



Henry R. Bickel IV

December 12, 1956 - October 13, 2021

Henry "Bob" R. Bickel IV, 64, of Swiftwater, unexpectedly died Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at St. Luke's Hospital - Monroe in Bartonsville. He was the loving husband of Martha (Wooters) Bickel, with whom he shared 42 years of marriage.

Born in Paterson, New Jersey, he was the son of Elizabeth (Van Dam) Frauenknecht of Clifton, New Jersey, and the late Henry Bickel III.

Henry and Martha met during high school and married in 1979. He worked in distribution for Hudson County News in New Jersey from 1990-1996 and since 1998 was employed by Air Products in Allentown, most recently working as a Material Master Data Technician. He was a passionate Democrat and member of the Monroe County Democratic Party. In addition Bob was a strong advocate for women's, voters' and LGBTQ+ rights. He and his family enjoyed moose watching trips to New Hampshire. Bob proudly admitted he loved Facebook and watching the Hallmark Channel. All throughout the year you could count on him to display endless Christmas decorations indoors and out. Most importantly you could always count on Bob; he enjoyed helping others whenever possible and will be greatly missed.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Jessica Bickel and her fiancé, Scott Woolnough of Wilkes-Barre; son, Henry Bickel V and his wife, Muchir of Bethlehem; sister, Betty Ann Bickel of Oak Ridge, New Jersey; and beloved grandson, Colin Woolnough.

There will be no services at this time; private cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association by visiting diabetes.org.

Comments



“ Martha and family, My deepest sympathy on Bob's passing. Bob was always so pleasant at work. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Raquel Rosas

Raquel Rosas - October 28, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ I'm gonna miss him so much. He was a great friend. I always said I was his other wife. He was so good to others. Martha and he mean the world to me. May he rest in heaven watching over us all.

Linda Washington - October 28, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ It Saddens me to hear of Bob's passing. I never met him in person but we spoke many times through work chats. Bob was a great asset in the development of our plant in Port Manatee. Bob was always the first person to reach out with any concerns we had here. He will be greatly missed by many of us at the Port Manatee facility.

Richard - October 28, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ Diane Metzgar lit a candle in memory of Henry R. Bickel IV



Diane Metzgar - October 25, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ One of the best neighbors we've ever had. Kind and very caring man. OUR thoughts are with the family during this difficult time.



Diane Metzgar - October 22, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ Martha, Henry and Jessica,
My deepest condolences on Bob's passing. Bob came to the MM group and brought positive energy and light heartedness to what could be a pressure cooker. He sent me numerous images of Moose and shared his travels and adventures with the team. Bob's presence made everything a bit cheerier. I will be holding all of you in my heart as you continue life's journey.

Tammy Lutz - October 18, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ Martha, I am truly saddened by Bob’s passing and my heartfelt condolences go out to you and your children. My friendship with Bob goes back to 7th grade at Martin Luther King School in Paterson. It was Bob who told me about his plans to enroll at Paterson Catholic that caused me to follow him into that fine school where I made so many fond memories and lifelong friends. When Bob shared the news of John Quagliana’s passing we exchanged a whole series of emails wherein he reflected upon his love for you and his children and recounted your many vacations here in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. You would drive to the top of Mt. Washington to take in the breathtaking views. He wrote, “I go to the top of the rock pile to “recharge my batteries”. From there I realize how insignificant I am in the big picture. It’s not spiritual, but it can be.” The thoughts he expressed in his emails to me were in fact very spiritual. Above all, Bob was a man who had a lot of love in his heart. He really kept our high school class connected. If Christianity is built on the notion of love, then he is certainly the most Christian person I’ve ever known. I pray that the outpouring of love from your Paterson Catholic family provides you some comfort, knowing that he and you are in so many of our prayers.

Boris

Boris Hadshi - October 15, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ Boris, what a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. You got it all right. We will all miss his wonderful spirit and I pray that Martha and family will always know what a kind and considerate dad and husband Bob was. You are all in my prayers.

Jeannie Siedlarczyk Coaker

jeannie siedlarczyk coaker - October 15, 2021 at 09:53 PM



“ I vividly remember the sweet courtship of Martha and Bob during our years at Paterson Catholic High School. Their relationship was and remained one to be admired. However, it has been in the years since social media entered our lives that I was able to get to know Bob on a different level- I loved his politics---and his continued expressive love for his family, The joy he received from making sure that the class of '74 was always connected was inspiring. Bob was one of a kind--- always complimentary and sharing a positive and honest word. His love for life was obvious. I know I speak on behalf of the entire class of '74-----we will miss you. Pat Barbarito

Patricia Barbarito - October 15, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ Bob knew I had just experience surgery and was unable to afford the cost of our HS class reunion. Bob paid for my wife and I to attend. I will forever remember that until the time when I shall see Bob once again. Thanks be to God

andrew sims - October 15, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ Martha, Henry & Jessica, I am so very sorry for the loss of your husband and dad. I worked with Bob for a few years on the material master data team and he always kept me entertained. I told him my childhood moose story my first day in the department and he continued to share your travels and enjoyment as well. He is also the only person I've known who started looking forward to Christmas as early (maybe even earlier) as me. I will miss my weather updates and my political chats with him very much. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers and I'm sending you big hugs.
Stacy Street

Stacy Street - October 15, 2021 at 01:56 PM