

## **Robert Francis Bencker**

Robert Francis Bencker, 74, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at his home in Holland, PA, with his family by his side.

Born in Norristown, PA, Robert was the son of the late Louis G (Bud) and Anna Brasch Bencker. He was the brother of the late Judith German and David Bencker.

Robert will be sadly missed by his family. He is survived by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Robin F. Bencker and Cristo Corado; his grandson, Anthony Brown; his siblings, Garrett Bencker (Mary), Jeanne Evans (John), John Bencker, Kathy Bencker, and Jacqueline Bencker (Michael), and multiple nieces and nephews. Robert will also be remembered by Tracey Bencker (Robin's mother), who remained his dedicated caregiver and friend.

Robert grew up in North Wales, attending Lansdale Catholic High School and St. Joseph's University in the greater Philadelphia area, and continued to be an active supporter of his alma maters. With heart strings tied to New England, Robert lived in Hartford, Connecticut for many years and taught History, Geography, and Mathematics to students of all ages in the Hartford School District. He wanted to make a difference.

A true sports fan, Bob especially loved his Boston Red Sox's and attendance of games at Fenway Park. Many will also remember "Bencker 51" on the LC football field. You may have even caught him playing a relaxing game of golf in Goodwin Park on a Saturday when he was younger. The game of bridge was Bob's true passion. He was very accomplished, playing in tournaments all over the world. As a Certified Bridge Instructor, retirement provided him opportunities to travel on cruise lines, teaching the game, traveling the world and acquiring life-long friends. We shared his experiences through his many photographs. A true highlight was visiting Antarctica where he witnessed the very place where Shackleton had been trapped in ice. Robert's friends would say he had a great smile and was most happy whenever he was with friends and family.

A Memorial Service will be planned in the Spring in order to allow loved ones to celebrate his life together. Specific details will be available on the website, as they are finalized.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that memorial contributions be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation, Tunnel to Towers, or the Pipe Hitter Foundation - some of Roberts most loved organizations.

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