



Robert D. Briles

March 10, 1942 - April 7, 2020

Robert D. Briles,

78, passed away abruptly on April 7, 2020. He was born in Indianapolis on March 10, 1942, to Russell C. and Carol L. Briles. They and his beloved sister, Miriam, preceded him in death.

Known by many as Bob or Bobby D. or Rob or B₂ (or just “Square”), he was often called a “prince” of a guy: friendly, calm, stoic, productive and immensely generous.

Bob is survived by his loving cousins, scores of personal and professional friends, and the entire congregation of the Indianapolis East Tenth United Methodist Church, where he served as treasurer. After receiving his Bachelor’s Degree and doing Graduate work at Indiana University, he proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Early in his life, he was a CPA at the George S. Olive firm in Indianapolis. Later, he became a securities broker and trader at Traub & Co. Finally, he spent most of his business career as a Vice President and client financial advisor for David A. Noyes & Co., retiring last year. He was a devoted fan (as well as a wise monitor) of CNBC’s economic broadcasts, including especially those of analyst Jim Kramer.

Bob constantly gave thanks for the beauty of the natural world, and his favorite time of year was spring. He celebrated the grace and independence of all cats. Spying a hawk soaring overhead—or even roosting briefly near him—he always exclaimed that his gladdened heart was suddenly beating faster.

Throughout many decades, he loved watching movies, especially in Indianapolis theaters, with his best friend (and caregiver during his recent illness), Dr. Dennis Petrie.

In this time of world malaise, Bob Briles's funeral must regrettably be minimal, brief, and safely private. Arrangements have been entrusted to Shirley Brothers Mortuary (www.shirleybrothers.com). A public memorial service will be planned later with the kind assistance of Rev. Darren Cushman Wood.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Tribute Wall

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“ Bob was my terrific friend from 1948. We met when we were six years old and living next door to each other on East Saint Claire Street. How we loved to go bike riding and hiking in Ellenberger Park and all over Indianapolis. I will always treasure these happy times along with our many Boy Scout camping trips. Being an expert with money matters, I forever appreciate his excellent management of my stock portfolio which kept me going strong for some twenty years. Not only was Bob kind, compassionate and giving of himself, but he was tremendously knowledgeable about so many varied subjects. Later in our lives, I fondly remember my numerous happy Indy excursions with Bob, his mom, and his sister and best friend Dennis and all the fabulous times we shared together during those decades. I will sorely miss my wonderful friend, but I am eternally grateful for the countless happy times we shared together.

STANLEY KEELER

Stanley Keeler - April 19, 2020 at 05:36 PM

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To Stanley Keeler

Bob always mentioned you and your life. He was so fond of you and he, too, recalled all of the items you mentioned. Just think, you have had the pleasure of knowing Bob for over 70 years. Try to remember Bob as you did yesterday. Keep the memories alive.

Karen Briles Huber

Karen Huber - April 20, 2020 at 10:03 AM