



Robert Hilty

January 17, 1938 - January 27, 2021

Bobby Hilty quietly and peacefully passed away January 27 at Mt. Carmel East Hospital. Born January 17, 1938 in Columbus, Robert Burus Hilty was the son of Isabel H. Hilty (nee Bell) and Robert B. Hilty, both deceased. He is survived by his loving brother, James W. Hilty, PhD, formerly of Lower Gwynedd, Pennsylvania, now of Southport, North Carolina, and his wife, Kathleen Griffin-Hilty; nieces Carolyn Marland (Robert) of Broomall, Pennsylvania, and Maura Cleary (Jake) of Allentown, Pennsylvania; nephew Robert D. Hilty, PhD (Carol) of Walpole, Massachusetts; five grand-nieces, a grand-nephew, and two great-grand nieces.

Bobby Hilty overcame great odds to survive to the age of 83. Various illnesses and developmental disabilities handicapped him all of his life. Our society often has shown a minimum level of tolerance and far too little empathy for innocents, like Bobby, who suffered afflictions for which they were not responsible and over which they had little, or no control. Fortunately, Bobby found excellent care and attentive nurturing at the Heinzerling Memorial Foundation where they prepared him for his final and happiest years in his group home in Groveport.

Robert's family expresses their eternal gratitude to the Heinzerling Memorial Foundation and to the staff and caregivers at APSI (Advocacy & Protective Services, Inc.) for extending and improving the quality of Bobby's life, for surrounding him with caring and respectful caregivers, and for bringing joy and laughter into his final years. Donations in Bobby Hilty's honor may be made by clicking on <https://heinzerling.org/> or <https://apsiohio.org/>.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

1000 Greenlawn Avenue
Columbus, OH 43223
(614) 444-1123

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure to meet and help work with Bobby from 1999-2009. Bobby to this day, inspires and challenges me in September 2024 to be a better person that continues to grow. Bobby was a kind and gentle man. I remain deeply saddened hearing of his loss. I was a bit younger than him. He called me 'boy.' And that, remains an honor. He would ask when 'boy' was working again and often waited by the front door to talk with me about his goings on when I arrived to his house. I've met and worked with many people. Bobby was the rarest of exceptions. I'm a better and more moral man, because of Bobby. I regret I didn't go to see him after changing jobs. I'm so deeply and profoundly proud of him for all that he was and all of his soul that continues to be. While I didn't learn of his passing until recently, even now I continue to speak of him and the joy he brings me. May he rest in peace. Bobby was quite the beautiful and strong soul. He is deeply missed. I wish I could have done more.
Thank you Bobby, for all you taught me,
Rest in eternal peace my friend,
Andy Horton

Andy Horton - September 17, 2024 at 02:34 AM



“ Robert Hilty

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

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“ Hilty Family, I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Bobby. Heaven has been waiting for him to arrive. Bless him and the Hilty family.
Sheila Ossman Marrero

Sheila Marrero - February 05, 2021 at 07:55 AM

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So sorry to hear of your brother's passing, bless his heart.

Patti Gibson Greiner - February 06, 2021 at 09:52 AM



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Rutherford Funeral Homes - February 01, 2021 at 03:34 PM