

Robert Harold Rasche

June 29, 1941 - June 2, 2016

Rasche, Robert Harold, 29 June 1941 - 2 June 2016 was born in New Haven, CT. He was predeceased by his parents, Harold A. Rasche and Elsa W. Bloomquist. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dorothy Anita Bensen, two children: Jeanette Little and Karl Rasche, and a brother: Richard A. Rasche, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Bob Rasche was born and raised in Hamden, CT, the oldest child of Harold and Elsa Bloomquist Rasche. He attended Hamden public schools and graduated from Hamden High School in 1959. As a teenager he delivered the New Haven Register for six years.

After high school, Bob was accepted into the Class of 1963 at Yale University. At Yale he majored in Economics and Mathematics. Upon graduation from Yale, Bob started the PhD program in Economics at the University of Michigan in August, 1963. On December 28, 1963 Bob and Dorothy Anita Bensen were married in New Haven, CT, after which they moved to Ann Arbor, MI. Bob was awarded a PhD in Economics in July, 1966. Subsequently they moved to Watertown, MA where Bob was employed as a Research Associate at MIT while working on the Federal Reserve Board - M.I.T. Monetary Research Project. Their daughter, Jeanette, was born in Boston in October, 1966. In August, 1967 Bob started work as an Assistant Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania and lived in West Philadelphia.

In August, 1971 Bob took a leave of absence from the University of Pennsylvania and worked as a visiting scholar in the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

In July 1972 Bob accepted a position as Associate Professor of Economics at Michigan State University and moved to East Lansing, MI. In 1975 Bob was promoted to Professor. From August, 1976 to July 1977 Bob was on a leave of absence from Michigan State and returned to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis as a Visiting Scholar in the Research Department. Upon returning to East Lansing, their second child, Karl, was born in June 1978.

In January, 1985 Bob was on a sabbatical for six months as a Visiting Scholar at the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. From September, through December 1986 Bob served as Distinguished Visiting Professor, at the Economic Outlook Center, Department of Economics, Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. In 1988 he received the Michigan State Distinguished Faculty Award. From January through March 1990, Bob worked a Visiting Scholar in the Institute for Monetary and Economic Studies, at the Bank of Japan in Tokyo.

In 1998 Bob was offered the position of Research Director at the Federal



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Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He retired from Michigan State University in January, 1999 and returned to St. Louis. In 2009 he was promoted to Executive Vice President and Senior Policy Adviser at the St. Louis Fed. He retired in June, 2011 and continued to live in Chesterfield, MO.

Bob was an avid carpenter, who particularly enjoyed upgrading mouldings in the various houses they owned. He also enjoyed collecting information on family history, which he organized into a multi-generational family history after he retired. While working for the Fed, Dottie and Bob had many opportunities for domestic and international travel from which they got great pleasure. After retiring they took a number of cruises, including the Norwegian coast line, the Baltic and Alaska.

Services: A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road, Chesterfield, MO on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Family will be available to greet guests one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri, Attn: Elaine Baffa, 9666 Olive Boulevard, Suite 400, St Louis, Missouri 63132. A service of the SCHRADER Funeral Home and Crematory. Friends may sign the family's on-line guestbook at Schrader.com.