



## Mr. Robert B. Saba

October 20, 1931 - July 23, 2014

On July 23, 2014, Robert B. Saba, age 82, of Hampton Twp, beloved husband of Mona Asfour Saba; father of Naila (Gary) Busacca, Michael (Jill) Saba & Philip (Yvette) Saba; grandfather of Madeleine & Allison Busacca, Braden, Bryce & Gianna Saba; brother of Salih (Cindy) Saba of California;

Robert was born in Jerusalem and Attended St. George's School followed by the American University of Beirut (AUB) Lebanon where he received a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Later a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a Masters degree in Civil Engineering. Awards and honors while at MIT include the Tucker-Voss Award for outstanding performance in Building Engineering and Construction, member of the honorary societies of Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Xi. He is a lifetime member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Throughout his professional career he has served in managerial and executive positions with the American Concrete Pipe Association, U.S. Steel Chemicals. USS Engineers and Consultants, Pullman Swindell, U.S. Constructors and has operated his own consulting firm in Technology transfer and business development for many years. Later, he became a Business Development Specialist with the Mid-Atlantic Technology Applications Center (MTAC), one of NASA's then six Regional Technology Transfer Centers which

was located at the University of Pittsburgh. While at MTAC, he was awarded the Federal Laboratory Consortium 2000 Outstanding Service Award for Technology Transfer. Later, he became the Coordinator of the Fire Fighting Task Force sponsored by the Federal Laboratory Consortium and the Center for Technology Commercialization in Worcester, MA.

Also, he was hired as a Consultant to FirstLink, a Department of Defense National Center of Excellence for First Responder Technology Transition. Based on his long experience in technology transfer and his close relationships with firefighters and first responders, he assisted the Center in transitioning/transferring technology from the Department of Defense to first responders.

A member of Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills, Pittsburgh PA since 1964 where he served on the Vestry as Junior and later Senior Warden and was for a long time a member of the church choir. A member of Wildwood Golf Club since 1965 where he participated in tennis, golf and swimming.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday August 1st. 11:00 am, at Christ Episcopal Church, 5910 Babcock Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Contributions may be made to Christ Episcopal Church. Arrangements by Simons Funeral Home, Inc. [www.simonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.simonsfuneralhome.com)

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Bob as an intellectual property attorney with US Steel. He always had great ideas for the transfer of technology, the nuances of agreements and negotiations, and readily understood where the lawyers were coming from. I am sure also he was always respected by the people we negotiated with. A great guy. Bill Krayner

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**William L. Krayner** - July 28, 2014 at 02:14 PM

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“ My dear Mrs. Saba and family, I have never forgotten any of you. The fun we kids had at Wildwood and how you Mrs Saba always made me feel special . I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you in prayer .

*Debi Aronson Fisher*

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**Debi Aronson Fisher** - July 25, 2014 at 06:57 AM