



## Dr. Robert D. "Bob" Finch

May 23, 1935 - October 27, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Dr. Robert D. "Bob" Finch, 86, of Blacksburg, Virginia announces his passing on October 27, 2021. Dr. Finch was born on May 23, 1935, to George Delmar Finch and Retha Gilpen Finch, in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

He worked as a paper delivery boy for the Southwest Times Record, of Fort Smith, from the time he was 12 years old until he attended Hendrix College. As a boy, he was awarded the distinguished prize of Paper Boy of the Year. As the editor of his high school newspaper, he won the University of Tulsa Journalism award. After graduating from college, he worked as a reporter for the Southwest Times Record for several years. He also worked as a high school math teacher while saving money for medical school. He attended medical school at the University of Arkansas and later completed a radiology residency at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He finished his medical training at Wake Forest School of Medicine, in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Bob Finch was a proud and happy family man. While attending medical school, he met and married the love of his life, Kay Francis Banks, to whom he was married for 56 years. They met on the 8th floor of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she was working as a registered nurse. They were married on June 10, 1965, in San Antonio, Texas.

Bob once described his marriage to Kay as one of the “proudest moments” in his life. They spent their 56 years together as devoted companions and best friends raising their family, playing golf and tennis together, and spending time with their grandchildren.

Their first son, Robert “Jay” Delmar Finch Jr., was born in 1966 during their time in Nashville, Tennessee. They welcomed another son, George Arthur Finch, who was born in 1969, in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Their last child, Bradley Walter Finch, was born in 1971 in Martinsville, Virginia, the town in which the family would settle for the next 46 years.

Dr. Finch was on the medical staff at Martinsville Memorial Hospital for 31 years. He was well respected by his colleagues, many of whom he worked with for decades. He and his partners, Dr. Campbell and Dr. Herring, kept the hospital equipped with the most up-to-date technology in radiology. Dr. Finch was instrumental in bringing MRI and CT Scan technology to Martinsville.

Bob was an avid reader and enjoyed playing golf and tennis. He will be especially remembered for his calm, quiet confidence and sweet demeanor. After his retirement, he devoted his time to his wife and family. He was a loving grandfather and was actively involved in the lives of his grandchildren, always available for wise words of encouragement. When asked in recent years to describe his perfect day, Bob answered, “It would be spent with my wife, sons and their families. Nothing spectacular, just a day together.”

Dr. Finch is survived by his wife, Kay B. Finch, and his sons Jay, George, and Brad. Jay is an attorney who works in Southwest Virginia and is married to Amy Finch. They have one son, Evin. George is a teacher in Stafford County, Virginia. He is married to Alyce Finch and they have a daughter, Virginia, and a son, Benjamin. Brad is a Circuit Court Judge in Southwest Virginia, He is married to Lara Finch. They have one son, Bradley, and a daughter, Mary. Dr.

Finch will be sorely missed by them and he will forever live in their hearts.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday October 29, 2021 at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. S.W., Blacksburg Virginia. The family will receive visitors at 1:00 p.m. followed by a service celebrating Bob's life at 2:00 p.m. Burial will occur at 3:00 p.m. at Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg, Virginia.

# Cemetery Details

## Westview Cemetery

723 E. Roanoke Street  
Blacksburg, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

## Service

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Linda ODell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert D. "Bob" Finch



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Linda ODell - October 29, 2021 at 06:56 PM



Worked together for many years. Hard to believe he is gone. Sending prayers to his family.

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Linda ODell - October 29, 2021 at 06:59 PM

MC

“ worked for radiologist in the late 70's but I remember him very nice man & good sense of humor deepest sympathy goes out to family for your loss



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Mitzi Clark - October 29, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert D. "Bob" Finch.



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October 28, 2021 at 05:02 PM

BB

“ *Bob was a wonderful man and a great Brother-in-Law. Always quite and reserved amongst a family crowd that would run anyone away. But he hung in there all these years.*

*A Good Man who raised a fine bunch of young men to carry on the Finch (Banks) legacy. We love you all and will be thinking of you a great deal over the next days and weeks.*

*God Bless, Uncle Barney*

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**Barney Banks** - October 28, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert D. "Bob" Finch.*



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October 28, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert D. "Bob" Finch.*



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October 28, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert D. "Bob" Finch.



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October 28, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ Judge Finch,

*Deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear father. I know how difficult it is to lose a dad and the hurt you are feeling. I am praying for comfort and peace for your family in this difficult time. Take care.*

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**Maetta Crewe** - October 28, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time! Love, Barbara Clifton and Kevin & Melissa Corell



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**Melissa Corell** - October 28, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. What an amazing gentle man. What a beautiful family. My love to all. Susan and Elaine Jones

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**Susan Jones** - October 28, 2021 at 01:00 PM

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“ *Susan Jones lit a candle in memory of Dr.  
Robert D. "Bob" Finch*



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**Susan Jones** - October 28, 2021 at 12:58 PM