



William R. Kennedy

February 15, 1942 - September 25, 2017

William “Bob” Robert Kennedy, 75, of Avella, PA, passed away with family by his side at 3 p.m. Monday, September 25, 2017. Bob resided at the McKinley Health Center at Laurelbrooke Landing, Brookville, since March 2017, diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia.

He was born on February 15, 1942 in Butler, son of the late Willis L and Pauline (Winters) Kennedy.

Bob graduated from McGuffey High School, Washington and Jefferson College, Millersville University for his Masters, and Kent State University for his PHD. He taught Special Education in West Middlesex, PA Elementary School. Bob then worked at Case Western Reserve University, followed by Saint Elizabeth’s Hospital in Youngstown, OH as the Director of Medical Education. He retired at age 55 to live and work at the family homestead.

Bob told the best stories. His most favorite times were those spent with family and friends. He also enjoyed painting landscapes, carving decoy ducks, fence posts, and personalized signs for family and friends, and cookies.

He loved to travel to visit historical locations throughout the United States.

Bob also enjoyed reading and owned a large book collection.

Bob was the husband to Diane J. Mitch Kennedy, father of Julianne Dechant and her fiancé Dennis Hill of Knox and Michael Kennedy and his wife Jackie of Johnstown, grandfather “Pap Pap” to Laura and Tyler Weisenstein and Dakota, Dayne, and Kobyn Kennedy.

In addition to his wife, children, and grandchildren, Bob is survived by his

sisters, Consuello Sheller and her husband Gene and Cynthia Johnson and her husband Dan, her nieces, Maria and Gena Sheller, and Samantha Dye (Sheller), and his nephews, Sean and Joel Johnson, sister-in-law, Jackie Mitch, his many beloved cousins, and dogs, Jennie, Laddie, and Gus.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Aunts, Uncles, In-laws, Mary and William Mitch, and a son-in-law, Bernard Dechant.

At Bob's request there will be no services.

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is handling the arrangements.

The family would like to thank the Clarion Forest VNA Hospice and the caring staff at Laurelbrooke Landing, Brookville.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road SW Lilburn, GA 30047 or to the Clarion Forest VNA, 271 Perkins Road, Clarion PA 16214.

Tribute Wall

SG

“ Diane,

It's Steve Grossman a former fam med resident at St E's (1977-80) where you and Bob were such an important part of my training and transcendence into practice.

I know this is 4 years past due, but I was reminiscing the other day and thought I'd reach out and reconnect. Sadly, he's no longer here with us, but you are and the folks at the funeral home assured me you'd still see my comments!

I too know the pain of such loss Diane having lost my wife Bonnie in 2000 and as a hospice doc later in my career.

Let me just say that my time with Bob will forever remain indelibly imprinted in my heart, and the mentoring and role modeling of life skills he provided were priceless in understanding the practice of medicine. His morality and ethics mixed with his home spun manner and devout family focus were truly more than a young man could hope for during such a formative professional time.

Please accept my heartfelt wishes and know that you and your family will be forever in my thoughts and prayers.

stevendgrossman@gmail.com

Steven Grossman - December 16, 2021 at 11:13 AM

RM

“ *Dr. Kennedy, our Bob, will never be forgotten by his family and by all those friends, who knew him well and learned to respect him, appreciate him and love him.*

Bob was a man of keen intellect, good sense of humor, an educator and mentor. Whenever I spent time with Bob, whether in his office, as Director of Medical Education at St. Elizabeth Health Center, or his farm, in Avella Pa, I left him feeling better and richer human being. Humble, thoughtful, and kind, who valued simplicity, honesty, integrity, and all that was decent and good.

He felt comfortable in his skin, and cherished the moments with Diane, Jullie, his horse and his donkey! He loved to carve things out of wood, and to draw horses.

Bob worked hard, laughed a great deal, and loved much. He left this world better than when he found it. He is no longer with us, and we shall miss him, but the memories will stay with us forever.

I thank you, Bob, for the times we shared, and for the memories.

Rest in peace.

Rashid Abdu, M.D.

Rashid Abdu, M.D - October 01, 2017 at 11:54 AM

MA

“ *Dear Diane and family, Please accept my condolences for Bob. I have wonderful memories of this amazing man at Saint E's. God bless you and give you strength during this difficult time. Sincerely, Marcia Augustyn-Lindsay*

Marcia Augustyn-Lindsay - September 30, 2017 at 08:35 AM