



## Dr. Robert Ernest Yantorno

July 13, 2020 - October 14, 2020

Dr. Robert Ernest Yantorno

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Dr. Robert Ernest Yantorno of Englewood, FL on October 14, 2020, at the age of 81 years.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of almost 40 years, Kim Yantorno, children Robert E. (Anita) Yantorno Jr. and Thomas R. Yantorno, brother Duane Yantorno, sisters Judy Gavin, Dena Diaz, and Dianne Ritchey, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, relatives, and countless friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Dorothy (Padgett) and Ernest Yantorno, and former wife, Roberta (Houle) Yantorno.

Robert was born in Denver, Colorado. At a young age his loves were fishing, camping, hunting and Harley Davidson motorcycles. He joined the Navy at 17 and served on a destroyer, and traveled extensively to many ports of call. After serving four years he returned to school, receiving a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island and eventually a Ph.D. in Bioengineering from the University of Pennsylvania. It was at Penn he met his future wife, Kim, and they would spend their first year as newlyweds living in Osaka, Japan, where he held a post-doctoral position at Osaka University. Robert was a well-respected part of Temple University's faculty for 28 years. During that time, he taught in the Electrical Engineering Department, where he was full professor. However, towards the end of his tenure he developed and taught a course on investing for non-business majors, a course that today enrolls over a thousand students per semester. It was his enjoyment of all aspects of the stock market and investing that spurred the development of this course and he sincerely enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others. He was a true teacher and mentor.

Bob and Kim traveled the world as avid scuba divers, spent time in Africa on safari and had a wonderful family trip to the Mediterranean. But as much as they enjoyed all these adventures, in later years they also enjoyed the quiet of Chappaquiddick and Englewood, FL.

He will be missed by all that knew him and will be buried at sea by the U.S. Navy, his long-time wish to become part of the circle of life and to spend eternity in the medium he loved most...the ocean.

Anyone wishing to make a donation is encouraged to contribute to one of the following:  
The International Rescue Committee (<https://www.rescue.org/>, International Rescue Committee, P.O. Box 6068, Albert Lea, MN 56007-9847) or Miracle Feet (<https://www.miraclefeet.org/donate>, 107 Conner Drive, Suite 230, Chapel Hill, NC 27514).  
Englewood Community Funeral Home with Private Crematory has been selected to handle arrangements. You may share a memory at [www.inglewoodfh.com](http://www.inglewoodfh.com)

# Comments

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“ "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."  
A quote from Dr.Seuss - Love to Bob's friends and family from  
Linda and Mark Peterson

**Linda Peterson** - December 13, 2020 at 06:44 PM

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“ My condolences to Bobby and Tommy from Butchie Jordan from the 7100 block of  
Radbourne Road, Upper Darby, PA

**Butch** - November 19, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ Thanks, Butch  
**Bobby** - January 08 at 09:00 AM



“ Your presence will be missed. Your memory will be treasured

**CP** - November 13, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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**CP** - November 13, 2020 at 08:40 AM

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“ This is a beautiful tribute. I would like to add a little more. It comes from a deep and abiding love i have always had for "S.R." as i always addressed Robert, and he always signed. It stands for "Sir Robert", which frames him so well: noble, yes. high-thinking, yes. innovative with a unique view of the world, yes. highest standards of life, yes. profound lover of education and teaching, yes, like no other, whether in an academic institution or any other environment. S.R.'s habitat was, and continues to be, any arena filled with life and beauty. My pockets and heart are filled with all his insights. i have always looked out through his lenses, and will continue to pass his thoughts along to other "students" (as he would want us to do), whom he never met but who will nonetheless be indebted to him and perpetuate his keen mind and beautiful heart.

With love,  
Carol Deutsch.

**Carol Deutsch** - November 01, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ Thank you, Carol. It's a good feeling to know his thoughts live on in the minds of students.  
Love, Kim

**Kim Yantorno** - November 06, 2020 at 02:55 PM

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“ He was my dear friend for 51 years - he influenced so many people to think! In the very early 70's he shared a Thanksgiving with my family. My mother was Italian so that was a shoe-in with her and my father was a Navy veteran - say no more. I remember that the entire day was filled with laughter. At the end of the day he told me that he'd never seen such a loving relationship between a married couple.

He found that kind of love with Kim and it lasted the rest of his life. It was never lost on me that we were each others' best man at our respective weddings. He will never be forgotten by the passing seasons.

Joseph

**Joseph Daniels** - October 29, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ Thank you, Joseph. He was a special guy, wasn't he.

**Kim Yantorno** - October 29, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ Dad's best friend...next to Kim

**Robert E. Yantorno Jr.** - October 30, 2020 at 09:09 AM

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“ One could always count on you to take an active part in interesting, controversial, thoughtful, exhilarating and enjoyable discussions. As my dear brother-in-law, we have had many of those over the years. Thank you for being a wonderful husband to my beloved sister and a terrific uncle to my children. We all love you and will miss you greatly.

**Jill Harrison** - October 28, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ Thank you, Jill. He was just the best guy I've ever known.

**Kim Yantorno** - October 29, 2020 at 04:23 PM

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**Dennis Silage** - October 27, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ Thanks so much, Dennis. Great picture.

**Kim Yantorno** - October 29, 2020 at 04:24 PM

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“ There are a lot of living memories of my father as attested to the wonderful testimonials I've seen from fellow doctors from Temple. I have been blessed to have him in my life.

**Robert E. Yantorno Jr.** - October 27, 2020 at 07:55 PM

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“ Robert E. Yantorno Jr. lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Ernest Yantorno



Robert E. Yantorno Jr. - October 27, 2020 at 07:50 PM

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Kim Yantorno - October 27, 2020 at 04:50 PM