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**R**obert John Graham, age 69 of Milton, DE, passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at Christiana Care Health Systems in Newark, DE. He was born on March 3, 1951 in Newark, NJ, son of the late Robert and Ruth Ellen (McElroy) Graham.

Bob lived most of his life in New Jersey, growing up in Union. He attended RPI and Montclair State University, leaving school to assist in the family's deli- grocery. Later, he taught computer programming and had a long career at Schering- Plough Pharmaceuticals.

An avid sports fanatic, Bob loved soccer and coached, healed, and worked with many Teaneck players. He could always be found with an ace bandage in hand and kind words of encouragement. Bob coached softball and assisted his wife as they raked fields and helped with baseball and swim teams. Card games, especially poker, and shooting billiards were also on his list of fun. He was an artist and a jokester, and a jack of all trades. Duct tape was always on hand with him. Bob bowled, having a high average of 284. He played golf and retired to his dream job at "The Rookery" golf course. Every Christmas, he baked cookies, grew his beautiful white beard, dressed in red and loved to be Santa. Above all, Bob cherished time with those he held dear. He was a wonderful husband, the best father anyone could have and the most incredible Pop Pop; a wonderful man who left us suddenly and will be missed always and forever.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his sister, Eileen "Penny" Weist. He is survived by his college sweetheart and love of his life, his wife Maryanne (Simler) Graham; his wonderful children: Caitlin Graham, Jannine Nunez (Emmanuel), Carolyn Graham, and Timothy Graham (Julie Gonzalez); the lights of his life, his granddaughters: Annaliese and Gabriella Nunez; his brothers: William Graham (Lorraine) and Jim Graham (Kim); his many nieces, nephews, and special family friends; and his loyal canine companion, Kahlua.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, services were private.



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In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bob's memory to one of his favorite charities would be greatly appreciated. Please send memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Please sign Bob's online guestbook located on this site.



## Tribute Wall

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**Karen Malkiewicz** posted:

Wonderful neighbor who was more than a neighbor but family for almost 25 years in Teaneck. Shared family Backyard bar-b-ques, birthday parties, New Year's Eve and sitting on the front steps during warm summer nights with neighbors DaLlago's, Malkiewicz's and the Graham's. Never forgotten but cherished always in our hearts. Rest in Peace dear neighbor and Friend--Karen & Matt.

April 18 at 5:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Light Blue Rose with White Daisy to the Graham family.



April 18 at 12:51 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Graham family.



April 18 at 7:38 AM



**Cathy White** posted:

I did not know Robert, but I know Mary Ann. I am so sorry for your loss of a man that sounds like he was one of a kind! Love You Guys, Cathy and Family

April 18 at 6:03 AM



**Lillian Cassarello** lit a candle in honor of Robert.



April 18 at 4:26 AM



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BD

**Barbara And Joe Dallago** posted:

Bob was an amazing friend and neighbor who was always there for us in good and bad times. We will miss his quiet dry sense of humor along with his Christmas cookies. Our memories raising our kids together are precious and unforgettable. Love to all of you no matter how far the distance we are always close in heart.

April 18 at 3:38 AM

LC

**Lori Cavanagh** posted:

Bob will be missed. Loved spending time with him at swim meets. Also loved it when he played Santa every December. Condolences to the entire family. Lori and John Cavanagh

April 18 at 3:21 AM

LT

**Lynn And Joe Torres** April 18 at 7:33 AM

So sorry for your loss. Our families have grown up together, we have lost someone near and dear to our hearts. I will always remember the soccer games, play dates and all the fun we had together.

LC

**Lillian Cassarello** April 18 at 4:23 AM

Condolences to his wife and children he was always around on the holidays Christmas was the best he made a great Santa prayer for all at this time love the Cassarello Family



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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