



## Robert Alan Jeffers

August 15, 1948 - January 11, 2023

Dear friends, Bob passed peacefully in his sleep Wednesday morning, January 11, 2023. He was 74 years old.

He was born August 15, 1948, in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Bucknell University. Growing up enjoying the bogs and pines of south Jersey, he developed an enduring love for nature. A very spiritual person, he studied biology and delighted in the outdoors because they made him feel connected and complete. He became an Eagle Scout and founding member of the still-popular Bucknell Outing Club, skills that were to come in handy.

Disliking war and violence, Bob still had a deep and abiding sense of duty. He served his country as a rifle platoon leader (reconnaissance) in Attack Company, Strike Force, 502d Infantry Regiment in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), spending most of his time in Vietnam beyond the forward lines. He always felt that bringing his men home alive was one of his most meaningful accomplishments.

After his wartime service, Bob's restless but brilliant intellect needed a home. His love for understanding systems and processes led him to a second career designing information systems for emergency services, government agencies, and the military.

Bob was a beloved stepfather to two boys from his wife Kathi, Sam and Alex. When Alex was 16, Bob and Kathi had a daughter, Christina. He gifted his friends and family with his mischievous wit, incisive advice, and a laugh that made everyone smile. He was a good listener (if somewhat hard of hearing in later years).

Bob enjoyed science, nature, and science fiction stories (mainly books) kept his big brain entertained. In addition to his family, Bob dearly loved his steadfast cat friend, Spinx.