



Philip Bues

September 28, 1943 - March 3, 2020

Philip Bues, 76, of New Lebanon, New York, died on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, after a brief illness, at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine, Florida. Beloved husband of Susan Wildermuth Bues; devoted father of Jeannie, Carol, Christine Kryjak (and her husband John), and John (and his wife Koren); and the all-time best grandfather of Jake, John Philip, Chloe, Angelina, Declan, Clarissa, Caelan, and Cierra, he will be profoundly missed.

A member of both the Canaan Congregational Church and Tendai Buddhist Institute, he had a deep spiritual practice that transcended more than one religion. A man with great compassion and empathy for others, a conversation with Philip was always about you and your interests, not about him. He greatly appreciated poetry and historical fiction; and as anyone who knew him remembers, he had a mind overflowing with trivia—perhaps it was all those evenings watching Jeopardy. Everything interested him, and he especially enjoyed conversations with anyone younger than himself.

Born September 28, 1943, the son of Philip and Mary Bues, Philip grew up in Brooklyn, New York. In addition to his wife, children, and grandchildren, Philip leaves behind three sisters, Mary, Veronica, and Margaret, and two brothers, Michael and Thomas, as well as many cherished nieces and nephews, his best friends the Marshall family and in-laws who loved him dearly.

He served as a detective in the Sex Crimes Unit (now Special Victims) for the New York City Police Department (NYPD). After retiring from the NYPD, he worked for Berkshire County ARC, Columbia County ARC, and then the Department of Public Safety at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), including direct support of the president, Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson.

After retirement Philip enjoyed traveling and exploring his hobbies of fishing, hunting, and history with trips to Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Ireland, England, Scotland, Germany, Austria, and Slovakia. He was an avid fly fisherman and loved the outdoors, especially hiking the Adirondack mountains and walking on the warm Florida beaches in the winter. He was active in Trout Unlimited, the Canaan Conservation Club, and the Sierra Club. He especially enjoyed his many Sierra Club service trips. He volunteered for Community Hospice and the Lebanon Valley Protective Association as an ambulance driver. Philip cast a wide net and will be missed by friends from the police department, RPI, and his acquaintances from civic and religious organizations.

A service in celebration of a life in New York will be postponed until a later date.

A service will also be held on March 14 at 3 p.m. at the St. Augustine Ocean and Racquet Club in St. Augustine Beach, Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to the Canaan Congregational Church, the Tendai Buddhist Institute (East Chatham) or the St. Augustine UCC-DOC in his memory. In honor of Philip's long-time commitment to preserving fishing in Columbia County, the County Federated Sportsmen welcome participants on their annual fish stocking days at the Kinderhook in April. For more information, please contact Wenk Funeral Home in Chatham, New York.

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“ COUSIN SUSAN, SO SORRY TO HEAR OF PHILIPS PASSING.HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING AND SO FULL OF LIFE.ALWAYS GOOD STORIES TO SHARE.HE MITE BE FISHING WITH MY DAD NOW.WHEREVER HE IS IM SURE HES HAVING FUN DOING WHAT HE LIKED TO DO..I WILL PRAY FOR YOU ALL AS YOU GRIEVE.MAY GOD GRANT YOU PEACE. PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL. JEFF ,KATHY ,ALLISON,KRISTINA AVENS

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