



## Robert (Bob) Lakemacher

October 18, 1934 - January 28, 2026

Robert (Bob) E. Lakemacher, 91, passed away peacefully January 28, 2026. Bob was a kind, thoughtful, intelligent and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is sadly missed by good friends and family, especially, wife, Linda Lakemacher (nee Stannard), daughters Lynda and Laura Lakemacher, son-in-law James DiNicolantonio, Grandson Ryan Tobiaschus and his wife Coral and daughter Luna, and Granddaughter Lisa DiNicolantonio, her husband Kyle Hummel and son Jackson Hummel and sister Judy Winter and her family. Bob was preceded in death by daughter Lisa Lakemacher. He was warmly welcomed into Linda's family by her brother and sister-in-law Bill and Teresa Stannard and their family: son Tom Stannard and his wife Carrie and daughters Jillian and Katie; and daughter Diane Hook and her husband Jeff and their sons Scotty and Max.

Bob graduated from Schurz High School in Chicago, Ill, attended college at Lawrence in Appleton, Wisconsin, and proudly graduated from Northwestern University. Bob also served his country in the Army field artillery unit, stationed for some time in Germany. Bob's professional career spanned decades in college textbook publishing, where he shepherded manuscripts from draft stage to published product for many successful texts, mainly in the sciences. Bob was known among colleagues as Mr. Science. Bob was also an avid collector, his main love being toy trains. Bob enjoyed American- as well as European-made trains and faithfully attended the semi-annual meetings of the

Train Collectors Association (TCA) in York, PA, where he enjoyed visiting with his like-minded friends from all over the country. While he sold the bulk of his collection several years ago, he continued to enjoy recalling the good old days with friends.

Bob passed at home, where he wanted to be, and was cared for with wonderful compassion and skill by the staff from Capital City Hospice.

Contributions are not at all necessary but can be made in Bob's memory to The Train Collectors Association, PO Box 248, Strasburg, PA, 17579-0248.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Bob ("UB") will be dearly missed by our family. From his unique interests, affinity for plaid pants, aversion to wearing socks, "Jeopardy level" facts he'd rattle off, and quirky comments, we never knew what to expect next from Uncle Bob. He was quite the character.

*Thanks for being a cool uncle, and I'm sorry our goat trampled the rag top of your convertible that was stored in our barn!*

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**Diane** - February 24 at 06:16 PM