

## OBITUARY



NEW BERN - Robert James Branigan, 85, of New Bern, passed away Monday, April 26, 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was born January 11, 1926 in Hackettstown , N.J.

Bob graduated from the University of Rochester in 1949 and began a long and successful career in instrumentation and control systems sales with Taylor Instrument Company, Autodynamics, and other organizations. His various positions in international sales allowed him to travel the world, developing profitable relationships for the companies for which he worked and allowing him to build lasting friendships around the globe. Bob was always open to new experiences, especially if they involved food, wine, and people, but out of all of the people in his life the most important were his family and the many friends who were also family as far as he was concerned. Bob was happy wherever life led him, but easily stated that the best years of his life were spent within the vibrant and caring community at Fairfield Harbour .

Bob is predeceased by his wife Anne Ward Branigan, and survived by his daughter, Leslie Antos and husband Joe of Elmira N.Y.; his son, Jim Branigan and wife Kathy of Cumming, Ga.; grandchildren Lexie and Dani Antos and Michael Branigan; brother, Alan (Susan) Branigan of Arlington, Va.; brother Bill (Robin) Branigan of Midlothian, Va.; and many nieces, nephews and their families who were so important to him.

Calling hours will be from 6-8 p.m. with recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2011 at Cotten Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday July 2, 2011 at St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, with a celebration of Bob's life to immediately follow Fairfield Harbour Community Center.

The family will provide flowers and ask that memorials be made in Bob's name to the American Cancer Society , 930B Wellness Drive, Greenville, N.C. 27834.

Cotten Funeral Home is serving the Branigan family.

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