



Robert Curtis Losure

May 4, 1947 - July 19, 2019

Robert “Bob” Curtis Losure, 72, passed away July 19, 2019. He was born May 4, 1947 to Homer and Larama (Curtis) Losure in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bob worked as an anchorman for KOTV-Channel 6 and CNN Headline News. Born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Bob received a bachelor’s degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Tulsa and served as a radio anchor and reporter at CKLW in Detroit, Michigan and KRMG in Tulsa. He entered the television news field as an anchor and reporter for KOTV in Tulsa. In 1986 he joined CNN Headline News in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1995 he was inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame at the University of Tulsa. Throughout his career Bob was a sought after speaker who shared his 30 years in broadcasting with civic groups, conventions and charitable organizations. Bob was a cancer survivor, speaker, corporate spokesman and an emcee for numerous corporations. He also authored his own book “Five Seconds to Air”. He shared his personal life and professional career with many who wanted to know what life was like as a journalist. He is survived by many friends across the globe, several cousins and by his loving wife of 18 years, Jana Losure and of course his 2 favorite kitties Baby tiger and Baby socks. No Services are planned at this time.

Comments



“ RIP Bob Losure. I came to know a little late, the sad demise of my friend former CNN anchor Bob Losure. I was leading a single life when I moved to Atlanta I used to come across my paths with Bob at Tongue & Groove or Johnny Hideway. .He was usually a late-night anchor for CNN Headline news. We used to discuss international and domestic news. When Mcdonald opened a franchise in India he asked me what is Maharaja Burger! We became good friends. Then he retired from CNN and moved to Tulsa and eventually ended up in Las Vegas doing MC work. We lost touch for 10 years but we connected again on Linkedin 2 years ago.I spoke with him briefly and he wants to do a gig with Festival of Globe. Sadly I come to know now, he passed away last year. More I realize how temporary this life is.. I am trying hard to enjoy life without complaints.

Ramana Annamraju - January 13 at 10:58 AM



“ Thx for the note!

Jana - January 25 at 12:21 AM



“ Glad you knew Bob

Jana - January 25 at 12:42 AM



“ Loved Bob's work on Headline News. He was one of the greats. Bob graciously agreed to be interviewed for my radio program not long after I started my present job. He took time to talk with me afterward and offer encouragement at a time I was attempting to jump-start my career. We'd email occasionally after that, and he always had encouraging words for me. My copy of "Five Seconds to Air" with his most kind inscription has a treasured place on my bookshelf. God bless Bob Losure. RIP.

Paul Ladd - June 16, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ Bob, Every year I sent you a Christmas card, and every year, I had to figure out your new address. I'm pretty sure the US Mail doesn't deliver to your new address. That's too bad, because I always enjoyed catching up with you. You were always fun to talk with, I only wish that we actually got to meet in person once. Sigh.

Doug Bank - December 03, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ Thx Doug

jana losure - February 20, 2020 at 01:03 AM



“ Bob and I were never close friends but we shared the airwaves at Sand Springs, Oklahoma's KTOW Country and Western Radio station as Disc Jockeys and professional peers. Bob's DJ shift was immediately before my air time slot and he contributed many thoughts and ideas to help boost the ratings of my show. Bob was a team player in every aspect and his work ethic was admirably flawless, everything was in order when we exchanged seats to keep the station music, songs and news moving along for our listeners. Bob was attending the University of Tulsa studying broadcasting at the time and radio station KTOW may have been his first position in a career he undoubtedly continued to cherish over his lifetime. Nothing was more important to Bob than his dedication to broadcasting and his skills to attract listeners. At the time we worked together Bob mentioned his desire to move up in broadcasting numerous times and it was very apparent he would succeed. Bob Losure was the most career dedicated individual I knew during my broadcasting days and there was never a doubt he would ascend his professional career ladder and become quite successful. Many remember and miss Bob's National broadcasting presence at CNN along with his calm yet assertive approach to broadcast journalism. Bob Losure became the man to watch every evening when the public needed information from America and around the World. A more friendly face, personality, and voice did not exist in broadcasting. It is regretful Bob and I never had the opportunity to meet again in later life. I know he would have generously shared his many memorable moments. Bob Losure is a man I will think of and regret the loss of for the remainder of my years. America lost a great journalist and a wonderful person when Bob was taken from us.

