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Name

Arnold L. Bossi

Residence

Hyannis, MA

Age

N/A

Approx. Date of Birth

Approx. Date of Death:

3/11/2017

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DENNIS Arnold Bossi died at home on March 11, 2017, surrounded by family and friends. Arnold was born in New York City to Lillian and Quentin Bossi. He was educated at the Collegiate School, Deerfield Academy, Williams College, and the Harvard University School of Education. After three years in the US Army, he settled into a lifelong career of teaching Spanish and French. He taught at the Buxton School, Sea Pines Academy, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School and at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School. "Senor" Bossi was legendary and beloved by generations of students who found his kindness, sense of humor, and genuine interest in them memorable. In retirement, Arnold took great pleasure in pursuing his grand passion for reading. He was an omnivore of books, with an equal interest in fiction, junky mysteries, and history. He was Google, spell-check, and fact-check before such things even existed. Those who knew him believed he had rare powers of recall and information. As a husband and father, he was steady and generous, and utterly supportive of anything his family did. To his friends he was hilarious and hospitable. He believed in good food, good wine, and good conversation, and he shared his home and table. Arnold was a familiar figure at Corporation Beach, taking the water temperature, recording the tides and winds, and delivering that information daily in the summer to the guard shack, along with mysterious private jokes about "aquads" and the "wetness factor". He patrolled Seaside Avenue on daily walks, he chastised tourists who fumed at being stuck in their cars for not getting up earlier. He was at the beach at all hours and times, chatting up the gate guards, the lifeguards, and legions of friends and former students. The "Mayor of Corporation Beach" took his last swim October 21, 2016. He was the only person swimming and the water temperature was 58 degrees. Arnold leaves behind his wife of 40 years, Margaret T. Bossi. He is survived by his four children and their spouses, Adrian and Lisa Bossi of Brunswick, ME, Neville Bossi and Jason Dengler of Purcellville, VA, Matthias Bossi and Carla Kihlstedt of Woods Hole, MA, and Nathaniel Bossi and Julie Bickford of Southfield, MA. He is also survived by his sisters Anne Kiefer of Orleans, Paige Barlow of Australia, and six grandchildren. A celebration of Arnold's life will take place this summer. Memorial contributions may be made in Arnold's name to Dennis Union Church Organ Fund, PO Box 2020, Dennis, MA 02638, or to the Dennis Conservation Trust, PO Box 67, East Dennis, MA 02641.