



Robert James Houlihan

April 18, 1925 - June 9, 2018

Robert James Houlihan, of Aubrey, TX, fortified with the Sacraments of the Holy Mother Church, beloved and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the age of 93. Robert was born April 18, 1925 in St. Louis, MO. A member of St. James The Greater Parish, he attended high school at Christian Brothers College and graduated from Saint Louis University in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science and Commerce degree. He was a World War II veteran, serving from 1943 to 1946 in the US Navy on the USS Ottawa. In 1950, Robert married Jacqueline Ann McVey and moved to Dallas. Employed for 45 years by Frank W. Winne & Sons, Inc., a cordage company based in Philadelphia, Robert was one of their top producing salesmen, and served as the Branch Manager in Dallas from 1973 to 1986. His job required extensive travel, including international travel to Europe and Asia. He was involved in many facets of the cordage industry and consulted with foreign manufacturers to develop top grade Polygrass Lariat rope used in calf roping competition. Robert served from 1990 to 2009 as a member of the Mustang Special Utility District board, which was instrumental in providing water to expand growth in North Texas. He and Jacqueline were founding members of St. Monica parish in Dallas, and established life-long friendships as their children grew up attending St. Monica Grade School and later Ursuline Academy and Jesuit College Preparatory School. In 1984 he and Jacqueline moved to Aubrey, TX, joining St. Thomas

Aquinas Parish in Pilot Point, TX. Robert was an accomplished speaker. He had a great sense of humor and was an outstanding role model as a husband, father, professional and member of his community. He led by example, and was beloved by his children and extended family and friends. When not travelling, Robert enjoyed spending his weekends outside, tending his property in Aubrey. Robert was preceded in death by Jacqueline, his loving wife of 62 years, parents John and Anna Houlihan, sisters Marjorie Clepper, Sister Eileen Houlihan O.P., and brothers John Houlihan and Frank Houlihan. Robert is survived by his son Robert Joseph Houlihan(Barbara), daughter Deborah O'Connell(Gerard), daughter Margaret Houlihan, daughter Karen Anton(Philip), son Patrick Houlihan(Patricia), son Michael Houlihan(Marjorie), brother Father Ralph Houlihan, SJ; grandchildren Laura Boring(David), Lisa Hewitt(Craig), Robert Hatley(Amanda), Shea Houlihan(Sarah), Zachary Terry(Haley), Kate Anton, Meghan Anton, Michael Hatley(Tam), Myria Houlihan Boehm(John), Daniel Hatley, Matthew Anton, Cara Houlihan Engels(Ryan), Michael Henry Houlihan(Mari), Kevin Houlihan(Jessica); 10 great-grandchildren and many much-loved nieces and nephews. Visitation, followed by the recitation of the Rosary, will begin at 7:30pm on Thursday, June 14, at Slay Memorial Funeral Home, 400 S Hwy 377, Aubrey, TX, 76227. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Ralph Houlihan S.J. and Father Tom Kennedy the following morning, Friday, June 15, at 11 am at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 400 St. Thomas Aquinas Ave, Pilot Point, TX, 76258. Please visit www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com if you wish to send a personal note to the Houlihan Family. To send a flower arrangement to the family of Robert James Houlihan, please [click here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall



“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. When a family member or friend dies our pain and grief can become unbearable. But did you know that the bible gives us real comfort? (1PETER 5:6-7.) Please read it.*

June 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincerely condolence for the loss. Please find comfort in knowing that our Heavenly Father has promised we will see loved ones again. Act 24:15 with heartfelt sympathy.*

Karina - June 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carl and I are so saddened to hear of the loss of your wonderful dad. I pray that all the great memories of him will help you through this difficult time. Dads are important and special people and I know your dad was extra special!!. We are sorry for the loss of such a valuable person in your lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Carl & Trisha*

Carl & Trisha Ewert - June 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *To all the Houlihan family: I have known Bob for a very long time, he was such a wonderful man, honest, funny and a great friend. He was one of the finest salesman to ever call on us and worked with us in the Western Industry. Our thoughts & prayers go out to you. From the Smith Brothers family. Carolyn Smith & family.*

Carolyn Smith - June 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Peggy, so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. All the best to you and your family.

Mimi and Bob Balkey - June 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Bob was a delight to know as we worked together with him on Aubrey's ETJ issues the past three years. What a Gem of a Gentleman! He will be missed by All. Condolences to the family. Rest in Peace, Bob. Susan Bedwell, Sylvia Phillips, and Kay Neubauer

Susan Bedwell - June 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Bob was the ultimate Irishman,always a merry glint in his eye,totally lovable.Bob & Jackie long-ago neighbors and good friends of my parents were dear & darling people. The Kids were blessed with these wonderful parents. Condolences for your loss.

Pat Shine - June 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So sad! Your Dad was a very nice man. I remember him oncewith a very straight face...telling me he was a string salesman. And I believed him, for a minute. Prayers and hugs all around to Debbie and Peggy (Ursuline classmates) and their family. Peace.

Joyce Meyer - June 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Dennis Ochs - June 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Houlihan family, I am so sorry for your loss. What a blessing to have had such a wonderful father! Sending love and prayers.

Laura Sullins-Dell - June 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I am truly saddened by the passing of Mr. Houlihan. That's who he was to me for the 19 years I worked for and with him. I have such wonderful memories of him; his wit, his knowledge, his kindness. He had an optimistic attitude that was contagious and brought out the best in those he came in contact with. I learned a lot from him and will always treasure the years as a co-worker. I know you will miss him and I just want to you to know you will all be in my prayers. He made a definite impact on my life. God bless you all. Betty Wilbanks

Betty Wilbanks - June 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My thoughts & prayers will be with the family at this time! May your memories bring you comfort! Peggy, my sweet friend, my heart is with you!

Lib Grimmert - June 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Condolences to Mike and the rest of the Houlihan Family. May your memories give you peace and comfort. God Bless.

Mark Finn - June 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Truly a blessing to have worked with Bob on our Board of Directors. He will be greatly missed, but most certainly not forgotten.

Chris Boyd Mustang Special Utility District - June 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM