



Robert Chris Park

October 10, 1951 - May 3, 2025

Robert Chris Park, 73, passed away suddenly on May 3, 2025, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Born on October 10, 1951, in Royal Oak, Michigan, Robert was the son of the late Christian and Bernadette (Vachon) Park. Robert grew up in Royal Oak in a household with his sister, Denise Park, his late brother, Phillip Park, and his brother, Leo Park.

Robert was married to the late Janice Park for 34 years, and although they divorced, they remained friends. He was the father of two sons, Phillip Park and Christopher Park, who, along with Chris's wife Rebecca, brought happiness to his life. He was also a proud grandfather to Owen, Nathan, Nick and Emma Park. Robert never hesitated to brag about his grandchildren's latest hockey tournament victories or successes in school.

Robert had a very successful career at Bechtel as an electrical designer with a focus on the power industry. His career took him all over the country with time spent living in Texas, Michigan, Maryland, Alabama, Tennessee and Washington. After retirement, Robert spent his time in Richland, Washington and, most recently, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Robert had a passion for fine wine and live music. In his retirement, you could usually find him combining these passions at some of his favorite wineries in Richland or restaurants in Knoxville. Robert was also a huge fan of college

football, always cheering on and supporting the University of Michigan Wolverines.

Robert's legacy is one of humor, hard work and kindness - a legacy that will live on through the memories he leaves behind and the lives he has touched. His warmth and generosity will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Memorial visitation will be held on Friday, May 30th, from 2 - 5 pm. (Memorial Service at 4 pm) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak, Michigan.

An inurnment service will be held on Saturday, May 31st at 9:30 am at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 W 10 Mile Rd., Southfield, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the Movember Foundation, which is a charity dedicated to men's physical and mental health:

<https://us.movember.com/support-us/donate>

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAY 30. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Memorial Service

MAY 30. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Inurnment

MAY 31. 9:30 AM (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
25800 W. 10 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Robert Park Funeral Service Livestream in memory of Robert Chris Park*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - May 22, 2025 at 11:43 AM

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“ *To Phillip and Christopher, You do not know me but I had the pleasure to know and work with your dad for around 40 years at Fluor in Houston TX, Bechtel in Houston TX, Bechtel in Fredrick MD and Bechtel in Richland WA. I would like to say how sorry I am that Bob passed on so early in life. He was a great friend and mentor. He was kind and a great pleasure to work with. I am sorry that I just found out 12/13/25 about his passing. I also knew your mother, Janice and sorry she passed on too. We always sent Christmas cards to each other and got caught up on what each other had been up to since retiring (at the same time). I always counted on that card and we never missed sending one to each other. He will be missed by all who knew him.*
Sincerely, Robert Edgar

Robert Edgar - December 13, 2025 at 12:46 PM



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

May 28, 2025 at 07:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Chris Park.*



May 28, 2025 at 07:40 AM



“ *Robert and Janice were more than just neighbors on Parallel Lane, they were our friends. This friendship lasted over years. Phillip and Chris grew up with our kids, and all were in and out of each other's homes. Parallel Lane was that kind of street that infused neighbors as friends. Memories that were created are always there. However, there is a void now and an air of sadness with missing conversations that extended with this friendship. Our kids are now where we once were, and time has moved on. Robert and Janice had their place in that time with us, and now are sadly missed.*

John and Mary Hovey

John and Mary Hovey - May 17, 2025 at 07:12 PM