

Robert Calvin Sutliff



Robert Calvin Sutliff died April 7, 2023. He was born on December 8, 1937.

Cal spent a lifetime pursuing three main passions: serving his county as a Navy submariner; using his entrepreneur skills as a pioneer in the field of cable TV; earning recognition and acclaim as a national and international champion rower.

After graduating as a Company Commander from the US Naval Academy, Cal served as chief engineering officer on the submarine USS Piper (SS-409) for five years. He then went on to earn an MBA degree from Harvard Business School.

Cal began his professional career by operating cablevision systems for two large nationally owned companies. He served as president of state and regional TV organizations. He was a pioneer entrepreneur, owning and operating his own cable systems throughout the United States.

After retirement Cal began his rowing career. He won 130 gold medals in national and international competition. He rowed in both heavyweight and lightweight categories. His favorite moments were spent in his single shell on the Potomac River.

Cal will be remembered for his boundless sense of curiosity. His profound knowledge included: history, astronomy, botany, wildlife, meteorology, photography, music, art, theater, and ballet - just to name a few. He was an avid fly fisherman, an enthusiastic birdwatcher, and a devoted cat whisperer. Most of all, he will be remembered for his kindness and compassion which touched both friends and strangers alike.

Undoubtedly, the greatest joy in Cal's life came from his wife, Linda, whom he met as a teenager, and his beautiful daughter, Robin.

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