



## Mr Robert Bergendahl

July 8, 1944 - September 15, 2020

During the beautiful afternoon of September 15th, with his wife beside him, Robert Bergendahl peacefully left Lenox to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who faithfully sustained him throughout his courageous battle with illness.

Bob was born on July 8, 1944 in Queens, New York, to Albert and Helen Schiffer Bergendahl. After moving to the Catskills at a young age, he graduated from Monticello High school. Bob earned his degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, where he met his wife, Marlene.

From 1966, Bob was employed for over 41 years by General Electric Ordinance Systems, Martin Marietta, Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics until he retired in 2007. He attributed his contentment with his job to the wonderful people with whom he worked.

A longtime member of Hope Church, Lenox, Bob was also a dedicated volunteer. In

2015, he was honored at an award ceremony for being selected as the volunteer of the year by R.S.V.P., for his efforts building and refurbishing homes for Habitat for Humanity.

He enjoyed ushering at Tanglewood for thirty-two summers, as well as at Berkshire Theater Group, Barrington Stage and the Berkshire Opera Company. Bob worked diligently on the mailing committee at Shakespeare and Company, serving as the Chairwoman's assistant.

At home, Bob found great satisfaction in his workshop or maintaining his lawn and gardens, often sitting down near them to savor a good read.

Bob and his wife, Marlene Helferich Bergendahl, celebrated their 53rd anniversary

on September 9th at Kimball Farms Nursing Care Center.

Besides his wife, of Lenox, Bob is survived by their three children; Susanne M. Grant

(Daniel) of Pittsfield, Amy E. Ginck (Timothy) of Camp Hill, PA., and Jason R. Bergendahl

(Emily) of Cupertino, CA.; grandchildren, Joshua, Nathaniel and Sarah Ginck, Lucas, Jenna, and Rachel Bergendahl and Lucy Grant. Whenever any of the offspring were

mentioned, Bob's eyes may have reminded you of the 4th of July.

There will be a private graveside service conducted by Rev. Douglas Foss, of Hope Church, at Mountain View Cemetery, Lenox. A memorial service celebrating Bob's life is planned for a future date at Hope Church. Any donations in memory of Robert Bergendahl may be made to either Hope Church, Berkshire Institute for Christian Studies, Hospice Care of the Berkshires, or Habitat for Humanity in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA. 01240.

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ So sorry for your loss Marlene! Sending condolences to you, Susanne, Amy and Jason

Priscilla Morrill - September 27, 2020 at 07:50 PM

GZ

“ I volunteered alongside Bob on many occasions over the last decade or so, and was always absolutely overjoyed to be so fortunate to get to work alongside him. Returning to Tanglewood to volunteer, whenever that time comes, will not be the same without Bob's gentle energy and warm smile to look forward to.

Gail Zinberg - September 27, 2020 at 02:49 PM

PB

“ I worked at Shakespeare & Company for many years and enjoyed getting to know Bob during countless mailings. He was a dedicated volunteer who showed great care for the work and for his fellow volunteers. I want to express my condolences to Marlene and to his family and friends and hope that you can find comfort in the many happy memories that you shared together.

Patrick Buckley - September 25, 2020 at 11:04 AM

RK

“ Rebecca Knox lit a candle in memory of Mr Robert Bergendahl



Rebecca Knox - September 23, 2020 at 06:40 PM

RK

*Dear Marlene and family.  
I am so very sorry for your loss. Your beautiful words in Bob's obituary show how much you loved him. Yes, he has gone to meet our Lord and Savior and is not at peace in the arms of God. May beautiful memories sustain you in the coming days. Prayers for peace and comfort are being sent your way.  
God bless.  
BeckyKnox*

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**Rebecca Knox** - September 23, 2020 at 06:44 PM

RK

*He is "now" at peace. (Typo)*

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**Rebecca Knox** - September 23, 2020 at 06:45 PM

SS

“ *Dear Suzanne and family,*

*Sending my deepest condolences to you all and wishing you peace during this profoundly difficult time. May your memories ease the pain of his passing.*

*Take good care,  
Sheriann Stanton*

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**Sheri Stanton** - September 23, 2020 at 04:00 PM

 Sally  
Allen

“ *Marlene, Amy, Susanne, & Jason*  
*I am so sorry for your loss. Bob fought a long hard fight and he is at peace now. I remember the many Girl Scout Award dinners that Bob attended.. He was the strong and silent type but you could see the pride in his eyes as Amy got yet another award. How he silently helped Marlene with the Girl Scout cookies as she was "cookie" mom. More recently before I moved to Florida Robyn and I would see him in Price Chopper. He always seems so happy to see me. Marlene, I will always remember your eyes brimming with tears at Robyn's Memorial service. My heart and prayers go out to each all of you.*

*Sally Allen*

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**Sally Allen** - September 23, 2020 at 03:08 PM

MD

“ *I new Bob for many years as a fellow Tanglewood Volunteer and also at many Senior Lunches. He was a great person and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers to his loved ones.*

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**Mike Durst** - September 23, 2020 at 12:24 PM

DM

“ *Mrs. B, Susanne, Amy, Jason, and families,*  
*I'm so very sorry for your loss. He was a very kind and gentle soul. I will remember him fondly. May all your good memories of him last you forever.*

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**Dustin Miller** - September 23, 2020 at 10:40 AM

PG

“ *Dear Marlene and Family,  
Please accept our deepest sympathy. It was always a pleasure to see you and Bob at various events through out Berkshire County. Our conversations were always interesting. We know you have many memories of Bob that will live in your hearts. Call on them when needed. Prayers your way. Bob... Rest in peace, hope and joy.*

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**Patrick & Marie Gormalley** - September 23, 2020 at 06:55 AM

LH

“ *Susanne and Family,  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family with the passing of your dad. I remember him from my days at GE through General Dynamics until he retired. Always with a smile on his face. May you find comfort from the love of family and friends at this difficult time.*

*With sympathy,  
Linda Harrison*

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**Linda Harrison** - September 23, 2020 at 06:12 AM