

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are saddened to announce the passing [last night](#) of **Robert "Bob" Crimmins, SFP Class of 1956**. May he rest in peace! Information on wake and funeral arrangements will be forthcoming.

Bob is a member of St. Francis Prep's Hall of Fame, served as a Co-Chairman of the Prep's Endowment Campaign in the 1990's, and also served as a Founding Committee Member (2008) for *The Campaign for St. Francis Prep* which continues [today](#) to help fund the school's current Capital Improvement and Modernization Program.

In 2009, the Prep honored Bob and his lovey wife Judy at our Annual Golf Classic Dinner. **This is the bio published at that event on [June 15, 2009](#):**

Judy Anne and Bob Crimmins met on the outdoor playground basketball courts at PS 203 in Brooklyn while they were both students in high school—Bob at the Prep and Judy at Midwood High School. Judy had attended PS 203 Elementary while Bob attended St. Thomas Aquinas Grammar School.

Just a few years later, on [September 27, 1958](#), on the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, Judy and Bob were married at Mary Queen of Heaven Church in Mill Basin. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last fall. Before they were married, Bob had already started his career with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, having entered their training program two years earlier in 1956, the same year he graduated from St. Francis Prep. Judy was working on Wall Street at the time.

After their wedding, Judy and Bob initially settled in Brooklyn, first in St. Rose Parish and then St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. In 1963, they moved to the “suburbs” of Bellmore, Long Island and St. Barnabas Parish where they would raise their growing family. They would eventually have nine wonderful children.

Bob spent 40 years with MetLife (1956-1996) and would rise to the Office of Executive Vice President where he became involved in some of the company's most historic decisions, including the famous marketing decision that resulted in having the “Snoopy Blimp” carry the MetLife logo high above numerous sporting and other venues all over the country. His work with MetLife took him and the family to Tulsa, OK for a four-year period (1981-85), and upon their return they settled in Huntington, Long Island where they live [today](#).

Following his career with MetLife, Bob Crimmins joined St. John's University as Executive Vice President where he served until 2000. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Ridgewood Savings Bank since 1999. In addition, Bob currently serves as a Trustee on the Board of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and the Catholic Charities Diocese of Rockville Centre. He is a former Board Chairman of St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, the New York Urban League and Metropolitan Life Foundation. He has also served as a trustee on the board of The Catholic University of America, and is a former trustee of St. John's University. Bob has also served on the boards of the United Way and the Red Cross, and as

director with Boys Hope Girls Hope of New York and the New York City Citizens Crime Commission.

An alumnus of St. John's University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree, Bob is also a graduate of Columbia's Executive-in-Residence Program.

In addition to raising nine children, Judy Anne Crimmins also has a long history of service to the community. She has contributed her time as Class Mother, [Christmas](#) Fair Organizer, Religious Education Teacher, Member of the Adopt-a-Family Program, Volunteer for Trocaire Outreach Program, and Co-Chairperson of the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the Diocese of Rockville Centre (now known as the Catholic Ministries Appeal), the major fundraising effort in the diocese each year. She is also the benefactor for various worthy charities and is a Lady of the Holy Sepulchre.

In 2001, Judy and Bob received the Rose of Carmel Award presented by the Carmelite Sisters who serve the wonderful Ozanam Hall Geriatric and Rehabilitation Home in Bayside, Queens. In presenting the award, the Sisters declared that, "Judy and Bob Crimmins work quietly and effectively to manifest God's love in their everyday lives by their works of compassion and charity."

But for all their professional and charitable work, nothing can compare to the sense of pride and satisfaction they have in their children, Kathleen, Maureen, Rob, Dan, Peggy, Kevin, Noreen, Patti, and Brian; and their devoted spouses, Eddie, Kevin, Doreen, Maureen, Kevin, Kathleen, Marc, Erik, and Beth; and their twenty-two wonderful grandchildren.

As Judy and Bob's family has stated, "... You have given us a lifetime of love, shown us how to live in Faith, and inspired us with your generosity, your commitment to each other, our family and all those around you..."

We echo those sentiments here [tonight](#). God bless Judy and Bob Crimmins!

The SFP Alumni and Development Team