



Robert Cullen Martin

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Robert Cullen Martin, born October 16, 1953, died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on February 24, 2025.

Robert, or “Bob,” as he was known to many, was born in Beebe Hospital, and graduated from Cape Henlopen High School. He was the beloved son of the late Jack and Janet Martin of Dewey Beach, Delaware. His zest for life was deeply rooted in the things he loved most: his family, the Blues, the New England Patriots and Tanqueray.

Alongside many other locals, Bob played a significant role in starting the annual “Tourist Go Home” party, a cherished tradition. He was a man who enjoyed the beach, horseshoes, golf, the game of pool and his Wednesday night poker, legendary among friends.

Bob and his wife, Melinda “Mindy” Marvel Martin, owned Martin’s Garden Center in Rehoboth for over 20 years. An artist at heart, Bob’s many designs and landscaping projects have left a beautiful, lasting legacy throughout Sussex County, a testament to his talent and dedication.

He is survived by his devoted and patient wife of 40 years, Mindy, who shared his love and adventures. Bob leaves behind his son Matthew John Martin, his wife Kyla, and their three sons, Cullen, Hayes, and Stone; and his daughter, Ashley Martin Campbell, and her husband Chris, along with their two daughters, River and Ruth. In addition, Bob is survived by his sister Mary Lee Martin, his sister-in-law Cindy Martin, along with many cherished nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Sue Ann Martin, and his brother Bill Martin.

Bob’s humor, creativity, and passion for life will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends, and his legacy will continue to be celebrated through the beautiful landscapes and inspirational designs he left behind. Rest in peace, Bob.



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A special thanks to Jen Philibin, his caregiver, for her love and kindness over the past year. The family would also like to thank Alecia and her team from Accent Hospice and their compassion.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Bob's memory to Grass Roots Rescue, PO Box 422, Milton, Delaware, 19968.

The burial at St. George's Chapel will be private.

Please sign the tribute wall located on this site.



Tribute Wall

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TO

Tommy posted:

We sure had fun. Thanks!

March 6 at 7:32 PM

DV

David Charles Luther Vessels lit a candle in honor of Robert.



March 2 at 5:58 PM

WM

William Massey posted:

The way he taught me and matt how to say may instead of can I he would literally hang up on me if I asked can I speak to matt when I would call he was a great man and a father figure alot of times when I needed one

March 1 at 7:53 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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