



## Robert Stephens

December 5, 1942 - January 31, 2022

GROTON- Robert Stephens, 79, of Groton, died of cancer, Sunday, January 31, 2022 in the Apple Valley Rehabilitation Center in Ayer.

Bob was born in Cambridge, a son of the late Melvin and Kathleen (Cameron) Stephens, attended schools in Somerville and Newton and graduated in 1961 from Newton North High School. Bob went on to Burdett College in Boston and in 1978 graduated from New England Institute of Mortuary Science.

He was a resident of Groton and former resident of Westford and Newton.

Bob served his funeral apprenticeship with Short, Williamson and Diamond Funeral Home in Boston. He would go on to work as a registered funeral director and embalmer in several Boston area funeral homes, including, Eastman Funeral Home, William R. Miller and Joyce Funeral Home, Dee Funeral Home of Concord and Blake Funeral Home in Westford.

In his leisure time he enjoyed traveling with Mary and when closer to home they could often be found pedalling their bikes on the back roads and bike paths of Groton. Bob was an electric train enthusiast and had amassed an interesting collection of them over the years.

He leaves his brother, Melvin Stephens, Jr., and his wife Pauline of Concord;

niece, Nancy Thompson of Sudbury and her children, Nissa, Kurt and Cameron; nephew, Glenn Stephens and his wife Beth of San Diego, CA and their daughter, Anna; and long-time companion, Mary Clark of Holbrook.

Private family services will be held at a later date.