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## **Saben, MRA ,74, passed away December 21st, 2021**

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Yarmouth, MA Robert William Saben Jr., MRA ,74, passed away peacefully at his home in Canton, Georgia on Tuesday, December 21st, 2021, surrounded by loving family members.

Saben began his career in banking and opened his appraisal practice in 1981 and received his MRA designation in 1991. He served as MBREA's president in 2003 and was appointed to the board of registration for Real Estate Appraisers by governor Weld.

Saben was an active instructor for the MBREA and was inducted into MBREA's Appraisal Hall of Fame in 2019.

Born September 30, 1947 in North Dighton, Mass. to the late Robert W. Saben Sr. and Allamerilla V. (Parent) Saben. He is survived by his loving wife Sandra (Jones) Saben, his three daughters Amy O'Rourke and her husband, Sean, Katy Clifford and her husband, Fred, Sarah Ruder and her

husband, Rob, stepson, Geoffrey Deemer and his wife, Christina and stepdaughter, Elizabeth O'Keeffe and her husband, Shan. Siblings are Cheryl Davis and her husband, Frank, Penny Curry and her husband, Richard, James Saben and his wife, Tammy, Phyllis (Saben) Manville, Vincent Saben and his wife, Sande and two half-sisters, Cynthia Miselis and her husband, Robert and Wendy Saben. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and his beloved Golden Retriever, George.

Bobby grew up in Yarmouth, attended Dennis- Yarmouth Regional High School (class of 1965) and Bentley University. He began his career in banking with the First National Bank of Yarmouth and then as Vice President of Bay Colony Federal Savings and Loan. As a Massachusetts Commercial Real Estate Appraiser, Bobby founded Saben and Associates Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants in 1981. He taught real estate appraising at Massachusetts colleges and universities and trained and mentored many Cape Cod appraisers. He was appointed by Governor Weld to serve as chair of the State Licensing Board of Registration for appraisers. He served as president of The Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Appraisers (MBREA) and was later inducted into their Hall of Fame after having been a member for over 30 years.

Bobby Loved the Town of Yarmouth and served the Town on many boards and committees including serving as a volunteer firefighter, a golf commissioner and as a member of the Dennis-Yarmouth School Committee and the Board of Selectmen. He was instrumental in the purchase and development of Bayberry Hills Golf Course and the Yarmouth Drive- In site. He also served as the MC for many annual Cape Cod March of Dimes Telethons. He was a member of the Union Club of Boston, and the Checheessee Creek Club in Okatie, SC. Bobby was known for his quick wit and humor and was never without a loving jab at his many friends. He was an avid golfer, loved his Boston sports teams and was known to all as a very generous man.

A private burial service will be held for the family at Woodside Cemetery in Yarmouth Port and a celebration of his life will follow in the summer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to Mayo Clinic Department of Development 200 First Street SW Rochester, MN 55902

As Sabey-Babey would say, "See you in the funnies!"

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