



Robert Francis Lehman

May 10, 1938 - November 28, 2024

Robert Francis Lehman was born on May 10th, 1938, in Queens, New York to Francis Edward Lehman and Mary Rose Wolff and predeceased by his sisters Eleanor Chumley and Marian Schecter.

Robert passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 28th, 2024, in Gainesville, Virginia.

Raised by his family on Long Island, Robert was an intellectually curious young man with a passion for photography, the stars and science. He graduated from Long Island University in 1960 and then from Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia in 1964. He joined the Navy from 1965-67, reporting for duty in Iceland with his new bride, Ann. In Iceland, they had the time of their lives', making lifelong friends and furthering his love of travel and adventure. It was during these years serving in the Navy where he developed his signature "work hard, play hard" mentality.

During his Orthopedic residency at Montefiore Medical Center from 1968-1971, Robert and Ann had 2 children, Elizabeth and Chris. This growing family prompted them to embark on their next adventure, a move to the then rural town of Manassas. As a practicing Orthopedic Surgeon in Manassas from 1971 to 2005, he improved the health and lifestyle of tens of thousands of local children and adults. For the first nine years of his practice, Robert worked out of his home, often taking care of patients who stopped in at all

times. As his practice grew, he moved his office to Forestwood Lane, where he worked long hours, developed a physical therapy unit, and was so committed to his patients he could be seen shoveling snow during a blizzard so they could still get care. With thousands of surgeries performed, including the first joint replacements in the area, to treating fractures in children and adults, he provided top notch orthopedic care in Manassas. Dr. Bob would often run into thankful patients throughout his daily life including up until his passing. Nothing made Robert prouder than a great result after a complex surgical procedure. In addition to administrative roles for Prince William hospital, he served on numerous local and state medical societies. Additionally, he developed and nurtured a beloved family of employees over his four decades of work; many of whom were still instrumental in his daily life until the end.

Robert was first and foremost a kind and loving man who cherished his family. Most of his non-work time involved being with his wife and family. From camping, ski and beach trips he was happiest on a cold snowy day on Cupp Run or on a hot “wish there was more wind” sailing day on the Bay. He genuinely enjoyed these activities himself, but found most pleasure when surrounded by his children, family, and friends on these adventures. Whether crabbing, tree “farming”, or during his daily work routine, Robert had an unwavering energy and passion for accomplishing goals. Robert is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ann Lehman, his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Gary, his son Chris and his wife Stephanie. He will be missed tremendously by his grandchildren Alexandra and Madeline Kennedy and Andrew and Peter Lehman.

We will miss him greatly.

Robert’s life will be honored with a Celebration of Life Gathering at the Monastery at the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia 12:15 -2pm on December 21,

2024. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

The Address is:

Benedictine Sisters of Virginia

9535 Linton Hall Road

Bristow, VA 20136

For those inclined to do so, gifts can be made on behalf of Robert to either of his charitable passions:

The US Olympic and Paralympic teams: <https://www.usopc.org/one-for-all-the-campaign-for-team-usa>

And the Wounded Warrior Project: <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>

Cemetery Details

St. Benedict Monastery Columbarium

9535 Linton Hall Road
Bristow, VA 20136

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 21. 12:15 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Benedictine Sisters
9535 Linton Hall Rd
Bristow, VA 20136
(703) 361-0106

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Dr. Lehman was like my second Dad. He will forever be missed !!!!!!!!!!! my prayers are always with the Lehman family.*

Paula Beyerl - June 15, 2025 at 07:07 AM

AC

“ *Ashley C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Francis Lehman.*

Ashley C. - December 20, 2024 at 06:07 PM

LF

“ *Love, Dana, Maren and Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert Francis Lehman.*



Love, Dana, Maren and Families - December 20, 2024 at 12:10 PM

LF

“ *Love, Dana, Maren and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Francis Lehman.*

Love, Dana, Maren and Families - December 20, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Francis Lehman.



December 17, 2024 at 03:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Francis Lehman.

December 17, 2024 at 03:00 PM



“ Michael Zapf and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Francis Lehman.



Michael Zapf and family - December 14, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ Michael Zapf and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Francis Lehman.

Michael Zapf and family - December 14, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Francis Lehman.



December 12, 2024 at 12:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Francis Lehman.

December 12, 2024 at 12:42 AM



“ Bob and Ann came to Manassas in 1971, the same year I moved there and started my business. We met shortly thereafter and soon became fast friends. We were both into sports cars. Bob had a green Triumph and we shared a passion for Jaguars. Bob had many over the ensuing years. I remember we trailered at least one Jaguar to his home with my old army Jeep. I remember taking the family home late at night when their motor home broke down and laughing about it the whole time, and enjoying the same motor home at the sport car races at Summit point W.VA. We always had instant access to each others offices if a question came up or a need arose [before cell phones]. Bob was a man of integrity, his family always came first, he had a fine, dry sense of humor and was fun to be around. His skill as a surgeon benefited countless people, yet he remained the same Bob. I look back and think of a life well lived. I am indeed fortunate that our paths crossed.
Stuart H. Robeson, Jr.

Stuart Robeson - December 09, 2024 at 10:29 AM

JJ

“ I am heartbroken to hear of my friend Dr Bob’s passing. He was such a good guy to all that came in contact with him, as a patient, work related or casual. He loved his precious Ann and children with All his heart. Always smiling and gave the best hugs
God Bless

joyce jarrett - December 07, 2024 at 11:36 AM

HT

“ Sincere condolences to you, his family. He was an absolutely kind and caring individual. He made everyone with whom he interacted feel special and important. A fabulous physician. A former nurse and patient's mother. Helen Taylor

Heeln Taylor - December 04, 2024 at 04:36 PM

JA

“ Jarret purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Francis Lehman.



Jarret - December 03, 2024 at 09:35 PM

JA

“ Jarret planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Francis Lehman.

Jarret - December 03, 2024 at 09:35 PM

LO

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Robert was a wonderful man, and he will be deeply missed. Please know that we are thinking of you during this difficult time and are here to support you in any way we can.
Chris, Lori and Zack

Lori - December 03, 2024 at 02:23 PM

AP

“ Remembering Dr Lehman as a kind fellow and my friend.

Ann Popovich - December 02, 2024 at 10:58 PM