



Robert J. Happ died suddenly on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at home. He was 71. Bob grew up on Linden Avenue in Doylestown, the oldest son of Jane and Joe Happ, with his sister, Linda and brothers, Rick and Jeff. His sister Linda died when she was a young woman. Bob's brother Rick lives in Ottsville with his wife, Laura. His brother, Jeff lives in California. Bob graduated from Central Bucks High School in 1966. As a young teenager, Bob began working evenings and weekends at Bountiful Acres, with his friend, Steve Cooper, under the guidance of Earl Jamison. Bob studied Ornamental Horticulture at Delaware Valley College and continued to work at Bountiful Acres and later at Peddler's Village. He worked 50 years at Peddler's Village before retiring six years ago. He knew the genus and species of every tree and shrub at Peddler's Village. His hands touched every brick of every walkway. After his retirement, he returned to Peddler's Village to show the guys where all the water lines were located. In May of 1977, Bob began courting Beth Taylor. With her daughters, Mia and Jessica Pisano, they moved onto Clinton Street in Doylestown. Two days before their marriage in 1979, they received an offer to buy back Beth's family's farmhouse in Chalfont. Built in 1793, the house had been vacant and fallen into disrepair, so Beth and Bob bought the shell of a stone farmhouse. Only Bob Happ could have so lovingly restored the house and grounds. With his own hands, he completely restored their home, Willowstone Farm. He even had all the radiators sandblasted. The whole family helped, from the girls to his brother, Rick. Bob never stopped working on the house. As a teenager, Bob traveled across the U.S. and through Europe. With Beth, he traveled to Bermuda six times, on five walking treks

through England, Wales, and Scotland. They traveled to India, Germany, New Zealand, and France together. Every year they visited their daughter, Mia and her family in Oregon, and Jessica and her family in Massachusetts. Bob retired from Peddler's Village six years ago, and continued to prune trees, move dirt around, and wash windows. He volunteered at Pennridge FISH, attended CLR classes, and took up ballroom dancing with Beth at Fred Astaire Dance in Doylestown. Bob loved talking to people. He made conversations wherever he went. Bob and Beth began attending Plumstead Friends Meeting when it re-opened. Bob was the first member, and was caretaker of the old meetinghouse and grounds. His latest project was having the floor replaced. Almost as if he knew, he said several times recently, "I want to get this floor done before I die." Bob loved Plumstead Friends Meeting. Bob loved the children and grandchildren. Mia and her children, Anona and Silvan, live in Portland, Oregon. Jessica, her husband Paul Sackley, and their children, Dominic and Anton, live in Massachusetts. Although Bob did say that watching babies was as exciting as "watching paint dry," he loved being part of their lives. He was a beloved Pop-Pop, and took the grandchildren for rides on his backhoe, and later, on trips to Cape May, Yellowstone, Crater Lake, and Washington, D.C. Before the grandchildren were born, he made sure to plant trees to grow into good climbing trees for them. Bob loved his nieces and nephews and their spouses and partners: Emily and Mac, Thomas, John, Billy, Jenny and Tanner, Josh and Gaby, Jiah and March, Ky and Allesandra. Bob was a loving brother-in-law to Beth's family. Her sisters, Sadie and Jane and her brother, Jerry and his wife, Susan, all knew they could always depend on Bob, for friendship, family, and resource. Bob Happ will be deeply missed and forever loved. "For death is no more than a turning over of us from time into eternity." ~ William Penn A Memorial Meeting for Worship will be held for Bob at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at Plumstead Friends Meeting, 4914A Point Pleasant Pike, Doylestown, PA 18902. In the manner of Friends, we are encouraged to share our memories of Bob, including "Bobby-Backhoe" stories. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bob's name may be made to: Camp Onas, 609 Geigel Hill Rd., Ottsville, PA 18942 or to Plumstead Friends Meeting at the address above. Reed and Steinbach Funeral Home, Doylestown www.reedandsteinbach.com