



Robert Hitchings, Jr.

June 17, 2024

We mourn the passing of Robert Hitchings Jr. (Bob / Hitch) on June 17, 2024. He died peacefully at The Mennonite Home, receiving wonderful care from dedicated staff. He recently turned 90 and had a very full life.

Bob grew up in Elkins Park, PA, and attended Germantown Academy (Class of 1953) and served as Class President all 4 years of high school, and was the Captain of both the soccer and basketball teams. He graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in 1957, was Captain of the soccer team and the President of his fraternity and the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Bob was the President of Philadelphia Area Newspapers for many years after taking over the family business from his father who started the company in 1929. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Sue, and their two sons, Brian and his wife Susan, Andy and his wife Jenny, and daughter Marcy Radcliffe and her husband Scott, along with 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Bob was an avid golfer and long-time member of the Philadelphia Cricket Club where he also served on a few committees. In addition, he was very active at the Ocean City Yacht Club in Ocean City New Jersey (Past Commodore, 1985) where he taught his children a love of and respect for the water, which they cherish to this day.

He was always known for his storytelling, infectious smile, overall good nature, kind and gentle personality, and humility. A Celebration of His Life will be held later this summer in Ocean City NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to The Mennonite Home, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster PA 17601 or Caring For Friends, 12271 Townsend Road, Philadelphia PA 19154.