Monty Howard - September 08, 2019 at 11:26 PM



“ Very nice, thank you

jana losure - January 24, 2020 at 12:19 AM



“ Bob Losure and I were buddies for nearly a half-century. I think he was my best friend, and I hope I was ONE of his. Bob had a lot of “best” friends. That’s because he had a gift for making everyone he engaged feel like the most important person in the world.

We worked as news reporters for competing radio stations in Tulsa in 1972, but we didn’t actually compete. In fact, we often teamed up. For example, he’d cover one press conference; I’d cover a different one. At the end of the day, we’d meet in the Tulsa County courthouse press room and trade tapes. Then each of us would file stories about both events with our respective stations. That conduct might belong in an ethically gray area, but it saved time that two young men felt they could better spend on more enjoyable pursuits.

The above anecdote notwithstanding, Bob Losure was a consummate professional. In my opinion he was one of the best anchors on national television when he worked at CNN Headline News.

One more memory I’d like to share: I lived in a rented house in Tulsa that was close to a McDonald’s. Bob loved McDonald’s. Several times each week, he picked up a Big Mac and fries to go, drove the short distance to my house, sat in front of the TV in my living room and consumed his evening meal. When he finished eating, he quickly left. Usually, we would get together a few hours later to go clubbing or to an ORU basketball game or a minor league hockey game.

I left Tulsa for a station in a bigger market in 1973. I had been in my new city scarcely a week when Bob called. Although the fact wasn’t expressed in so many words, it became clear during the conversation that we were going to remain friends for the rest of our lives. And we did.

I’m taking Bob’s passing hard. I can barely see this screen through the tears in my eyes, and the pain I feel is making it exceedingly difficult to come up with the right words.

I hope I do him justice by saying I’ve never known a man more open, caring, supportive and loyal than Bob Losure. I will grieve the loss of my dear friend for the remainder of my days.

Mike O'Connor - August 08, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ Jana. I am a friend of Claire’s and she sends her condolences I am also married to a Bristow boy- Richard Stromme and an the family of Lori Stromme Jones So sorry for your loss Carole Stromme and Claire Crites

Claire Crites - August 01, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ So sad to hear the news of Bob’s passing. We were lucky to share a brief time in Bob’s life as he and Jana were our fun neighbors right across the street. Bob always was quick to smile and share what was going on in his life. We were always so interested in what he had to say. Maybe it was his distinctive voice or his beaming smile. Mostly it was his genuine friendship and kind words that made the visits so fun. Bob and Jana were a joy to see together! Bob will be missed by so many!

Jim and Carolyn McGray - July 26, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ Bob and I visited the same evening circuits during our single years. He was missed when he moved to Atlanta. We had a great time at 1996 Atlanta Olympics. When visiting Tulsa, the only place we had lunch was his favorite Mexican food cafe at 41st and Peoria. I had the honor of reading the manuscript of his book ” Five Seconds to Air” before publishing. I think I’ll go back a read it again along with a shot of tequila for the good times sake. Cheers my dear fallen friend.

Fred Ebrahimi - July 25, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ Bless his sweet heart. Bob Losure was one of Tulsa’s treasures! Then a world treasure when he went to CNN. I had always hoped Bob would return to home to the Tulsa airwaves.
Sending love to your family.

Deby Rake - July 24, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ I was a young guy when I knew Bob. I’ve seen so many comments across social media regarding his professionalism and time with Channel 6 Tulsa and CNN, but I never knew him that way. I knew Bob as one of my Dad’s close friends, someone who’d always taken an interest and strike up a conversation about anything with me. I remember watching him and my dad playing tennis together, even in the sweltering heat. Whenever Bob called the house he always had the most cordial and distinct voice, I could always tell when he was on the phone just by the replies from whomever answered. Bob was there when my dad was sick and tried to comfort him the best he could, along with plenty of stories and laughter. He was such a positive influence; a polite, well-spoken, friendly, and caring friend to my dad and my family and I will always remember that way.

Sean Kennedy - July 24, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ To Bob’s family and friends. I had the pleasure of working with him at CNN Headline News for many years. He was a talented anchor who didn’t let his ego get in the way of doing the news. No matter what, Bob had a smile on his face and a great attitude.

