



Robert Bens

February 2, 1938 - June 20, 2020

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith”

2 Timothy 4:7

Robert Bens of Greensboro, NC, passed away on June 20, 2020 at the age of 82. Bob was born to parents Arthur and Elizabeth Amann Bens in the city of Erie, PA. Bob is survived by one sister, Audrey Eule, and preceded in death by a second sister, Gail Nicklas. Bob attended Erie Academy High School and graduated from Grove City College in 1960 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Bob was a track star at Erie Academy and at Grove City. When he arrived at Grove City, the track squad had only 15 members, so Bob entered in all of the distance events including the mile, the two mile, half mile, and the mile relay team, placing first a majority of the time. In 1958, Bob turned in a 4:33 mile, the best in 30 years, and in 1960, Bob set a new cross country Course record.

Bob worked hard as a child, delivering papers, ushering in theaters, and shoveling iron ore from train cars, as he worked his way through college.

After graduating from Grove City, Bob married Marilyn Huff in Erie on October 14, 1961.

They had three children, Philip (Laurie), Elaine, and Daniel (Katrina).

Bob started his professional career in the field of accounting and after a few years he was given the opportunity to learn about computers. Computer mainframes were starting to be used in the 1960s, and Bob was sent to Manhattan to learn the inner workings of systems and how to write programs for computing machines. Bob went on to work for Hammermill Paper as a systems analyst and as a financial manager.

In the 1970's Bob became very interested in Spiritualism. After taking development classes, Bob became a Certified Medium in 1975 and an ordained Spiritualist Minister in 1995. Bob also started four churches throughout the years, authored a book, and was leading a virtual mediumship class through Zoom at the time of his passing.

On March 26, 1983, Bob married Marcella Stover and eventually moved to Greensboro NC, where Bob worked as an accountant for Hilton Properties for many years. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Marcella in April of this year. In addition to his sister and three children, Bob is survived by his step-daughter Rebecca Ditoro, five grandchildren,

three great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Comments



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Bob only a short time ago at the beginning of June. Even meeting him only once, I could tell what an incredible person he was. I know his loss will be felt by many. My condolences to his family and friends. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lauren Murphy

Lauren Murphy - July 05 at 01:50 PM



“ Bob Bens was a wonderful man and friend: devoted to his metaphysical work and always wanting to bring the best out in others. I'm blessed that I was able to attend his classes for the last four years; I learned a great deal. May he be surrounded by loved ones and reap the rewards he bestowed on others. We'll miss you, Bob.

Susan Langlitz - June 25 at 08:43 PM



“ I have known Robert for years. His passing has left a void in my heart. Although, I am certain he is embracing his new life. Many thoughts and prayers are with you, his family, whom he spoke of often. He loved and enjoyed you immensely. May God comfort you, and may Robert's spirit live on. Always, Lisa Kruser

Lisa Kruser - June 24 at 04:58 PM



“ Lisa Kruser lit a candle in memory of Robert Bens



Lisa Kruser - June 24 at 04:49 PM



“ Ilma Carapelli lit a candle in memory of Robert Bens



Ilma Carapelli - June 24 at 07:00 AM



“ Michelle lit a candle in memory of Robert Bens



Michelle - June 23 at 10:53 PM