



## Obituary

**Born:** Wednesday, June 8, 1932

**Died:** Saturday, January 5, 2013

WATSON, Robert (Bob) K., 80, of Belmont, died at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital on January 5, 2013. Born on June 8, 1932 in Cambridge, he was the beloved son of Mary Ellen Keith and John Francis Watson. Bob is survived by his wife Elizabeth (Betsy) Delaney Watson, his three children Susan E. Watson, Stacey E. Watson and R. Keith Watson, Jr., and his granddaughter Marie L. Sutkowski, who lovingly referred to him as "Big Da." He is also survived by his sister Janet Watson Murphy, his sister-in-law Jane Rittenburg Delaney and his many nieces and nephews. Bob will be remembered as a dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was known for his quiet, competent manner, debonair style and dry wit. A life-long student, he received his AB from Harvard College and later earned a CLU and CPCU from Northeastern University and an MBA from Suffolk University. After he graduated from Harvard College in 1955, Bob joined the United States Air Force where he became a special weapons officer. He served his country throughout the United States and at Itazuke Air Base in Fukuoka, Japan.

Bob went to work in the insurance brokerage business at John C. Paige & Co. in 1958. He started as a broker and rose to general partner. In 1972, the company merged with Fred S. James & Co. where he served as vice president until 1977 when he joined Driscoll-Pearce Insurance, Inc. During his long tenure in the insurance industry he was also affiliated with Northstar Insurance Services and, most recently, Deland Gibson Insurance Associates.

Bob was a member of the Belmont Hill Alumni Association, a Belmont Town Meeting Member and the Belmont Insurance Review Committee. He was also a member of Winchester Country Club, the Algonquin Club, the Harvard Club of Boston and the Boston Madison Square Garden Club. Bob was an avid music lover, a passionate college ice hockey fan and an ocean enthusiast who traveled near and far to go to a good beach. Throughout his life, he also enjoyed sailing, boating, and golfing, most especially on Martha's Vineyard.

Funeral from the Short, Williamson Funeral Home, 52 Trapelo Road, BELMONT, Friday, January 11, at 9:30 a.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph Parish, 130 Common Street in Belmont at 10:30 a.m. Visiting hours: Thursday, January 10, from 4:00-7:00 pm in the funeral home Interment: Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, 330 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215 or Belmont Hill School, 350 Prospect st. Belmont, MA 02478. For online guestbook, please visit

## Service Summary

### Visitation

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thu Jan 10, 2013

### Short, Williamson & Diamond

52 Trapelo Road  
Belmont, MA 02478

### Funeral Mass

10:30 AM Fri Jan 11, 2013

### St. Joseph's Church

130 Common Street  
Belmont, MA 02478

<http://www.swdfuneralhome.com/obits>.