

## ROBERT E. SCHROEDER



Robert Edward Schroeder went to his eternal rest with the Lord on Friday, October 6, 2023 while at home under hospice care following an eight month valiant fight against cancer.

Born January 15, 1948, in Pittsburgh, PA, he is predeceased by his loving parents, mother Winifred M Schroeder (McCormick) and father Robert E Schroeder; and devoted brother Kenneth Schroeder all of Pittsburgh,

PA.

He is survived by his beloved wife of six years Donna V. Schroeder (Petro); much loved son John Schroeder (Kim); and daughters Erin and Courtney of Hackettstown, NJ; cherished daughter Jill Harvey (Schroeder) (Kevin); and daughters Theresa, Bex, and Grace of Lebanon, NJ, all from a previous marriage to Nancy Bush (John); beloved sisters Susan Eichenlaub (Schroeder) (Bill) of Gibsonia, PA, Kathy Schroeder Perkins (Joseph deceased) of Baden, PA; brothers James Schroeder (Becky) of Pittsburgh, PA, Bill Schroeder (Tracey) of Bellevue, PA, Gary Schroeder (Patti) of Minot, ND, John Schroeder (Laura) of Imperial, PA, David Schroeder (Kim) of Zelienople, PA, and many loved nieces and nephews.

Robert grew up as the oldest of nine siblings in Pittsburgh, PA and attended and graduated from Pennsylvania State University with an Associate in Electrical Engineering. He then accepted a professional position with AT&T Bell Laboratories in Whippany New Jersey and moved to the state. While working, he completed his four-year degree at Newark College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He then went on to complete his Master of Science degree at Rutgers State University. He had a successful 30-year career with AT&T Bell Laboratories. While there, he developed more than 15 patents for the company. He then went on to work for Loral Space & Communications, at a NJ location of the Delaware based company. Robert worked at Loral for seven years and then accepted a position at Verizon Wireless in Bedminster, NJ. He worked there for three years before deciding to completely retire to spend quality time with his five beloved granddaughters. He was extremely proud of them and enjoyed the opportunity to teach them many things and expose them to new adventures over the years.

During retirement Bob found a love of woodworking. He built a comprehensive shop in his basement and enjoyed the challenge of building one of a kind treasures for friends and family. He also enjoyed getting involved with amateur radios and going to the gun range at the Shongum Sportsmen's Association of north NJ, where he was a member for several years.

In earlier years, Bob enjoyed summer weekends with his family at the local swim club where he spent time playing backgammon and racquetball with his children. In the fall he joined his brothers and other men in the family for the annual camp weekend at the cabin in PA. Camping and fishing with his family, especially his son John, were cherished activities. He loved every moment with his family in Pittsburgh and took great joy in returning to attend family reunions and holiday parties.

The family will receive relatives and friends during a visitation service on Wednesday October 18, 2023 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the **BRANCBURG FUNERAL HOME** located at 910 Highway 202 South, Branchburg, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation [www.cholangiocarcinoma.org](http://www.cholangiocarcinoma.org) Hunterdon Hospice 215 Route 31 Flemington, NJ 08822 or The Market Street Mission [www.marketstreet.org](http://www.marketstreet.org)