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John passed away quietly at home in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was the son of William Joseph Philbin and Clara Elizabeth (nee Springett) Philbin of the Bronx, New York. He was the youngest of 4 boys and 3 girls. He grew up in the Bronx and attended Saints. Peter and Paul School. Later he attended Cardinal Hayes Catholic High School. After 2 years in the Army he received an honorable discharge as a Corporal. The GI Bill gave him the opportunity to attend UC Berkeley (CAL) graduating in 1960. He was very proud of his time at CAL. He soon became a property assessor for the County of Los Angeles specializing in commercial properties and serving as an expert witness in court proceedings. He became an internationally sought-after expert in commercial real estate accepting private clients from around the world. When the Iron Curtain came down, he assisted certain countries in setting up their real estate infrastructure. As a longtime resident of Marina Del Rey, he was instrumental in establishing sister city status between Santa Monica and cities in Germany, Japan, and Mexico. An intrepid Genealogist, he traveled to Ireland to trace his family roots back to the church where his great-grandparents were married in County Mayo. He was fluent in German and Spanish and as a result of his worldwide travels he continued to have friends in Ireland, Germany, and Mexico. He was a member CAL Alumni Association,

German American Association and a life member of the Match Club in Santa Monica, serving in leadership positions for several. John was predeceased by his parents, his brothers; Edward John, Bernard Albert, and Joseph Patrick, and his sisters; Anna, Patricia, and Marie. John was a collector of Art, Books, Family History and Friends. He was an avid story teller and will be deeply missed by his 10 nieces and nephews and their children. Contributions can be made in John's name to the charity of your choice.

Services will be held Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 10am at Affordable Cremation & Burial Service; 2127 W. Charleston Blvd; Las Vegas, NV 89102.

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to all who knew and loved John Philbin. He was a very good friend of my parents and attended the Bac Spins of their Catholic church in the late 40's and 50's.

Dina Miske - December 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Family of John. I am the granddaughter of Tony Voss and Clara Voss and daughter of Gertilda Voss Conti. With my grandfather, John was instrumental in the creation of sister cities throughout the world, including, Hamm, the place of birth of my grandfather. John met numerous of my German relatives, and yes, his German was excellent. I remember years of parties at my mother's house with John and with friends he met around the world, including a singing and dancing group brought by John from Mazatlan. After my mother passed away, John would check in on me and we would meet up when he came to Santa Monica. He was quite a raconteur and I'll miss his stories. Please accept our condolences. John's presence will be deeply missed. Laura Conti and family.

Laura Conti - August 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM