



## Robert Bergbom

March 20, 1948 - November 21, 2020

Robert Stanley Bergbom passed away on November 21, 2020. He was born on March 20, 1948, in Chicago, Illinois and grew up in Barrington, Illinois and Fullerton, California. He was recruited to Georgia Southern College (now University) on a basketball scholarship, graduating in 1970 with a B.S. in Business Administration. His 35 year career in management with Pier I Imports began in Atlanta, and culminated in St. Augustine, where he opened the Cobblestone Village store in 2003. The relocation to St. Augustine brought his wife, Melinda, back to her hometown, and fulfilled his life-long dream of living by the water. His years with Pier I were not enough for him, so he signed on for another 6 years with his friends at ABC Fine Wine and Spirits.

He leaves behind his wife of 43 years, Melinda (Meade), his brother, Jack (Janice) Bergbom of Anna Maria, Florida, sisters Ruth (Clisby) Jarrard, of Carmel, Indiana, and Doris (Bill) Knapik, of Barrington, Illinois, and many nieces and nephews and their families. He loved and was much loved by his large family and his many friends. Rob also loved to travel, go to concerts and live music venues, the annual trip to Colorado with the Georgia Southern ski team, and drinking a cold Heineken. He had season tickets to all three sports teams in Atlanta, which led to a busy social schedule. When he moved to Florida, he traded his long-time allegiance from the Georgia Bulldogs to the Florida Gators, much to the pleasure of his brother-in-law, Mike Meade.

No memorial service is planned due to the Covid-19 crisis. Rob wanted to help families dealing with pediatric cancer. Donations in his name may be made to the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund on its website ([tcjayfund.org](http://tcjayfund.org)) or by mail at P. O. Box 50798, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32240. Craig Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Comments

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“ Rob approached life with zest and brought cheer to those around him. Always welcoming and ready for fun, his easy-going charm won him many life-long friends.

Whether it was doing the Bergbom Stroll to the blues or singing the words to every Little Feat song, Rob could light up a room. As grillmeister-extraordinaire, he delighted all with his wit as he cooked outside the riff-raff room.

His creatively-funny Halloween costumes, lively experiences and good-humor on so many shared holidays & occasions helped to build a history of stories that we loved to tell over and over. It's unfortunate that the pandemic has kept us all from gathering to share these times but they will remain in our hearts. I'm so grateful to my big brother Rob for forty-six years of joyous memories.

**Cheri** - December 24, 2020 at 03:26 PM

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“ I have fond memories of Rob who was in and out of our Prairie Av house a lot. He and David were such good friends and he was nice to me, the little sister. I always think of Rob smiling. So sorry to hear he is gone. Love to all the family. Patty Lutton Malpere

**Patty Lutton Malpere** - November 30, 2020 at 03:02 PM

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“ Dear Meadie,  
Your Rob was the glue that kept his family and friends together. He had the tickets to fun and laughter and gladly shared them with all of us. It's true, just look at that familiar mischievous smile. We miss him so terribly now and for the rest of our days.

Love you Meadie.  
Jannie

**Janice Bergbom** - November 29, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Rob. May he Rest In Peace and God Bless him and his Family.

**Jon Showers** - January 04, 2021 at 03:55 PM