



## Robert James Schaeffer

September 14, 1952 - August 8, 2025

Robert “Bob” Schaeffer, 72, died Friday, August 8th, 2025, at his home in Arden, North Carolina, with his loving wife of 56 years, Charlene, by his side.

He was born on September 14th, 1952, in Geneva, Ohio, where he lived most of his life. Bob was a graduate of Geneva High School. He was the third-generation owner and operator of Geneva Transfer, a moving and transportation business, operated the Charlma Bed and Breakfast with Charlene for 20 years, as well as Madsen Donuts in Geneva-on-the-Lake, and was a real estate agent for Century 21 for 15 years. Bob was an active member of the Geneva community for many years, including several years as a Geneva Area Marching Band Association member. He loved living on the water and being outdoors - fishing, boating, grilling, golfing, and playing pickleball with family and friends. Bob also loved traveling and discovering new places with Charlene, all around the United States and internationally. He took great satisfaction from cooking and food preparation like sourdough bread and gourmet biscuits for his beloved dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Bee Schaeffer. He is survived by his wife Charlene; brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Agnes Schaeffer; sister, Sandy Hopes; son and daughter-in-law, Jamie and Shelly Schaeffer; daughter and son-in-law, Erica and John Sampson; grandchildren, Sarah (Brandon), Ethan, Brady, Wilhelmina (Charles), and CJ; and great-

granddaughter, Sylvia.

The Schaeffer family is deeply grateful to those who have already reached out with kind words of condolence and shared memories of Bob. While his sudden passing is difficult, the family is comforted by the legacy of kindness, generosity, and humor he has left behind. A celebration of life will be planned for a date and location to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob's name to the Skyland Fire Department or the Asheville Humane Society, [www.skylandfire.com](http://www.skylandfire.com) or [www.ashevillehumane.org](http://www.ashevillehumane.org).

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*Who could ever forget that smile. We have many happy memories of Bob and Charlene from their Geneva days. Here's to you, Bob 🍷*

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