



Bob Kriebel

July 9, 1942 - April 27, 2021

Robert I. Kriebel, loving husband of Rebecca L. Kriebel, born in Chestnut Hill, PA, passed away peacefully at the age of 78 of non smoking lung cancer on April 27th in his home surrounded by his family, friends and love. He resided in North Wales, PA, Cape May, NJ, and Beaver Creek, CO. Bob lived life beyond the horizon. When the wind was up, he was sailing, when there was powder, he was skiing, and he was always up for a good game of golf. Through all his adventures, his faith and devotion to his family and friends were his compass. Time together in the simple gatherings brought him joy.

Bob cherished his family. His memories live on with his beloved wife of 51 years, Becky, his two treasured daughters Amanda Kriebel and Gretchen LaFleur, her husband Christopher and their loving children Kai and Morgan. Bob is also survived by his dear sisters Joan Echevarria and Deborah Skinker and their husbands, Fred and Jim, respectively.

Bob was an avid golfer, not only for the game, but for the camaraderie. He also loved to ski in Colorado, where he and his wife resided in the winter. He was passionate about nature. To him, the Rockies were a symbol of steadfast magnitude and strength. A son of a fisherman at heart, he learned catching moments together are a legacy to be coveted. And the wind in the colorful sails of his Hobie Cat reminded him he was being guided by the real Captain.

Bob taught his daughters how to have fun, smile, laugh, and love along with the importance of integrity, family, giving, gratitude and so much more. He was like a lighthouse always guiding them home. If Bob had a weather forecast it would be "The Sky's the Limit." He was the first to offer unedited guidance and unfiltered wisdom. And if you knew Bob well, he shared his true self and was true to his word.

Bob had a wonderful way with words, first writing poems to his wife that he met at Sid's aka Carney's in Cape May in 1968. They were blessed to live a lifetime of honeymoons, traveling and hiking all around the globe together celebrating their love and over 50 years

of marriage.

During his business career he held several Board of Directors positions. He was Chief Financial Officer of two biotechnology companies, spanning a period of 15 years that were involved in the development of products for patients with cancer and AIDS. Prior to this he was employed for 20 years at a major pharmaceutical company as Treasurer, but also VP Investor Relations and VP Controller. Bob graduated from Roanoke College with a BS in Economics. He honorably served in the National Guard for six years starting as troop clerk to then operating tanks. He ran track at Springfield High School Montgomery County, and was the State Champion in the quarter mile relay race at the Penn Relays.

Described as a generous, classy, and stand-up guy, Bob worked diligently with the finance committees at his churches offering services and advice, right up to resigning the day prior to his passing. His devotion to supporting those around him and beyond is a true legacy to admire.

Bob felt he lived a life filled abundantly with God's blessings, especially for sending him the light of his life, Becky. He was always capable of seeing the bright side of life and was full of clever wit and humor while battling this disease for almost two years. His "let's go" attitude continued during his treatment as he courageously fought like a valiant warrior. His story doesn't end here, it lives on in each of our hearts.

*****UPDATE: we will be starting the livestream closer to 1pm. We are running late.

Bob's memorial ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 12:30pm at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May. <https://www.cyccm.com> If you are unable to attend, join via livestream at 12:20pm the day of the ceremony by simply clicking this link <https://www.hdezwebcast.com/show/robert-kriebel>. The ceremony will also be recorded and posted on Bob's Tribute Wall shortly after at <https://www.spilkerfuneralhome.com/m/obituaries/Bob-Kriebel/Memories>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

- Cape May Lutheran Church, 509 Pittsburgh Ave., Cape May, NJ 08204 <http://www.cape-maylutheran.org>

- Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 W Main St., Lansdale, PA 19446 <http://www.trinitylansdale.com>

- Penn Medicine Lung Cancer Research Fund: <http://www.pennmedicine.org> Go to: giving more opportunities for giving donate now change fund choose: Lung Cancer Research Fund or click on: <https://giving.apps.upenn.edu/fundprogram=MED&fund=601681>

Comments



“ 1 file added to the album Bob Kriebel's Recorded Ceremony June 27, 2021



Spilker Funeral Home - June 28 at 12:26 PM



“ Bob was such a fun loving soul and always a joy to be around! We always looked forward to celebrating holidays with him and Becky when they visited California (easter or thanksgiving). I was lucky enough to hear him share his incredible wisdom on life, success, and love. Will never forget that smile and that sense of humor he had. A very special man ☐ thanks for sharing your sweet dad with us, Amanda!
Love, the Camerino family

malia camerino - June 27 at 02:03 PM



“ My family and I first met Bob when he and Becky were out in CA visiting Amanda:) I loved Bob's fun and welcoming attitude:) I always looked forward to when he and Becky were coming to visit, as I loved hearing about their adventures and being around their charismatic and vibrant energy together. I will miss that. Bob flies free know, smiling down on us all, an inspiration and guiding light always
Leigh Zamora

Leigh Zamora - June 27 at 01:55 PM



“ I met Bob through Amanda and since then Bob has been in my life as a cherished mentor and inspiration. I would get to visit with both Becky and Bob in California and New Jersey. Bob made me smile on many occasions and I still hold the memory of his sweet smile. Thank you Bob for coming into my life and sharing your presence.
Love you Bob!

Kristen Kurtz - June 27 at 12:03 PM



“ I met Bob in Solana beach at a Mexican restaurant- with Becky and Amanda and friends. We had such a fun dinner since Bob has the best humor and laughter. Over the years wherever we met - was it Cape May or California- he always greeted us with his unforgettable big smile. We love you Bob and family. Martina and family

martina desatnick - June 27 at 11:49 AM



“ We met Bob and Becky through a mutual friend, Gail Wilsey, while skiing in Beaver Creek, Colorado. Since that time, we enjoyed many good times together, including après ski gatherings, dinner at their home at the base of the slopes in Bachelor Gulch, and get-togethers here in Cape May. Such a great great guy !
--Mark and Valarie Sorensen

Mark Sorensen - May 07 at 06:32 PM



“ Bob and I were track team members at Springfield High School. I was a year ahead, class of 1959, and that year we won the Bucks/Mont., mile relay and participated at the Penn Relays. Bob was an excellent athlete and an all around good guy. I have many fond memories of Bob, as do all that knew him. Bill Koehler

William Koehler - May 09 at 01:49 PM



“ I met Bob the day we moved in next door to the Kriebels. We became instant friends; more like brothers. He was always there to lend a hand or a tool I didn't have. He made time to share advice or a laugh whenever we were outside together. He was truly "family" and will be sorely missed.

Bob Lamendola

Robert J. Lamendola - May 10 at 09:26 AM



“ Bob and Becky were one of the first people to welcome us to Philadelphia beach in Cape May many years ago. Since then John and I have enjoyed many pleasant dinners together with them, always with a laugh or two. Bob always had a welcoming smile and made time to chat readily sharing his wit. He will be missed by all who had the good fortune of knowing him.

Deborah Lukens - May 10 at 06:46 PM



“ Philly Beach will never be the same without Bob there!! Joe & I would always be "looking for the Kriebel's" to catch up on what was happening with our Girls and grandkids or just what was going on around town. He certainly will be missed for the generous, wonderful and funny man we knew.

Christine Rizzo - May 16 at 08:55 PM



“ Bob was a big part of my happy days at Springfield High School. Years ago after high school we had a great round of golf in Stone Harbor with a few of our classmates. A great guy, we were proud to be a friend of his. Jim Grover '60 & Barbara Epstein Grover, '61

Barbara Gover - June 06 at 05:54 PM