

Robert "Bob" W. Perkins 1946-2022

WORTHINGTON, MA - Robert Wilson Perkins, 76, passed away on Friday, December 30, 2022, after a long battle with spinocerebellar ataxia and dementia.

One of ten children, he was born in Worcester, MA on August 10, 1946, and raised in Barre, MA.

He graduated from Barre High School and continued his education at the University of Massachusetts, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in art. He was an artist whose paintings of nature and wildlife were exhibited in the U.S., France, and Canada.

He worked in advertising in New York City before returning to Massachusetts to teach art and film animation at Granby High School.

He was fascinated by early American architecture and, while pursuing his artwork, he restored several historic houses. He built his own seventeenth-century reproduction of a saltbox house where he lived with his wife Catherine and their beloved dogs for forty-six years.

He loved to read and play the guitar. He was passionate about cycling, which took him and his wife on many adventures on the roads of New England, the Rocky Mountains, and Canada. He was also an avid cross-country skier.

He leaves his loving wife of fifty-three years, Catherine (Begue) Perkins; four sisters: Lee Perkins of Sandy Spring, MD., Elizabeth Carpenter Perkins of Talmage, CA. (Tom Liberatore), Eleanor Tillinghast Perkins (Walter Podbelski) of Middletown, CT., and Julia Perkins (Brian Fay) of Middletown, CT; three brothers: Stephen Whitney Perkins of South Deerfield, MA., Ralph Whitney Perkins (Joan Ebbeson) of New London, N.H., and Michael Perkins of Barre, MA., as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Bob was predeceased his parents, Robert Cowan Perkins and Jean Whitney Perkins of Barre, MA.; and two sisters: Carol Georgopoulos of Albuquerque, N.M. and Harriet Ann "Annie" Raitt of Carnation, Washington.

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