



## Robert M Fuster Sr

December 8, 1943 - October 18, 2019

Robert M. Fuster, Sr.

Robert Michael Fuster, Sr., 75, of Lenox, died on Friday, October 18, 2019, at Berkshire Medical Center.

Robert was born in Brooklyn, New York, on December 8, 1943. He graduated from New York University in 1965 and obtained his Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School in 1968, where he graduated with honors, first his class. While in Law School, he served as the Articles and Research Editor for the Brooklyn Law Review and published several articles therein.

He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1968 and, after law school, Clerked for the Honorable John R. Bartels, Federal District Court Judge for the Eastern District of New York. Then he became an associate with the Wall Street New York law firm Hughes, Hubbard and Reed.

He moved to Lenox, with his family, in 1972 and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar that same year. He continued to practice law until the time of his passing.

He was actively involved in the community. He served as the Lenox Bicentennial Committee Co-Chair from 1975-1976. He was the president of the Berkshire Country Day School's Parents Association for two years, a Board Member for nine years, and the Treasurer for seven years, where he took over at a time when many private schools were having financial difficulty and helped to restore the school to financial stability and fiscal viability during his term.

He was a Board Member of the Opportunity Workshop, a non-profit organization which found employment for the disabled.

In 1992, he founded the Berkshire Humane Society in response to the decision of the MSPCA to close its Berkshire County shelter operation. He then served as the President of the Berkshire Humane Society Board from 1992 to 2008. He led the organization in the location and building of its new shelter facility at Barker Road, Pittsfield, which is nationally recognized as the finest shelter operation of its size and demographics in the country.

He was one of the founders and original Board member of the Berkshire County Children's Advocacy Center, the Kid's Place.

He was the recipient of the ninth annual Bob Rose Volunteer Award in 1994, sponsored by the Berkshire Eagle and the Junior League of Berkshire County, and the Massachusetts Bar Association Volunteer of the Year Award for Berkshire County in 1995.

He was a member of the Lenox Zoning Board of Appeals since 2008 and was its Chair at the time of his passing.

He was an avid animal lover, devoted husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Irene (Doval), his son, Robert, Jr., his daughter-in-law, Tatiana, grandsons, Sergei and Alexander, his sister-in-law, Louise (Doval) Greeley and his in-law, Galina Lee.

He was predeceased by his parents, Isidore and Sarah Eva (Fiterstein) and his brother, Alan.

**FUNERAL NOTICE:** Calling hours will be held at Roche Funeral Home in Lenox on Friday, October 25th from 4 to 7 pm. The funeral will also be held at Roche Funeral Home on Saturday, October 26th at 9:00 am, followed by a burial service at Mountain View Cemetery in Lenox. There will also be a memorial at the Berkshire Humane Society at a later date and time. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society, care of the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home  
120 Main Street  
P.O. Box 152  
Lenox, MA 01240  
(413) 637-0699  
eroche120fh@gmail.com

## Service

OCT **26**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Church  
134 Main Street  
Lenox, MA 01240

## Burial

OCT **26**. 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Mountain View Cemetery  
Housatonic Street  
Lenox, MA 01240

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ Am so saddened by the loss of Robert. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed in our community ❤️ Susan Lipton

Susan Lipton - November 27, 2019 at 01:03 PM

KM

“ I am so upset to have heard of Robert's passing this week. He was a dear friend and colleague, and a mentor to so many of us who found ourselves practicing here in the Berkshires. He will be dearly missed.

Krista Wroldson Miller

Krista Wroldson Miller - October 25, 2019 at 03:11 PM

RJ

“ Ray, Barbara Mathew and Jared purchased the beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert M Fuster Sr.



Ray, Barbara Mathew and Jared - October 25, 2019 at 02:04 PM

PW

“ Bob was my first mentor in the legal profession, and perhaps my best. He and Harris Aaronson allowed me to work at their firm as in intern during two three-month periods, when I was in college and first contemplating attending law school and later after my first year of law school. Bob was smart, funny, considerate and wise, and, after my first year of law studies, he gave me a fair amount of responsibility. I had a great career, and even practiced before the judge in New York City for whom Bob had clerked (and about whom Bob had given me lots of insights). - Peter Williams, Stockbridge, MA

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**Peter Williams** - October 23, 2019 at 03:24 PM

LA

“ I'm very, sorry to read of the loss of Bob. I knew him through real estate for over 30 years. He had a great smile, was a fine man and was always kind to me. He'll be sadly missed.

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**Lynn Arseneau** - October 22, 2019 at 03:06 PM

TB

“ Robert Jr. Very sorry for the passing of your Dad.  
Teresa Barents Van Bramer

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**Teresa Barents Van Bramer** - October 22, 2019 at 09:09 AM

CM

“ Dear Irene, Robert jr and family of Robert, sr,  
I am so sorry to hear that Robert has passed. Whenever I saw him  
he always had a big smile.  
Please accept my deepest condolences.  
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Claire Marchand

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claire Marchand - October 22, 2019 at 12:47 AM

AD

“ Irene, Robert Jr., and family:  
I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Robert. I have so many  
fond memories of Robert. He always had a smile that was  
contagious and a personality that made everyone feel important.  
Some of my favorite times were at "218" decorating for the holidays,  
late night dinners, New Year's Eve, and dancing at the parties. My  
thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. I am honored to  
have known Robert and cherish his many words of wisdom. Love,  
Andrea DeMayo

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Andrea DeMayo - October 21, 2019 at 06:10 PM

CA

Goodbye, Sir. An honorable man with empathy.

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carolbprice - October 22, 2019 at 09:56 AM

LS

I had the pleasure of knowing Bob and Irene when I taught preschool  
at Berkshire Country Day School and Robbie was in our class! What I  
remember most about Bob was his intense interest and enthusiasm for  
everything we were doing in our classroom! No event was insignificant  
to Bob Fuster! My heartfelt condolences to Irene, to Robbie, and to the  
whole family. This man shed a very bright light and I know he will be  
sorely missed.

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Linda H. Small - October 22, 2019 at 06:08 PM

DG

To the Fuster family:

*I just heard of Robert's passing and I am stunned. He was my colleague and, in many respects, a mentor for the 23 years I practiced law in Berkshire County. He was diligent, resourceful and generous with his time, his advice, and his assistance. Even though nearly 20 years have elapsed since I left Berkshire County, I will always remember Robert's wise counsel and good nature. Robert made the practice of law as non-adversarial as it could be, which was a great help both to litigants and to their attorneys. I will never forget Robert. He was one of the finest people I have ever had the good fortune to work with. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Dory Green*

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**Dory Green** - October 22, 2019 at 09:18 PM

GB

“ George and Abraham Bechara purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Robert M Fuster Sr.



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**George and Abraham Bechara** - October 19, 2019 at 07:29 PM