bob and Joy were the sparkplug for C.O.S.A. and made all of our events fun. Bob's dedication to the sport inspired a good number lubbers to become sailors.

Mike Anderson

**Mike Anderson** - December 17, 2020 at 05:15 PM

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“ I remember how welcoming Bob was when Lori and I brought our first sailboat (Sweet 16) to Lake Hefner. Bob and Joy's encouragement went a long way and we still sail today, albeit a slightly larger boat. Bob was always super nice to us and I am sure he will be missed greatly.

**Steve Meyer** - December 17, 2020 at 08:25 AM

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“ I knew "Bob from the Sailing Community. we often sailed against each other in Regatta's as well as on Lake Hefner. Rest in Peace Bob, Sail on!



Scott Law - December 16, 2020 at 06:47 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Dean Fink.



December 16, 2020 at 04:06 PM

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“ Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Dean Fink.



December 16, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Dean Fink.



December 16, 2020 at 11:16 AM