



Robert H. Rohrer

August 31, 2018

Robert H. Rohrer, 84, Lancaster, PA passed away on August 31, 2018 at The Mennonite Home, Lancaster, PA, after several years of congestive heart failure and dementia. Bob had resided at the Home only since August 9 and observed his 56th wedding anniversary and his 84th birthday while there. Bob was born in Lancaster, PA to the late Richard Peoples Rohrer and Susan Hager Rohrer. He is survived by his wife, Joanne (Kennel) Rohrer and daughter, Elizabeth, Felton, DE and her partner, Irene Horsley, and his son, Kenneth, Lancaster. Bob's grandchildren are Zachary Rohrer and Molly (Rohrer) Pfunter (Justin) both of Ithaca, NY. His oldest brother, Charles, passed away in 2015. His brother Richard (Jean, also Lancaster) resides at The Mennonite Home and his sister Susan Breig lives in Wallingford, CT. Sister-in-law Sally lives in Lancaster. Nieces and nephews also survive him. Bob went to Eaglebrook School, Deerfield, MA , Proctor Academy, Andover, NH and Bates College, Lewiston, ME and attended York Junior College. He served in the US Navy and was stationed aboard the USS Coral Sea. Bob was a bookbinder and worked for both Lancaster Press, Inc., Lancaster, and Capital City Press in Montpelier, VT. After his retirement, he and his wife opened their large home as Lake House Bed 'n' Breakfast in Woodbury, VT. His "loves" were "the river, the river, the river" (the family island in the Susquehanna River) , camping and skiing. He was active with the Lancaster Ski Club and, after marriage, was a ski instructor in PA and VT. He and his family moved to Vermont in 1968 and returned to Lancaster in 2007. Bob was

active in his churches: first the family church, First Reformed in Lancaster, then the Barre Congregational Church, the Waterbury Congregational Church, the Waterbury Alliance Church and the Woodbury Church in Vermont and then, upon return to Lancaster, served on the Consistory of the Hamilton Park United Church of Christ. Bob got lots of pleasure from being involved in Joanne's interests and was usually making props and scenery and bookshelves and stair railings, etc. for her many activities. He even, albeit somewhat reluctantly, played "Kermit the Frog" to her "Miss Piggy" and was Santa Claus to her Mrs. Santa! He was an ambulance driver for Waterbury Ambulance Service in Waterbury, VT for nine years and liked to say he took after his father who drove ambulance in WW I in France. A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 7, at 11 a.m. in the Maugan's Chapel of the Hamilton Park UCC, 1210 Maple Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603. A visitation and fellowship time will be held in the chapel following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name to Hamilton Park UCC would be appreciated. Special thanks go forward to all the wonderful staff personnel at LGH, Lancaster Hospice and Community Care, The Mennonite Home and the Groff Funeral Services.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hamilton Park United Church of Christ
1210 Maple Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17602

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert H. Rohrer*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *While looking for the obituary of a childhood friend, I came across the picture of Bob and was saddened to read of his passing. While in the Barre-Tones women's barbershop chorus in the 80's with you Joanne, Bob was ever present at any function we were a part of. It always amazed me what a happy couple you were as you were always smiling and laughing! My hope is that the happiness you shared for so many years assisted you in dealing with Bob's dementia and physical health issues. You have my prayers for strength and I trust the love and care of family and friends continues to comfort you on your healing journey. Any time I think of Bob I'll see that amazing smile and find gratitude in having crossed paths with you both along the way.
Sending Love and hugs,
Kathy Bowles Cowens*

Kathy Bowles Cowens - September 29, 2018 at 08:36 AM



Thank you, Kathy! I certainly won't forget "Stop! Your daddy's been reprieved!" Those were the days! The love and hugs are much appreciated.

Joanne Rohrer - October 17, 2018 at 12:46 PM

DB

“ Hello Joanne, I am so sorry to hear that Robert has passed away. This has to be the saddest thing that can happen to you after so many good years of marriage. My sincere condolences. If I had your address, I would love to write you a letter. I went through something similar this summer when my son Rick died. Sending love to you and your family. Diane Benoit Benoitbass@myfairpoint.net

Diane Benoit - September 19, 2018 at 01:11 PM

JR

Thank you Diane for the comforting words. I'll e-mail my address to you.

Joanne Rohrer - October 17, 2018 at 12:47 PM

SF

“ Art and I first met Bob in 1977 when we moved to Vermont. Art had been living as a tenant in Bob and Joanne’s basement. They both enjoyed the same sense of humor that Art did, and this sense of humor continued through the years as the friendship deepened.

We knew Bob as a smiling, laughing gentle man. He was always ready to help and was a valuable critic of some of our group’s more hair brained ideas (like the time we were playing pinochle one hot summer night and decided at about 11 o’clock or so to drive to the New Hampshire shore for breakfast. Bob pointed out, accurately, that we both had pets that needed looking after, and we couldn’t just take off and run).

As Joanne pointed out, Bob was a handyman and very helpful in doing various constructions and making various devices to support the needs of whatever group they (or Joanne) were involved in at the time. He made a sound effect device for the Barre-Tones for example.

Bob and Joanne introduced us to Time Shares, and we enjoyed traveling with them both. Often Bob was the driver, he was an excellent driver, and we again used our time together to play pinochle and enjoy each others’ company. Parts of the enjoyment were Joanne’s excellent meals. Bob was her sous chef and worked pretty seamlessly with Joanne to get the meals together.

Over the years our friendship developed as our kids and grand-kids came and our relationship grew as we had more to share. We moved to New Jersey about 2 years ago, and by this time Bob’s health was declining and it was more difficult to visit. Bob was a part of our lives for 41years. We will miss him dearly.

Art and Sandy Farnum

Sandra and Art Farnum - September 05, 2018 at 09:56 AM

JR

Thank you so very much. The kind words and your presence at the service were very comforting. We did really have good times, didn't we? See you soon!

Joanne Rohrer - October 17, 2018 at 12:49 PM

CL

“ I was so sorry to read about Bob's passing in our paper this morning. I have very fond memories of your whole family when you lived in Barre and attended the Barre Congregational Church. As Music Director, I was involved with your family in choirs and have many happy memories, including a choir party at your home. My love and condolences to you all.

Christine Litchfield

Christine Litchfield - September 05, 2018 at 07:03 AM

JR

It's so good to hear your kind words. Those were good days and good times. Thanks for your sharing.

Joanne Rohrer - October 17, 2018 at 12:50 PM

IS

“ Dear friends....What a good picture and write up of dear Bob's passing. Mayo and I have so many good memories of spending time with you good friends. in Vermont and elsewhere! I know Mayo enjoyed his skiing adventures with Bob. What good times!

My thoughts and prayers are with you, as well as our love!!

Ida, Barre, VT

Ida Sanborn - September 02, 2018 at 07:04 PM