Dennis Newman - July 24, 2019 at 12:31 AM



“ Thank you.

jana losure - February 02, 2020 at 01:47 AM



“ Bob Losure Obituary Bob Losure will be missed by his friends but will always remember him. We met at the University of Tulsa; he studied journalism and I studied petroleum engineering. I knew him from the days he was at TU radio station KWGS. Years later as I was traveling around the world and Bob crisscrossing across the US we always remained in touch. He was a pleasant person to talk to. Rest in peace my friend. I wish to send you a farewell with this Arabian Proverb. Sada’qa (Friendship) A friend is one to whom one can pour out all the contents of one’s heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keeping what is worth keeping, and, with the breath of kindness, blow the rest away. Arabian Proverb

Ahmad (George) Solomon - July 23, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ Bob and I met while standing in line to enroll in our classes at Tulsa University years ago. We were in several journalism classes together and were always great friends. He used to speak to my journalism classes at Charles Page High School in Sand Springs, and later he spoke at our state press association meetings at the University of Oklahoma. Bob was a kind, genuine, wonderful person. I simply can’t believe he’s gone. My heart goes out to his family and friends. He was a superb journalist.

Laura Schaub - July 23, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ More like a brother than just a friend. He always called me his “little sis” Which of course went over well with me since he was obviously the younger one. He will be missed so much

Judy Morris - July 23, 2019 at 04:36 PM



“ Bob was a great brother, mentor and friend. His joy and light will be missed.

Kevin Thompson, ppka - July 23, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ This makes me so very sad! Bob was a great friend of my dads. During the holidays in Tulsa, Bob would come to our house for the evening meal. He would do this in between the 6 & 10 newscasts. I had the BIGGEST crush on him during this time. I would always get excited to sit next to him at the dinner table! When my dad died, Bob came to his visitation, and as soon as I saw him, I gave him a huge hug and told him of my crush! I think that exchange helped me a bit that day! Rest In Peace Bob!

Nikki Babb Tisue - July 23, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ Really tough losing your best friend since elementary school. (Eliot) I don't think we ever said it directly to each other but I will tell you now, " I love you".

Rick Dunham - July 23, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Losure passing away. I met Mr. Losure many years ago. He had hired me to take care of his mother's yard. I had the chance to go inside of his mother's house. She was so proud of her son. She had the walls adorned with articles and photos of Mr. Losure. She was a treasure to be around. Rest in peace Mr. Losure. You were a true gentleman.

Bryan Carroll - July 23, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ I had the chance to work with Bob over at KOTV channel 6. Bob and I had a good time over there during the newscast. You will be missed my friend. "RIP" BOB....

Terry Harvey - July 23, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ My prayers to out to his family. He was one of the nicest men I ever knew. Always kind, always a smile to share.
God bless.

Janet Wiggins - July 23, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ Bob & I were friends back in our “single” days. He was always the gentleman & kind to all. Sad to hear of his passing.

Al Clark - July 23, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ I remember when Bob was first on krmg radio as a newscaster and then news director. This was back in the seventies when he was basically getting his feet wet in broadcast. He was a great guy and I had several opportunities to talk to him over the years. You will be sorely missed. Godspeed Robert

Ray Brown - July 23, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ We just heard the news on KOTV a short time ago. We are saddened with the news. Bob has been a great friend ever since our fraternity days with Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of Tulsa. We reconnected when he was in Atlanta as we had been transferred there in 1984. We spend many a weekend on the tennis court as Bob was a great player and super competitive. We continued our friendship and tennis matches when we both returned to Tulsa. He was kind, considerate, and was an inspiration when Maureen endured her cancer battle and won. I truly viewed Bob as a “great” friend and know we will see each other in heaven above some day. So long for now to a great individual who has touched so many people with his laughter, friendship, and just being himself.

Ken and Maureen Ragan - July 23, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ The sincerest of people. A gentle soul. A consummate professional broadcaster.

Bill Paddock - July 23, 2019 at 12:55 PM



“ Bob goes into the self-deprecation Hall of Fame, in a warm, witty and disarming way. A true professional in every television stop and speaking occasion after that. Great guy. Miss you, Bob.

Steve Mark - July 23, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ Bob was so nice to a very green VJ. I'm so sorry for your loss. Cheryl Fowler

Cheryl Fowler - July 23, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ Bob was a highly ethical gentleman who was a consummate pro at his craft. A kind man and special friend who will be missed.

Ken Harwood - July 23, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ I just heard about his death this morning and was so sorry to hear about it. I actually enjoyed watching the news when he was a member of KOTV. He will be missed.

Rebekah Newman - July 23, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ The kindest news anchor I have ever had the pleasure to work with

Bill Rennolds - July 23, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ Good Bye Bob, boy were we young when we were hanging out together. When I saw you had passed my heart sunk. We really had some fun time together. My heart goes out to your wife and family. You were a great friend to me. Much love! Karen Willis

Karen Willis - February 04 at 06:17 PM