



## Dr Robert "Bob" Brown

February 13, 1935 - January 9, 2019

DR. ROBERT K. BROWN

1935-2019

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Dr. Robert K. "Bob" Brown, 83, a long time resident of Lenox MA, died unexpectedly Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at Berkshire Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Bob was born on February 13, 1935 in Richford, VT., to the late Robert and Hazel O. Brown. He attended Enosburg Falls High School and was a 1952 graduate. After high school, Bob attended University of Vermont where he received his Bachelor of Arts and his medical degree in 1960. He did his internship and residency at Hartford Hospital from 1960 to 1965. Bob married Marcia Beals Brown on June 23, 1959 in Glens Falls, NY. They met while both attending University of Vermont. Marcia pre-deceased him on January 3, 2014.

Dr. Brown served in the United States Army during the Korean War and held the rank of captain from 1965-1967. He was stationed at the 406th Medical Laboratory in Camp Zama, Japan. He was honorably discharged in 1967. The family moved to Lenox, thereafter, he began working at Pittsfield General Hospital (Now BMC) as a pathologist and later, associate medical examiner as well. He was certified by the American Board of Pathology in Clinical Pathology and Anatomic Pathology. Bob retired in 2005 after 38 years at BMC.

Bob was a member of the Town of Lenox Board of Health for many years. He also was a long time member of the Lenox Club and was presently on the Board of Governors there. He was a communicant of Church on the Hill and served on the finance committee for many years.

Bob was respected and loved by all who knew him. He was a man of kind demeanor and subtle dry wit. Bob was a great example to his family; a more honest, fair, and responsible man there never was. He was a caring and generous husband, father, and grandfather who was always willing to help and support his family. He was a mentor and teacher, not only to his family, but to many of the medical residents that passed through the ranks during his time at Berkshire Medical Center. He enjoyed helping people navigate their path of life and their careers. Bob loved classical music, reading, and working on his property.

He also loved to travel, as he & Marcia traveled to Europe multiple times with Italy being their favorite place to visit. Bob will be greatly missed.

Dr. Robert Brown is survived by his children; Geoffrey K. Brown and his wife Cynthia, Christopher L. Brown and his wife Christie Billetter-Brown, all of Lenox, and grandchildren; Hudson and Ethan Brown and Orion Billetter.

Per Dr. Robert Brown's wishes there will be no services or calling hours. A celebration of his life and a private graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's memory may be made to Ventfort Hall in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

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# Comments

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“ It is funny how you remember things. I did not really know Dr. Brown and have not seen him for about 45 years. As a young man I served on a hospital committee at the then Hillcrest Hospital. Like most such groups it was composed of older men and the guiding ethos was the usual "go along to get along". Dr Brown, as I remember, was the only one on the Committee who asked questions and tried to move things to a higher level to improve patient care. I have remembered ,after all of these years what an honest and ethical man he seemed to be . He could not have known that I found him an inspiration because of his demeanor ,candor, and integrity.  
mike karp

**michael karp** - January 20 at 08:50 AM

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“ I had the privilege to work with Bob for 22 years at BMC. Our group could not have asked for a better physician, pathologist, teacher/mentor, and friend. Dr.. B was patient and kind and took a personal interest in the success of our residents. I had a long talk with him at the Lenox Club in October and we reminisced about our many years together. He looked wonderful and was enjoying life. Family--so sorry for your loss. i will miss him too.

Rebecca Johnson

**Rebecca Johnson, MD** - January 18 at 10:23 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of studying pathology under Dr. Brown at BMC 1995-1999, and always appreciated his pleasant demeanor, patience, wisdom, and sense of humor. Thank you, Dr. Brown, and condolences to your family and friends.

**Scott Stylos** - January 14 at 11:16 AM

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“ To Geoff and Cynthia, Chris and Christie, Ethan, Hudson, and Orion - Our deepest condolences. We feel blessed to have known him. Always so kind, and always with humor and wit - so astute, he stood out as someone very exceptional. We are so sorry for your loss, and we will miss him dearly. Siobhan McNally and Mark Liponis and Family

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“ I did not know Dr. Brown. But he looks like someone my husband, Dr. Bruce S. Brown and I would have liked to have known. My husband was a physician, a Pathologist, too. Though we were from downstate, New York, we moved to Rochester, New York for his training, and I live here still in Pittsford, a suburb of Rochester. Bruce and I met at Lake Buel, where my parents had property which I now own, and where he was a counselor at Camp Half Moon. We had a summer romance, and married in 1954 when he was drafted out of college. He was sent to Germany to serve in the Army Security Agency, and I followed him there. After his tour was up, he resumed his studies in Rochester, New York leading to his becoming a physician. After his training, he took a position at the late Genesee Hospital as Chairman of Pathology, later moved to Rochester General Hospital when Genesee, sadly, closed. He had a long, successful career, becoming Chairman of his department. He told me after he retired, "I am proudest of the fact that I never was sued." Whoa, Medicine today! I myself opened a patient's relatives' waiting room at that hospital, and staffed it for many years. We lived a long, loving, happy life together until he became ill and, sadly, died. I have recovered from his loss, and discovered that life DOES go on...it DOES. I am happy again...having found a good friend to guide me, after losing his own wife...signed, Lois Brown

**Lois Brown** - January 13 at 10:57 AM

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“ I remember Dr Brown as a great teacher and colleague. He was one of my pathology mentors in training. He was very approachable, courteous, engaging, and had a wonderful sense of humor. I am very saddened to hear of his passing, but I know he left his mark on many of us and I hope that can be some comfort to his family.  
Richard McNally

**Richard McNally** - January 13 at 10:00 AM

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“ Our sincerest condolences to the Brown family.  
Bob was a very fine man...Rest in Peace Dr. Brown.

**George and Christine Jordan** - January 13 at 08:19 AM