



Robert Louis Devereaux

June 6, 1932 - April 14, 2026

Robert Louis Devereaux, 93, left this world quietly on April 14, 2026, at Trinity View senior living community in Arden, NC, where he had lived for the past ten years.

As he was known by his friends, "Bob" was born in Buffalo, NY on June 6, 1932. He married Elizabeth Ann Hoenig of Lockport, NY in 1956.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as an aircrew member and radio operator on B-29 bomber aircraft during the Korean War. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and a Purple Heart for heroism and meritorious service when his aircraft was shot down behind enemy lines.

Bob began a career with AT&T as a craftsman in the Long Lines division in 1959. He rose through the ranks, ending his career as President and Managing Director of AT&T Nordics in Stockholm, Sweden in 1989.

Bob and his wife retired in Asheville in 1993 where they were active volunteers at the Literacy Council and local schools. They enjoyed traveling extensively across the US and the world and they loved the Asheville dining and cultural scene.

Bob was a very enthusiastic and active resident at Trinity View. He was a

friend and advisor to residents and staff alike.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Betty Ann, in 2018. He is survived by their 5 children: Dr. Robert (Kitty) Devereaux of Charlottesville, VA, Major General Richard (Elizabeth) Devereaux, USAF (Ret.), of Asheville, NC, Donna Devereaux of Charlotte, NC, Mark (Amy) Devereaux of Mocksville, NC, Dr. Matthew (Meredith) Devereaux of Knoxville, TN; twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren (and two more on the way!) scattered across the US who were devoted to their “grandpa.”

There will be a memorial service at Trinity View Retirement Community at 1:00 PM Thursday, May 21, 2026, followed by inurnment in the columbarium at St. Eugene’s Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to a favorite charity in Bob’s name.

Cemetery Details

Columbarium at St. Eugene Catholic Church

72 Culvern Street
Asheville, NC 28804
828-254-5193
<https://www.steugene.org/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity View Retirement Community
2533 Hendersonville Rd
Arden, NC 28704

followed by inurnment in the columbarium at St. Eugene's Catholic Church.

Interment

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Devereaux.*



May 19 at 01:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Louis Devereaux.

May 19 at 01:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Devereaux.*



May 11 at 08:59 AM

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“ A couple of weeks ago, I reached out to Bob (AKA my favorite old person) to see when he was available to share a meal and get a pedicure. Expecting his usual, "can't wait to see you" response, I was instead met with, "I'm afraid there's not many steps left." Knowing Bob as I did, I knew that was the last time we would talk, I would not see my friend again, and this was our goodbye. For two weeks now, I have checked the obituaries daily, just waiting, and now the wait is over. For thirteen years, Bob has been in my life. We have shared joy, laughter, celebrated life's milestones, and mourned together the losses we have both experienced. When I say he is my favorite old person, I don't mean it in a crass way - Bob was a mix between a grandpa and a long-time friend; he was so very dear and special to me, labeling him as my favorite old person felt like the right description of where he fit into my heart. I loved him as if he were my family, and I am thankful for the time we shared. As much as I would love to receive one more "love you kiddo" text from Bob, knowing he is with Jesus and the angels above, holding hands with his dear Annie, brings me much more joy and comfort. Until we see each other again, I love you, Bob. 💕
"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."



Randi S. - April 20 at 09:54 PM