



**William "Bill" Roberts**

William Joseph Roberts, of Poolesville, MD, passed away on April 2nd, following a long battle with brain cancer. He was born in Washington, DC on January 8th, 1956 to Russell Roberts and Dodie Roberts. He grew up the youngest of three brothers, often working with them for his father on golf courses. He attended Gaithersburg High School and received his BA from Allegheny College in 1977 and his Juris Doctorate from Catholic University in 1981. He married his high school sweetheart, Lisa Maria Engborg, in 1977, and they lived together in Darnestown, MD, before moving to Poolesville, where he built a home, in 1983. Bill (or Billy Joe), as his friends called him, was an attorney by trade, and a member of the American Bar Association since 1981. He formed his own private practice in 1986 in Poolesville, so that he was never far from home. Bill was also involved in the Barnesville School community, where he served on the Board of Directors and in 1987 received a Distinguished Service Award for his dedication. He served as President of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce from 1990 to 1991 and was honored by the Council of Chambers of Montgomery County in 1991 for outstanding contributions to the business community of Poolesville. That same year he received a governor's citation for impressive commitment to the people of Montgomery County, contributing to a strong and productive economic climate for Maryland, as demonstrated

by his quality business practices and record of caring and community service, which earned him the respect of his peers and the public at large. He represented the Sugarloaf Citizens Association and the town of Barnesville for whom he fought valiantly in protecting the integrity of the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve and preserving the beautiful landscape of Upper

Western Montgomery County. He represented the town of Washington Grove, which, in 2011, recognized that without his "untiring efforts, focus, and advice...the town would not have been able to protect [their] historic nature." In addition to his work for local municipalities, Bill served as Hearing Examiner for the Montgomery County Board of Education for many years. In 2013, he received an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, a testament to the fact that his peers ranked him at the highest level of professional excellence. Above all else, Bill was a loving husband and father, and took great pride in all that he did. Never one to shy away from a challenge, he built his family's home with his own two hands and was always striving for improvement. An avid fan of the outdoors, nary a day went by where he would not be seen mowing the grass, chopping firewood, or finding a reason to get on a tractor to accomplish a chore. He loved the Outer Banks of North Carolina where he and his family shared many cherished memories. His work ethic was infectious, inspiring all those with whom he interacted. Bill is survived by his wife, Lisa; his daughter, Sarah; his son, William Jr.; his two brothers, Jack (Joyce) and Jimmy (Donna); his brother-in-law Rick (Becky), his three nieces Amy, Amanda, and Jessica, and his two loyal golden retrievers, Kobe and Grace, all of whom he loved dearly. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made the to "Rhodes Runners for Life" team at the Angels Among Us Walk to benefit the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University ([AngelsAmongUs](#)) A memorial service will be held to celebrate his life at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 12th, at Poolesville Presbyterian Church, 17800 Elgin Rd., Poolesville, MD.