



## Robert Cullen Lienhardt Ph.D.

October 17, 1931 - September 26, 2018

On September 26, 2018 Robert Cullen Lienhardt Ph.D. beloved longtime companion of M. Barbara Leons; beloved son of the late Marion Catherine (nee Cullen) and Winfield (Lee) Schley Lienhardt; devoted brother of the late Roger C. Lienhardt and Barbara Lienhardt Modine; dear uncle of Karen Modine Fiocchi and other nieces and nephews.

Robert Cullen Lienhardt was born 10/17/31 in New York City. He graduated from Rutgers. Following this he enlisted in the army. Although the Korean War was still in progress he was posted to Germany where he became fascinated by Romanesque churches, awakening his passion for what would become his profession, art history. He pursued graduate study in Germany under the G.I. bill and received his doctorate from The Sorbonne in Paris with a study of the ruined Christian churches in Turkey. Most of his teaching career was spent at MICA in Baltimore.

He became a world traveler visiting ancient art sites such as Palmyra in Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Israel and India. He saw the Bamian Buddhas in Afghanistan before they were destroyed by the Taliban. He was determined to see firsthand the art he was teaching about and particularly loved Italy, especially Rome. In the 1980s he traveled to Nepal and made the trek to Mt. Everest base camp three times. Subsequently he spent a great deal of time in Bali where he became fascinated by local religious rituals. Later years took

him primarily to Mexico.

Bob lived in Bolton Hill, walking distance from MICA where he as an active community participant. He supported the Theatre Project and the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, regularly attended BSO and Peabody concerts, and after his retirement was often seen painting watercolors in local coffee houses. The ceramic frogs he made were his calling cards which he left with friends and acquaintances throughout the city.

His marriages to Birgitte Kueppers and Gisele Delanoy ended in divorce. For the past 25 years he and Barbara Leons have been “sweeties”.

Those wishing to honor his memory may make a contribution to Peabody Free Concert Series, C/O Office of External Relations, 1 East Mt. Vernon Place Baltimore, MD 21202.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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No matter what out of clay  
He reached down deep into his bag  
And gave me one today:

The thing about those magic things—  
They come and hop around  
But never while you're watching them.  
Their goal is to amuse!

And isn't that a bit like that?  
It takes you by surprise—  
How hard to track the inner light  
With heart as well as eyes.

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