



## Robert Gilbert O'Brien

September 12, 2024

Robert Gilbert O'Brien (78) passed away September 12. He was the beloved husband of Karen M. (Cusick) O'Brien for 55 years. He was the father to Kevin P. O'Brien and his wife Darlene, Colleen F. O'Brien and the late Robert J. O'Brien. Bob was the proud grandfather of Makayla, Daniel, Sean, Kevin and Hayden. He is survived by his sisters Janice Brochu of Maine and Christine Scholz of North Carolina along with many nieces and nephews. Bob was the son of Robert A. O'Brien and Maxine E. (Gilbert) O'Brien and grew up in North Providence where he enjoyed riding his horses and spent summers waterskiing on Waterman lake. He attended Roger Williams University and was a member of the Air National Guard.

Bob resided in Scituate where he raised his family. His children later bought homes on the same street where he had the pleasure of seeing them daily along with his grandchildren. He was a sports coach, Boy Scout leader and a member of the Recreation committee for many years. Bob also enjoyed weekend ski trips with his family and was an avid landscape designer who loved working on his property.

Bob was a true salesman by nature and was self-employed his entire career for which he never retired. He was a third generation craftsman, patternmaker and owned foundries in Providence and Vermont. In the later part of his career, Bob partnered with his son Kevin to design and manufacture ornamental street lights that can be found in historical parks and streets throughout New England.

Bob will be forever missed for his contagious smile, strong hugs, and the glass is more than half full outlook on life. Services are respectfully private.