



Erwin Roger Bartman III

June 3, 1943 - January 12, 2021

Roger Bartman, PhD Clinical Psychologist

Erwin "Roger" Bartman died January 12, 2021 at his beloved home outside Leesburg VA, after a year long battle with leukemia. He was 77. He was a clinical psychologist in Reston, VA for 43 years.

Roger was born June 3, 1943 in Lawton, Oklahoma while his father was training with the US Army. When his father was sent to Europe, his mother and he moved back to Louisville, KY and lived with his grandparents for the duration of the war.

He graduated from St. Xavier High School, Louisville, KY in 1961 and entered the Xavarian Brothers (Order of St. Francis Xavier). After completing his novitiate and taking first vows, he began studies at Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, receiving double B.A.s in Mathematics and Religious Education in 1967. The following year, he received his M.A. in Mathematics-Education from Johns Hopkins University. As Br. Raphael, he taught advanced math courses at Xavarian High Schools in Baltimore and Silver Spring, MD. In addition to teaching, he held positions of assistant dean, board member, camp counselor and group facilitator. He was a member of the Xavierian Brothers for 16 years.

As his interest in psychology grew, he entered the doctoral program at Catholic University in America, receiving his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 1976. He interned and was hired by Fairfax County Northwest Center for Community Health, Reston from 1975 to 1986. He was the founding director of the Adolescent Day Treatment Program.

In 1977, Roger was one of five founding partners of the Reston Psychotherapy in Reston, VA and practiced adolescent, adult, group and couples therapy. As a therapist, he was a dedicated and compassionate therapist, often doing pro bono or reduced fee therapy for those he felt truly needed help, plus consultation and therapy with local clergy and religious. He retired in 2019.

Roger met his life partner, Peter D. Kelpinski in February, 1987. They were together almost 34 years. They legally married in July, 2004 on Cape Cod, MA.

Roger was a warm, gentle, quiet man. Often shy in social situations, he could usually be found off to the sidelines having a quiet conversation. A voracious reader, he enjoyed fantasy and sci-fi genre which gave him a break from the myriad issues of life he would

hear daily. A loyal friend, he would carry on robust correspondence with friends all over the country. He enjoyed good food and good friends. Most of all he loved spending time at his idyllic home with his husband and their golden retrievers and labrador.

In addition to Kelpinski, Roger is survived by 3 siblings: Kathy (Tom) Furlong , James (Donna) Bartman, both of Louisville, KY, Lally (Frank) House of Woodbury, KY; an aunt and uncle, Dolores and Frank Lally, Louisville, KY, sisters and brothers-in-laws Nancy & Jack MacKenzie and Sandi & Hank Bridges (all of Bay City, MI), plus many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and numerous dear friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Erwin R. and Mary Kathryn (Lally) Bartman and grandparents: Erwin R. & Louise Bartman and Frank & Orvilla Lally.

Memorial services will be held this summer in Reston and Louisville, with his ashes interred in Bay City, MI.

Contributions can be made in Roger's memory to Holy Cross Abbey, 901 Cool Spring Lane, Berryville, VA 22611 (www.virginiatrappists.org/support-us/)

Please share online condolences with the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com

Comments



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Roger. When I ventured out to work in municipal government, Roger hired me in the 1970's to work at Hutchison Elementary in the Therapeutic Day School. Roger was very kind and caring and a strong support to me in learning the ropes. We worked for many years together at Northwest Center and kept in touch generally after he left to form his own practice through my husband who also is a clinical psychologist.

It is rewarding to see so many tributes to Roger with such warm memories. Oh, and that is a perfect picture of him. Those mesmerizing eyes, always focused and showing he was listening to what was being said will always be a part of him. With love and sympathy, Mary Hawley

Mary Hawley - February 03 at 02:24 PM



“ Roger and I were close friends for many reasons. First, he knew me when I was Sally Singer Horwatt (now Brodsky). We both earned our doctorates in Clinical Psychology at Catholic University. He opened a private practice as a psychologist in Reston Psychotherapy Practice, and he allowed me to rent space there...until I opened an independent psychotherapy practice in Reston Hospital Center. One of the special things about being a member of Roger's group was the monthly meeting of the six therapists who worked there. There, one of us would present a case so that our colleagues could critique our work. Finally, Roger was one of the initial members of the Reston Investment Club where he served as our first president. His sense of humor, intelligence, and interpersonal honesty made him an asset to all the organizations in which I knew him.



Sally Singer Brodsky - January 31 at 02:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Erwin Roger Bartman III.



January 24 at 07:45 PM



“ Roger was one of the warmest people I have known. Having had the pleasure of being in a play reading group with him for 20 plus years, one of the greatest joys was being wrapped in a bear hug that eloquently expressed his love and openness to life. We will continue to remember him and try to carry on his goodness.

Eileen and Len Sirota - January 24 at 11:50 AM



“ Peter, We are so sorry to hear about Roger. He will be missed. It was always fun out at Sheba, and we will remember him from the good times we had. Tom and Dan

Tom Sabal - January 24 at 11:39 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erwin Roger Bartman III.



January 24 at 11:32 AM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Roger. I worked with him at Hutchinson Center in the 1970's. He worked with the students in my classroom. More than that he worked with the staff to help them deal with the difficulties of trying to teach children who were facing chaos in their lives. He was always available to sit down and listen as we poured out our frustrations. His demeanor was as calming to us as it was to the students. He was a kind and gentle man. Something all of us needed. Throughout the years of my career in Fairfax I often would think of Roger and how he would approach an out of control and scared student. The world was a better place because of him. I am sure he will be missed by his family and friends.

Tom Mossburg

Tom Mossburg - January 24 at 08:29 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. He was such a nice person and lived an honorable life. Peter, you are in my prayers.

Lisa Bradford - January 22 at 09:07 AM



“ Our condolences, Peter. We'll make a donation to Holy Cross Abbey in Roger's name. If he lives in your heart, he lives.

Greg and Beth

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“ Roger was a very caring person, a credit to humanity.

Kevin Sullivan - January 17 at 03:24 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Roger was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed.

Cheryl Dixon - January 22 at 08:36 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear of this significant loss. I knew Roger in the early 1980s when I was at the Northwest Center. While he and I had somewhat differing approaches to Clinical Psychology, he always was willing to at least entertain the thought of different concepts and methods. Despite our differing professional styles, I greatly respected him and held him in high esteem. He was a good, decent, compassionate man and his dedication to alleviating human distress and suffering was unmatched. He will be missed by all of the many lives that he touched.

John L Hawley Jr, PhD

John L Hawley Jr, PhD - February 02 at 03:30 PM