



Robert Garber

June 14, 1947 - December 15, 2024

Robert Garber, a devoted husband, loving father, and respected professional, passed away peacefully at his home in Mercedes, Texas, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 77 years old.

Born on June 14, 1947, to Estelle and Bernard Garber, Robert grew up with his late brother, Jack Garber, and carried the values of love, loyalty, and hard work throughout his life.

Robert enjoyed a distinguished 45-plus-year career with DuPont Chemical Company, where his dedication and integrity earned him the respect of colleagues and lifelong friends. It was in 1976 that Robert's life took on new meaning when he met Janet Trudeau. They married on May 13, 1977, a union that went beyond vows as he lovingly embraced Janet's daughter, Hollie, forming an unbreakable family bond. "He actually married us," Hollie recalls, "because I was 7 at the time. He took us under his wing and loved us immensely."

Robert joined the Trudeau family wholeheartedly, embodying the roles of partner, father, with unwavering support. His love for Janet and his daughter Hollie was steadfast, serving as a foundation for their lives together. In every challenge, he was Janet's rock, offering care and strength through life's final chapters.

Robert is survived by his beloved wife, Janet Trudeau Garber, and his

daughter Hollie Garber Elliott, who will cherish his memory as a loving guide, protector, and friend. His life was marked by love, humility, and the quiet heroism of showing up for those he loved, every single day.

One of my favorite memories with my dad was the day I asked if I could call him “Dad.” I remember it so clearly — I must have been around 7 or 8, and even though he had already been everything a father should be, I still wanted to ask him. I was nervous, worried I might say it wrong or that it would catch him off guard.

When I finally got up the courage and asked, his face lit up. I’ll never forget the smile that spread across his face — pure joy. He looked at me with so much love and said, “Of course you can. I’d be honored.” In that moment, it was like we both knew we had chosen each other. From then on, he wasn’t just Bob; he was Dad. And he wore that title with such pride, loving me as his own every single day after.

Robert’s legacy will live on through the lives he touched, the family he held dear, and the unwavering love he shared. In honoring his wishes and spirit, a private celebration of life will be held to celebrate his remarkable life. TBA
He was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed.

All services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas.