

ROBERT BATES PHARIS



Robert Bates Pharis passed away peacefully on January 27, 2025, at the age of 68, with his wife and children by his side.

Bob was born in Poland, Ohio on July 25, 1956, to the late Albert and Idella Pharis. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Ellen Pharis; two children, Jeff (Abby) Pharis and Cammie Pharis; and two grandsons, Reid and Wade Pharis. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bert

(Mary Margaret) Pharis, and leaves behind brother, David (Emly) Pharis; sister, Cathy Pharis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was married to the love of his life, Ellen, on April 26, 1980, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Grove City College with a bachelor's degree in business and political science, which is where their love story began. He went on to get a computer degree from ITT Tech. He later started a computer software business in 1984, Allen Bates Associates, with his business partner, Bob Graham. After 36 years of being in business together, they sold the company in 2020. He was a member at Highland Country Club where he got a hole-in-one on August 18, 1988. He later bought a Harley Davidson Heritage Springer that quickly became his second love. He enjoyed numerous motorcycle rides and trips with his biker buddies. Bob loved vacationing in Key West, FL, where his ashes will be spread at a later date. He was a fiercely loving father and grandfather and always put his family first. He will be remembered for his signature long hair and easy-going attitude.

Friends and Family are welcome to join in a Celebration of Life held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 1-4 p.m. at Discovery Church, 170 Scharberry Lane, Mars, PA 16046.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in honor of Bob to Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF), www.breakthrough1d.org, 501 Martindale Street, Suite 670, Pittsburgh PA 15212; or Vasculitis Foundation, www.vasculitisfoundation.org.

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