



Robert F. Mindler

October 23, 2025

Robert (“Bob”) F. Mindler

Thursday, October 23, 2025, at age 68.

Predeceased by his parents, Fred and Lorraine. Survived by his devoted wife of 45 years, Mariann (Spillman); children, Jason (Carla), Andrew (Lindsay), and Sarah; sister, Karen Pedeville; brother-in-law, Richard Halsted; grandchildren, Cameron, Sydney (Dakota), Jeremy (Brooke), Liliana, Lincoln, and Kora; great-grandson, Leo; and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Bob was a man of quiet strength, steadfast integrity, and an inquisitive mind. He was deeply proud of the life he and Mariann built together and the family that was always at the center of it. Known for his wit and his signature “Bob-isms,” he had an extraordinary ability to bring humor and light to any room.

For over 41 years, Bob built his career at Kodak, where his technical expertise and commitment to excellence earned him the admiration of his colleagues. With a remarkable 61 patents to his name, he combined creativity with precision, always striving to perfect his work. When he retired from Kodak Alaris in 2022, he concluded a distinguished career defined by innovation, craftsmanship, and dedication. At home, he applied that same focus—repairing, building, and exploring new ideas.

Bob poured that same creativity into Winterberry Thicket Studio, the Etsy shop he founded to showcase beautiful metal and paper lanterns he built by hand. Each one reflected his care, precision, and love of detail—small works of art that connected him with a community who shared his joy for creating, Halloween, and the holidays. A lifelong tinkerer and entrepreneur at heart, he also founded R.F. Mindler Landscape Design and Flower City Photo Booth, each inspired by his unending curiosity and love of making things.

Bob had a lifelong love for animals, and his home was never without them—dogs, cats, even the occasional guinea pig—all treated as part of the family. He also had a passion for gardening, spending countless hours tending to his plants, always with a trusted companion by his side.

Beyond home, Bob gave generously of his time to his community. He was a longtime volunteer member of the Clifton Fire Department, where he also served as President, and

he devoted years to scouting as both a Cub Scout leader and Scoutmaster of Troop 133. In all of these roles, he gave quietly and wholeheartedly—never seeking recognition, just wanting to help.

He will be remembered for his intelligence, generosity, and the warmth he brought to those around him. His family and friends will forever cherish his laughter, creativity, and unwavering love.

Family and friends may call Monday 4–7 p.m. at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home. Funeral Mass Tuesday 9:30 a.m. at St. Pius Tenth Church, 3000 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624. Interment, Creekside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Verona Street Animal Society or the Clifton Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

Creekside Cemetery

Churchville, NY 14428

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home
2771 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624
(585) 426-7830
beanfuneralhome@rochester.rr.com
<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

OCT 28. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Pius Tenth Church
3000 Chili Ave
Rochester, NY 14624

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert F. Mindler.*



October 27, 2025 at 08:24 AM

FJ

“ *From Mimura / Ise Japan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert F. Mindler.*



From Mimura / Ise Japan - October 26, 2025 at 11:39 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Robert F. Mindler.*



October 26, 2025 at 11:06 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Robert F. Mindler.*



October 26, 2025 at 10:49 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Robert F. Mindler.*



October 26, 2025 at 09:48 PM

KK

“ Kevin, Pierre, Nose, Sean / Kanematsu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Mindler.

Kevin, Pierre, Nose, Sean / Kanematsu - October 26, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert F. Mindler.



October 26, 2025 at 06:52 PM

SC

“ Sean Nakagawa / Kaneamtsu Corporation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Mindler.

Sean Nakagawa / Kaneamtsu Corporation - October 26, 2025 at 06:52 PM

SE

“ I was very saddened and shocked to hear of Bob's passing. It was my good fortune to work with Bob from 2004 to 2022 when he retired. We even worked on a patent together (US 7,852,359) which was incorporated into our existing products. He was always open to new ideas; working tirelessly on many programs and coordinating intellectual property, all through some very tough times at Eastman Kodak and Kodak Alaris. When things got rough, he remained calm and kept us going forward, keeping the mood light. At Kodak Alaris we sat across from one another, and we would chat often. He was knowledgeable, well respected and will be sorely missed.

