



Robert Reagh Carpenter

May 27, 1953 - July 15, 2025

It is with a heavy heart, we share that Robert Reagh Carpenter passed away on July 15, 2025 at The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center after a long battle with cancer. Bob was born on May 27, 1953 to the late Robert and Marilyn (Wilkinson) Carpenter. He graduated from Charles Lindbergh High School class of 1971 in Hopkins, Minnesota.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife, Julie; parents, Robert and Marilyn (Wilkinson) Carpenter; and brother, Bill Carpenter.

Bob is survived by his stepson, Brian Miller and his wife, Kate; his cat, Moose; and many many friends.

He attended The Ohio State University and studied Psychology and later studied Surgical Technology at Columbus State Community College. Bob was a dedicated volunteer for Loyal Order of the Moose and worked for CAPA at the Ohio Theater. Prior to that, Bob had a career at Abbott Labs in information systems.

If you know Bob, he lived life his way. He surrounded himself with community, laughter, and had a magical way of connecting to people. He was chivalrous, tactful and patient.

Bob spent his summers at Crooked Lake in northern Michigan. He carried forward the legacy of a century-old family property along with his late brother, Bill Carpenter. And of course, Bob loved his cat Moose, appropriately named after adoption at the Moose Lodge in Mancelona, Michigan.

Bob was an excellent chef, famous for his spaghetti sauce. He loved fine wine and even lived in Paso Robles, California for a few years working in the tasting room at Lorenzi Estates Winery. Despite his flashy white BMW convertible, he lived humbly, often wearing souvenir tees and hats from his favorite bars and wineries. Being with him at a local winery or the Mancelona Moose in Michigan was like being with a celebrity. Everyone knew him and loved him.

As we reflect on Bob's passing, his spirit will live on at Crooked Lake. Please say a prayer for Bob, raise your glass, and toast to a life well lived! A celebration of life will be held in Columbus, Ohio. Please check back for details. Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Bob Carpenter. He loved you all!