



Robert Davidson Foltz

August 2, 1953 - May 11, 2025

The family of Robert D. (Bob) Foltz is saddened to share news of Bob's death Sunday night, May 11th, in Kensington, Maryland. Until the very end of his life, Bob maintained the subtle wit, kindness, and physical strength and grace his family and friends loved and admired.

Born in Westchester County, New York, in 1953, and raised in Rutherford and West Milford, New Jersey, Bob lived, worked, and played for most of his life in Connecticut. Bob graduated from West Milford Township High School and St. Lawrence University before earning his MBA from the University of Connecticut. A longtime resident of Deep River, Connecticut, Bob was a Connecticut state employee for some 35 years, rising from OTB cashier to Director of Fiscal Services for the Department of Corrections. Bob took early retirement at age 57 and reveled in the freedom this gave him.

An adventurous and skilled athlete, Bob spent decades windsurfing, hiking, backpacking, sea kayaking, running, biking, indoor rock climbing, and cross-country skiing. He enjoyed and led many group hikes with Appalachian Mountain Club, Connecticut Hiking Alliance, and Meshomasic Hiking Club. He was certified in Wilderness First Aid. Bob "bagged peaks" proudly near and far, completing all 115 Northeast 4,000 footers and many more around the country and beyond. Bob maintained trails for Connecticut Forest & Park Association and the nearby Canfield Preserve. He windsurfed in Connecticut,

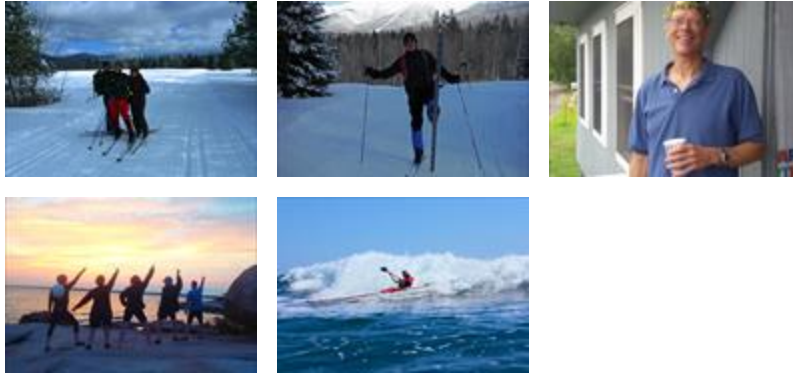
Oahu, the Columbia River Gorge, and off the Texas coast in the Gulf of Mexico. He paddled and rolled his sea kayak in the waters of New England, Florida, and North Carolina, always eager for waves to surf. He backpacked long stretches of the Appalachian Trail and joined many group trips in the American West as a hiker and backpacker. Bob adventured abroad as well in New Zealand, the French Maritime Alps, and the Caribbean with his dear friend Karen Cassidy.

Bob is survived by his brother David Devlin-Foltz and sister-in-law Betsy Devlin-Foltz of Silver Spring, Maryland, half-sister Jean Gibson, sister-in-law Anne-Marie Foltz, and loving nephews, nieces, grandnephews, and grandnieces across the country. He will be dearly missed by family and by the many friends with whom he shared his adventures on water and land. Family members will organize a private celebration of life in Maryland and join a remembrance in Connecticut with Bob's friends later this summer. In lieu of flowers, contributions are welcome to the Connecticut Forest and Park Association (<https://ctwoodlands.org/>) and the American Parkinson Disease Association (<https://www.apdaparkinson.org/>)

Tribute Wall

SC

“ 5 files added to the album Bob Pics



Scott - August 01, 2025 at 03:49 PM

SK

“ I worked with Bob at OTB in the 70's. We shared tubing trips down the Farmington River with an OTB contingent. Bob and I played guitar together - he once learned the lead part to Jerry Garcia's Deal.

A good guy. Rest in Peace.

Steve Kantor - July 07, 2025 at 12:07 AM

MA

“ I worked with Bob at the CT Department of Correction and considered him a friend. Through the years we shared countless stories and laughs. Truly one of my favorites. Rest in peace my dear friend. I hope you're hiking in heaven. 💕

Maureen Reeves Anderson - May 22, 2025 at 02:50 PM

JO

“ A great co-worker, boss and friend. He brought light and laughter into his life and mine. His departure has left a hole in this world, but he filled one in the Universe. Thank you, Bobby!

Joel - May 22, 2025 at 01:15 PM

CH

“ I was very lucky to have met Bob thru Karen. And what I felt when with him was his kind, calm, and caring nature. He embraced the outdoors and loved his time hiking, backpacking and boating. It's easy to know why he had so many friends. He is missed.

Cathleen Hull - May 17, 2025 at 07:51 AM

MC

“ Bob u will be sorely missed by me and my family especially Karen! I'll always remember the bowling fiasco at my mom's Birthday Party we were on the same team lol good bless and prayers you were a wonderful loving person with a cool sense of humor!

Mary Jo Cassidy - May 16, 2025 at 10:03 PM

AM

“ I first met Bob a couple of years before he retired. He must have been in his mid fifties. I found him then to be a thoughtful person who carefully considered whatever he chose to say. Later after he retired I spent more time with him, hiking and sports climbing. In those activities he had an easy gracefulness that revealed a physical and mental poise even under adverse conditions. Although I never kayaked with him I can imagine the joy and peace he felt keeping afloat in rough water.

I spent more time with him toward the end of his life. I discovered then that he and I shared a common fascination. We both liked to un-dam streams that had been clogged by sticks and leaves. I can remember the two of us sitting back and enjoying the rush of the freshly freed water and flowing debris . I think his gracefulness stemmed from his being able be the water and the boat and the paddler, all at the same time. And I think he definitely enjoyed the ride.

Allen Maryott - May 16, 2025 at 09:59 PM