



## Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D

October 24, 1956 - December 5, 2024

Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., spouse of Terry P. Cassidy, Ed.D., died peacefully on December 5th, at St. Francis Hospital. In addition to Dr. Cassidy, Bob leaves his siblings whom he loved dearly: Kathy and Jeff Davey, Colleen and Joseph Cidela, Suzanne and Mark Macary, Sean Cronin and Chris Andresen, Margaret Cronin, and Alton and Kelly Cronin and several special nieces and nephews.

Dr. Cronin had a distinguished career in education, starting as an elementary school teacher in Naugatuck working his way through the teaching and administrative ranks until he was superintendent. Next, he became superintendent of Regional District 14, serving Bethlehem and Woodbury. Finally, he served with pleasure as superintendent of the North Haven public schools, retiring in 2019.

Bob's family and colleagues loved and revered him for his wit, his generosity of spirit, caring, concern, and respect he had for all.

The private burial will be for the family. A Mass, open to all, will be held on January 11th, 2025, at 10:00am at the Church of St. Peter Claver, 47 Pleasant St., West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, Bob would appreciate a gift to the North Haven Public School's Rise for Children with Autism at <https://gofund.me/2a124785>



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Peter Claver  
47 Pleasant St.  
West Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall

GR

“ Terry,  
We are so sorry to hear about Bob. You both were such great neighbors on Waterside Lane. I used to see Bob walking in the morning at Fairview. Always smiling and stopping to chat. Hold on to all the great memories you shared.

Gloria Reddy - August 14, 2025 at 08:12 AM

FR

“ Bob was a very good friend growing up on Spencer St. We shared a lot of fun times. My condolences to his family.  
Felicia Ruccio



Felicia Ruccio - December 16, 2024 at 06:53 PM

IL

“ I met Bob at Stop & Shop where he shopped weekly and I was his cashier. He was such a soft spoken pleasant man with whom we exchanged pleasantries. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Bob. My deepest sympathy to Terry and the rest of his family.

Irene Litos - December 14, 2024 at 05:45 AM

SM

“ Bob and I rode together to Eastern Connecticut State collège back and forth on weekends. He was so nice and so funny. Im so sorry to hear of his passing

Sue Mis - December 13, 2024 at 03:30 PM

JS

“ I had the privilege to work with Bob beginning in the early 1980's and continuing through his super intendency in Naugatuck. He was an extraordinary person both personally and professionally. It was a decision he made to give me an administrative position at the high school that changed my career path in a way I could never have imagined. Bob always put the needs of students first. He was a man of integrity and had a strong moral compass. May you rest in peace Bob. You will be spending Christmas in heaven this year.

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**Janice Saam** - December 12, 2024 at 07:29 PM

JG

“ It was a privilege to know Bob. He led with courage, conviction, and kindness. He was also a generous colleague who always exuded warmth and genuine caring for others.

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**Jody Goeler** - December 12, 2024 at 09:57 AM

AJ

“ Working with Bob was a gift. He put kids first, always, and led with strength, humor, humility, and kindness. Bob was the best of us.

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**Alice Jones** - December 12, 2024 at 06:48 AM