



Robert Barden

January 23, 2016

Robert Barden, 88, of Lancaster passed away at home on January 23, 2016 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by four children; Jeffrey Blodgett Barden of Hatfield, MA; Robert James Barden of Huntington, MA; Priscilla (Barden) Kaufhold and Stuart McPhail Barden both of Lancaster, PA; eight grandchildren: James, Ainslie, A. Claire, Isabella, Olivia, Curtis, Calvin, and Tessa, as well as two sisters; Virginia Gardner of Grand Junction, CO and Jane Cornett of Lexington, VA. Bob was preceded in death along with his parents, by his wife Barbara W. Barden, and his oldest sister Elizabeth Carter of DuBois, WY.

Born April 21, 1927 in Medford, MA, Bob was the son of the late Mary Jane (MacPhail) and Fredrick John Barden. In 1949, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and became a Navy Lieutenant and aviator (Lockheed P2Vs). He was stationed in the USA, Iceland, and Morocco where he married Barbara Louise Watson Blodgett on July 29, 1954. Bob received a Master's Degree from the University of Colorado in 1957. He was a professor of Geography at North Adams State College and Millersville State College and a County Planner with the York County Planning Commission.

Bob was an avid gardener and shared his love of sailing and the outdoors with his children and grandchildren. As his parents and grandparents had before him, Bob spent his summers with his family in Northwood, NH at a cabin built by his grandfather on Pleasant Lake. He enthusiastically supported his wife's dancing and theatrical endeavors, and in later years lovingly cared for her as

she succumbed to Alzheimer's disease.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions in Bob's memory can be made to: Pleasant Lake
Preservation Association, P.O. Box 53, Deerfield, NH 03037. Attn: Treasurer w
www.pleasantlakenh.org

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“ Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I worked with Bob for several years at the York County Planning Commission. His office was across the hall from mine and we had many interesting conversations about work, family and life in general. He created the most interesting maps for his reports, all by hand - we did not have desktop computers at the time. We still share those reports with new planners! My daughter took dance lessons with Barbara and Bob would often show me some of his outdoor projects while I waited. He was very proud of his gardens and I still have some of the plants that he gave me growing in my yard. Bob had a contagious smile and was always happy. May your many special memories help your hearts to heal and may Bob rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

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