



Robert (Bob) Joe Edling

January 20, 1941 - June 16, 2025

Robert (Bob) Joe Edling, age 84, of Blacksburg, passed away on Monday, June 16, 2025. He was born on January 20, 1941, in Grand Junction, Colorado, to the late Royal Alfred Edling and Helen Clara Clark Edling.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannette Putman Edling of Blacksburg; his son and daughter-in-law, Brandon and Emily Edling; his beloved grandsons, Lucas and Jonas Edling; his sister and brother-in-law, Roberta and Gerald Hoey; their children, Danny Hoey, Janet Dukart, and Betty Wolfe; his stepson and daughter-in-law, Wayde and Susan Kass and their daughters, Christina and Katie Kass; and his stepson and daughter-in-law, Philip and Brenda Kass and their daughter, Danielle Ramirez.

Bob served as a Captain in the United States Air Force before pursuing an academic career. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Soil Science from Colorado State University in 1962, and his Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1975.

He was an Associate Professor of Biological and Agricultural Engineering at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, where he taught and mentored students for many years. Deeply committed to his community, Bob was a long-time member of the Kiwanis Club in Louisiana and later became actively involved with the Rotary Club of Blacksburg after relocating to Virginia.

A man of faith, he attended Trinity Community Church in Christiansburg. He was also an avid gardener and lifelong reader who loved to share his curiosity and warmth with others.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, June 21, at 11:00 a.m. at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg with the Reverend Brian Cockram officiating.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ Philip, Brenda, Danielle & Jordan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert (Bob) Joe Edling.



Philip, Brenda, Danielle & Jordan - June 19, 2025 at 04:12 PM

PJ

“ Philip, Brenda, Danielle & Jordan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert (Bob) Joe Edling.

Philip, Brenda, Danielle & Jordan - June 19, 2025 at 04:12 PM

MB

“ Melissa B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert (Bob) Joe Edling.

Melissa B. - June 18, 2025 at 03:31 PM

WS

“ Wayde and Sue purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Robert (Bob) Joe Edling.



Wayde and Sue - June 18, 2025 at 10:40 AM

WS

“ Wayde and Sue planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert (Bob) Joe Edling.

Wayde and Sue - June 18, 2025 at 10:40 AM

LK

“ Love, Christina and Katie purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert (Bob) Joe Edling.



Love, Christina and Katie - June 18, 2025 at 10:36 AM

LK

“ Love, Christina and Katie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert (Bob) Joe Edling.

Love, Christina and Katie - June 18, 2025 at 10:36 AM

NR

“ Nick and I were saddened to hear the news of Bob's passing. He was a great friend. Prayers of peace and comfort to all his family. With deepest sympathies,
Nick and Jennifer Rush

Nick and Jennifer Rush - June 17, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Joe Edling.*



June 17, 2025 at 10:59 AM



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

June 17, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ *Dear Jan and Brandon, Pat and I share the sadness of the passing of our dear Bob. In our lives many dear people pass through but Bob was one of those very special ones. He was intelligent, well read and possessed the skill and knowledge to be involved in many worthwhile projects, but yet humble and easily approachable. I cherish the memories of the times Bob and I spent together discussing topics from world events to gardening. Pat also enjoyed the special relationship she had with him when we had the opportunity to visit with him. We will miss him. God bless you during this time.*

Tom and Pat Yakich - June 17, 2025 at 10:50 AM



The Trinity Community Church family is praying for and sending our love to Jan, Brandon and extended family. We share prayers of comfort and confidence for those who believe in Jesus as Savior, Who is the way, the truth and the life. John 14. 1-6.

Brian G Cockram - June 17, 2025 at 03:50 PM