



Robert J Brinkmann

December 25, 1950 - February 12, 2021

Robert Joseph Brinkmann, age 70, of Easton, Maryland passed away unexpectedly on February 12, 2021.

Born on December 25, 1950, in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was the son of the late Robert H. Brinkmann and Helen S. Brinkmann. Robert graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a BA, in American Studies, in 1972, from Brown University with an AM, in American Studies, in 1977 and Loyola Law School, Loyola Marymount University, JD, in 1980.

On July 19, 2008, Robert married the love of his life, Lisa, at the Comus Inn in Dickerson, Maryland. Before moving to Easton in 2020, Robert and Lisa lived in Bethesda, Maryland for 10 years. He was an active lobbyist and lawyer.

Robert is survived by his wife, Lisa, a son, Christopher Brinkmann of Gaithersburg, Maryland, Julia Brinkmann of Los Angeles, California and Morgan Parr of Sterling, Virginia; and three sisters: Mary Jo Shirley and Jean Brinkmann of Charlotte, North Carolina and Beth Brinkmann of Takoma Park, Maryland.

A virtual service will be held on Friday, February 19, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 200 South Harrison St. Easton, Maryland 21601. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to No Kids Hungry, Feeding America, or to a local food pantry.

To view the service and to send condolences to the family, please visit: www.fhnfuneralhome.com.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkf-6orD4jE9HAT2soRxLXK1kdpK2e9s3Y>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Cemetery Details

Gate of Heaven - Silver Spring

13801 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Robert J Brinkmann*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 19, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ *Robert J Brinkmann*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Robert J Brinkmann*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Robert J Brinkmann*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Lisa, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My sincere sympathies to you and your son. Unfortunately, it seems that you and I are going through the same thing at this time. Prayers for you.*
Ann Arthur

Ann Arthur - February 26, 2021 at 12:08 PM

CO

“ Professionally, Bob was a wealth of information, context and history. He was well connected and knew "who's who" for everything postal. But most of all he derived great joy from sharing, teaching, mentoring, introducing people to each other and enabling them to make connections too. I appreciate him for this, and also remember many good times because he was just a fun guy who loved life. It was a pleasure to know you Bob.

Cheryl O'Day - February 19, 2021 at 02:57 PM

PH

“ Bob and I became friends 49 years ago at the end of our senior year in college when he, Bob O'Brien and I drove his parents' Plymouth Duster from South Bend to Southern California, where his parents had just moved. Over the next few years we became close friends. Bob is the reason I went to law school. He wanted me to take the LSAT with him so I did. I didn't particularly want to be a lawyer, but so it went. Bob liked to ponder. He enjoyed providing the counter point and always welcomed a discussion while never having an argument. His joy in the exploration was always a pleasure to participate in. He was anxious for the answer to whatever question arose, but didn't hurry to find it. He was a good man and I will miss him. We shared many good and formative times. Condolences to Lisa, Chris and Julia and to Jean, Beth and Mary Jo. Husband, father, brother, friend - Bob played each role well.

Peter Hoffman

Peter Hoffman - February 19, 2021 at 02:40 PM

BO

“ Bob was such a good friend. Bob was honest, sincere, attentive, enthusiastic, determined and obstinately hopeful. We met in 1972 at the end of our senior year at Notre Dame when Bob's family moved to the Detroit area where I live. Bob and our mutual friend and ND grads Steve Schwab and Pete Hoffman made the transition from adolescence to young adulthood (or whatever it was) a tolerable time. Our backpacking, hiking and camping trips in California, the Rockies, and the Alps are memories that I will always cherish. I grieve with Lisa and with those of you who have lost a friend and a brother.

Bob O'Brien

Bob O'Brien - February 19, 2021 at 01:31 PM

RL

Bob was a good man and an eternal optimist. He and I were members in an email group of Notre Dame graduates and friends who shared our lives with each other over many years. Despite his health problems, Bob was a man who would engage fully in whatever issue was getting a full vetting by our group. He was kind and giving. He loved his family and his friends. I am glad he was a part of my life for many years. My condolences to Lisa and to all of his family. May he Rest In Peace.

Rick Love - February 19, 2021 at 02:35 PM

CG

“ Bob was a true gift to all the people who knew and loved him. I am lucky to have had him in my life for over twenty years. Whenever we were around Bob, we had fun. Whether it was interesting and informative conversation, rooting for the Nationals at a game, eating crabs, or celebrating our anniversaries at the Comus Inn where we were both married. He was a great friend to my husband, also named Bob, as I am sure he was to so many. Bob was giving, kind, smart, funny, caring, and loving to all around him. He was devoted to his loving wife, Lisa, his children, Julia, Chris, and stepson, Morgan, as well as his family and friends. I recently read,,,,,,,"We have only died if you forget us". Bob will never be forgotten and always be remembered for the special person, husband, father, son, brother, family member, and friend he was for so many. With sympathy to Lisa, and the family,
Clare Garrett

Clare Garrett - February 19, 2021 at 12:25 PM

BB

“ Bob was one of those special people you meet and want to keep in your life. Very smart, funny, generous, politically savvy, well read, born on Christmas day, liked the 'Nats, science fiction, art, music, good food, scotch, and especially Lisa and his kids. Clearly good friend material. We met 22 years ago when we both were going through difficult times in our personal lives and became friends. Bob was the bright light in the room. You wanted to be around him to find out what he was doing, what he knew, and what was currently on his mind. He's irreplaceable but my memories will keep him close. My sincere sympathy to Lisa, Julia, Chris and Morgan, his sisters, and other members of his and Lisa's family. Bob Bachman

Bob Bachman - February 18, 2021 at 10:12 PM

AA

“ Dear Bob was a great brother in law to me. I loved his intelligence and sense of humor. As a fellow baseball fan we rejoiced in the Nats great 2019 World Series title. As Lisa's sister who lives in Toledo we once explored his two childhood homes in Toledos south end plus ate at a Big Boy he visited as a child. It was a memorable day. Rest in peace dear brother you were very much loved. Amy Adler

Amy adler - February 17, 2021 at 05:37 PM

MA

“ Such saddening news. Bob was a great gentleman and warm presence who I always enjoyed seeing. Our thoughts are with Bob's family during this time.

Mark Acton

Mark Acton - February 17, 2021 at 10:16 AM

HH

“ I have known and worked with Bob for 40 years. Frequently we were on opposing sides in negotiations or litigation, but for the past decade we have worked together as partners. Always, in either role, Bob has been upbeat, professional, courteous, and a complete pleasure to work with, and to be with. I miss our camaraderie.

Hal Hughes - February 16, 2021 at 08:11 PM

YA

“ *Your friends at the National Newspaper Association purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Robert J Brinkmann.*



Your friends at the National Newspaper Association -
February 16, 2021 at 05:56 PM

RS

“ *I was at NAA/ANPA at the same time Bob worked there. We all had high regard for his work and his professionalism. I remember well the story of his kidney transplant; it was so encouraging. I am very sorry to hear this news and wish all his family and loved ones comfort.--Roz Stark*

Rosalind Stark - February 16, 2021 at 05:36 PM

ND

“ *Multiple times in my career, when challenged with difficult policy problems, I was fortunate to have Bob standing with me as an ally, a partner and an advisor. His strength of character and his warm smile were always welcomed. We're all blessed to have called him our friend.*

Neal Denton - February 16, 2021 at 05:29 PM