



Robert Alan Dahlberg

September 9, 1952 - April 10, 2025

Robert Alan Dahlberg

Age 72 of Pittsburgh died on April 10, 2025. Loving Uncle and Brother
Polymath, Artist, Athlete

Born 9/9/1952 Virginia, Minnesota

Preceded in death by

father Orville Robert Dahlberg

mother Veronica Angeline Dahlberg (Augustyn)

sister Barbara Elaine Dahlberg

nephew Jesse Raymond Vaughan

He is survived by 3 sisters:

Kathy Dahlberg (Greg) Short

Patricia Ann Dahlberg (Michael) Cohan

Priscilla Dahlberg (Norman) Nuwash

5 nieces and 3 nephews:

Rachel, Erin, Vanessa, Dylan, Zachary,

Diedre, Lauren, Geoff

12 grand nieces and nephews

Thank you to his many friends who stood by him over the years, especially
Andy

Jamrom, and Becky Taylor.

Hampton High School High Honors 1970 (lettered in wrestling and football and

Track)

Princeton University 3 years 1970-1973 (Rowing team for 3 years)

University of Pittsburgh BA English 1993 (Honors)

University of Pittsburgh BS Biology 2015 (Summa cum laude)

He is remembered by classmates with much fondness and admiration. One quote from a

friend, Marc Selvaggio: "He had massive amounts of brain, brawn, and heart."

Bob had been an avid fisherman. He loved to play board games, chess, Scrabble,

Backgammon and cribbage, especially with his nephew Dylan who dearly loved him and

with whom he also played frisbee disc golf and billiards.

He loved blues and reggae music and really appreciated piano music. He said his hands

were too big for the piano, but he had a beautiful bass singing voice. He used this deep

voice for years volunteering to read local Pittsburgh newspapers on a weekly radio

program for vision impaired people.

He completed service as a VISTA volunteer 1993-94.

He was a licensed US. Merchant Marine when he worked difficult summer jobs on

USSteel iron ore ships on the Great Lakes. Eventually, he worked for Mellon Bank in the

mailroom for over 20 years.

He was proud of growing and sharing vegetables from his urban front yard garden where

he lived in Oakland for many years, especially his rattlesnake beans, his very hot

peppers and herbs....and grew a lot of flowers and loved his roses.

Bob was an amateur painter and a talented (and prolific) artisan ceramicist;

his glazes
are beautiful. He loved most to give gifts of his pottery: bowls, mugs, many
piggy banks,
orchid pots, and plates. He showed his work at the Shadyside Center for the
Arts where
he also sold his work.
He was a voracious reader and studied many different fields from philosophy
and biology,
sociology and astronomy, to politics and botany. A true polymath.
He continued learning his whole life and worked hard, receiving a BS degree
in Biology
at the age of 40 and his BA degree in English at the age of 62.
Bob had severe health problems over his lifetime, but he was a kind and
gentle,
generous man with a sense of humor and a great laugh. People liked him. He
kept every
card and photo ever given to him by his extended family and friends, and
there were a lot.
It gave him great joy planning and giving Christmas gifts for his family,
especially for his
young grandnieces and nephews.
Lastly, he doted on and loved his cat, Kitty.
Rest in peace, Bob.

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“ So very sorry to hear. I knew Bob in high school. He was kind and gentle and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to you all as you remember and celebrate his life. He is not forgotten.
Debbie Luxton Ulmer

Debbie Luxton Ulmer - April 16, 2025 at 07:38 PM

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“ Kathy and family, my condolences to you all as you remember and honor Bob's life. I have only one memory of meeting him in your back garden and admiring one of his huge ceramic pieces. Love,
Amy

Amy de Chicchis - April 16, 2025 at 09:20 AM

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Thanks, Amy.

Kathy - April 16, 2025 at 02:41 PM