



Robert Earle Bergen

April 20, 1944 - September 1, 2023

Robert Earle Bergen 79 of Rosemont PA died quietly in the early morning hours September 1, 2023 with Carol, his spouse of 57 years by his side. Two months earlier Frances, the best dog ever German Shepherd, died of cancer while Bob was hospitalized, Bob was born in Lancaster PA to James Talmadge and Ann Chalker Bergen. He is survived by his older brother John Bergen (Suzie) of Rossville GA and two younger brothers James Bergen (Dr. Shelly Rubin) Elkins Park and Thomas Bergen (Jan Loeffler) Lancaster PA, children Kristin Philadelphia and David (Brenda Rotheiser) and grandchild Lilly of Chicago, nieces Lauren Bergen Pryor (Chris) Falls Church VA and Alison Bergen East Hampton NY and grandniece Emma and grandnephew Andy of Falls Church, VA.

Bob was a graduate of Duke University (ME) where two days after graduation he was married by his paternal grandfather, a Presbyterian Minister, to Carol Rusian of Durham NC, Fort Lauderdale in the Duke Chapel. Bob and Carol moved to Wayne where he began working for Trane Co managing three sales engineers. He later joined Penjerdel where he was VP of construction working with four major hospitals. Later Bob worked with Willard Inc where he was a liaison with Enron Corp. Over the next four years he was involved with multiple projects in China. Bob then joined Henderson Corp where he was responsible for marketing and sales of construction management services in Phila and southern NJ. He had project experiences with pharmaceutical

clients designing a 25,000 sq ft animal facility, and with Wyeth Pharma delivering plans for an animal storage facility, Bookbinder's restoration to a condominium tower and apartment conversion as well as a Rohm and Haas addition. He was involved with the US Postal Facility upgrades, Philadelphia Inquirer renovations, APOTEC Pharma in Hong Kong, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Scheering Plough, Temple Univ, Penn Mutual, Squibb Shanghai and Wyeth Labs. Bob recalls being in every basement of every hospital in Philadelphia

All these work related skills made him a valuable and active volunteer. He served as a board member of Saunders House, Bryn Mawr Terrace and Mainline Senior Care for over two decades. He was served as board chair, vice chair, secretary and chair of the building committee. Bob was involved in the creation of the Memory Care Unit at Bryn Mawr Terrace. Additionally he served on the Mainline Quality and Equity Council and was a community member for MLH Quality and Safety. As a member of Bachelor's Barge on Boat House Row, he worked closely with another member on the restoration of the original boat house. Bob was also a member of of the Mens Garden Club of Philadelphia where his favorite contribution was not the flowers but the construction of the club's entry into the annual Flower Show.

Family summers in Avalon as a kid turned into summers in Avalon for twenty years with his own family and their friends. There was plenty guitar playing on the porch. Music was central to Bob's life. He attended Interlachen Center for the Arts as did Kristin and now Lilly. While in college he played guitar with a group in local venues in Durham and Chapel Hill. The guitar went everywhere with him. You could easily take it on a plane in those days. More recently he played banjo with a local bluegrass group. A balance of music came from both Phila Opera and the Met. Life without him will be too quiet.

His Memorial Service will be held on Saturday September 30th. at 11 AM at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Saunders House Foundation, PO Box 26804, 52 W. 3rd Avenue, Collegeville, PA 19426

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall



“ I have just learned the sad news. Bob was a kind gentleman, and a very talented musician; well-loved and respected by his fellow musicians. I will keep the memory of his guitar and banjo playing in my heart. Sending love and prayers to Carol and all. Vicki

Vicki Cahill - December 21, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ Bob was a very special person. I worked with him at Penjerdel for 10 years and we often kept in touch throughout our individual work careers in the HVAC industry. I was saddened to hear of his death, and I hope it helps to know how much he was loved by those he worked with. I respected and trusted his opinions and was grateful for his mentoring. He loved his family most of all and I hope this little note of sympathy lifts your spirits as you grieve. With sincere and deep sympathy for you, Carol and your whole family.

Valerie King - September 30, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Earle Bergen.



September 28, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Earle Bergen.

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“ Saunders House Board of Directors purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Robert Earle Bergen.



Saunders House Board of Directors - September 26, 2023 at 12:47 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert Earle Bergen.



September 23, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Earle Bergen.



September 22, 2023 at 03:01 PM

JH

“ John H. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert Earle Bergen.



John H. - September 18, 2023 at 09:10 PM

JC

“ We have such great memories of seeing Bob and Carol on both sides of the Atlantic. He and his family were such generous hosts and always great company whether in Avalon or London. We will think of Bob often and are proud be his European cousins. With our heartfelt sympathies.



Jeff and Leonie Chalker - September 18, 2023 at 12:35 PM

Alan Frankel

“ Bob was a wonderful friend. I wish I had met him much earlier in life. But, our time together was always special and varied. We shared a love of good wine, golf, volunteerism, politics, and humor. Bob, I will hold you in the light and think of you often, with a smile on my face.

Alan Frankel - September 17, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Earle Bergen.

September 15, 2023 at 09:12 AM

Anne
Zavell

“ We remember Bob's kind heart and musical soul. We have fond memories of visiting him in Avalon and of the times spent with David, Brenda and Lilly in Chicago. May his memory bring his family comfort in this time of loss. Sincerely, Anne and Howard Zavell

Anne Zavell - September 14, 2023 at 06:43 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Bob Bergen



Chip & Nancy Roach - September 14, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Earle Bergen.



September 13, 2023 at 09:55 PM