Stu Evans

Stuart Evans - October 26, 2025 at 11:50 AM

JE

“ When I heard about Bob’s passing it hit me hard We were not only neighbors but great friends We did so much together Roommates on the 3 week school trip to Germany. Around the neighborhood the 5 of us were inseparable (Bob, Barry, Jim, Kevin and myself) The fun and laughter never seemed to stop Whether it was the Amerk games always sitting at the top row of section 7, or our annual camping trips to the Adirondacks, these are cherished memories that will always be with me. We eventually all went our separate ways to start our career paths To Mariann and your family and to Karen my deepest condolences go out to you. Bob had a truly amazing life Jim Ernisse

Jim Ernisse - October 26, 2025 at 10:00 AM

BP

“ I am so sorry for this loss and share my condolences with Bob’s family.

I worked with Bob in Kodak’s Kiosk group until 2012. Bob was such a pleasure to work with. Not only was he one of the sharpest problem solvers I’ve ever worked with, he was a honest man of character with a genuine love and passion for helping the team. It seems like he always came through. He made a big difference and was a key contributor to the success of Kodak’s Kiosk and thermal printing businesses.

Bill Poehlmann

Bill Poehlmann - October 26, 2025 at 09:46 AM

CE

“ Will remember Bob as a thoughtful neighbor who always had a smile and interest in others. So many talents and interests - a full life - well lived. May God watch over him. Chuck Elias - Tulsa.

Chuck Elias - October 25, 2025 at 01:42 PM

BS

“ Bob was my best friend from 6th grade to 12th grade when we lived a few houses apart in our neighborhood. When I first learned of Bob's passing today I immediately thought of us sitting on his front porch and living room well into night watching and talking about the astronauts first landing and walking on the moon in July, 1969. I was thinking I bet that could have been one of those events in Bob's life that spurred him to become the creative technical person that I was aware he was throughout his life. I will always cherish memories of our Adirondack camping/canoeing trips several of us would go on each year in august just before returning to our different college lives. My deepest Sympathies to Mariann and Family and Karen and Family during this time of great loss of Bob- my dear friend growing up together. Love. Barry Stata, Blue Ridge, Virginia.



barry stata - October 25, 2025 at 12:26 AM

BC

“ I worked with Bob at Kodak in the thermal printer division. Bob was a great guy, always ready to help, and very knowledgeable. He will be sorely missed.

My condolences to his family.
Bob Collette



Bob Collette - October 24, 2025 at 07:27 PM



I worked with Bob at Kodak on Thermal Printers. Bob was always pleasant, considerate, intelligent and just enjoyable to work with. I also appreciate his positivity and drive. He will truly be missed.
My condolences to his family and friends.
Steve Procopio

Stephen Procopio - October 25, 2025 at 04:18 PM

DF

“ Growing up as neighbors, sharing the same high school class, and working together at Tops where you met the love of your life, Marianne—our lives were so intertwined. Later, walking parallel paths at Kodak, your 41 years of dedication were inspiring, and I was lucky to share half that journey with you. You will be deeply missed, but your kindness, laughter, and legacy will always stay with us.
Love and prayers, Debra Ferris

Debra Ferris - October 24, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert F. Mindler.*



October 24, 2025 at 01:31 PM

TB

“ *The Berardi's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Mindler.*

The Berardi's - October 24, 2025 at 01:31 PM

MB

“ *May you all have comfort in the upcoming days.*

Maryjane (Halsted) Bunzol



MaryJane Bunzol - October 24, 2025 at 11:32 AM

AJ

“ *Annette J. purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Robert F. Mindler.*



Annette J. - October 24, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Robert F. Mindler.*



October 23, 2025 at 05:51 PM

JF

“ John, Barbara, Michael, Matthew & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Mindler.

John, Barbara, Michael, Matthew & Family - October 23, 2025 at 05:51 PM