

Robert C. Cone

February 13, 1952 - March 18, 2017



Obituary

GREENSBORO, NC - Robert Clarence Cone, "Bob" of Greensboro, passed away on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at home.

Following a private burial, a memorial service will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, March 21, at Temple Emanuel, 713 North Greene Street. Shiva Minyan services will be held by the family on Tuesday, March 21, Wednesday, March 22 and Thursday, March 23 at 5:45 pm, on North Greene Street as well.

Bob was born in Greensboro on February 13, 1952, to Barbara and Herman Cone Jr.

He graduated from The Asheville School, was awarded the Morehead-Cain Scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and went on to obtain his J.D. from UNC School of Law.

Before finishing his undergraduate degree, he took a year off (covered by his Morehead scholarship, no less) and lived in Israel for a year from 1972-73. On Kibbutz Rosh HaNikra, Bob specialized in harvesting bananas. He made lifelong friends, fell in love with the country and the kibbutz, and returned many times.

Bob met his wife, Sally, while in law school and the two married in 1978, just after graduating and taking (and passing) the bar exam. The couple settled in Greensboro and Bob soon joined a private practice. He spent the bulk of his career at Tuggle Duggins PA, where he remained devoted to his work until his final days. He viewed the practice of law as an honorable profession to be used for the good of society.

An active and caring community member, Bob quietly contributed to many causes. Bob served for 20 years on the Board of what is now known as Cone Health. He is the former Board Chairman of the Cone Health Foundation. He is also a former Trustee and Board Chairman of the Greensboro Public Library and a past President of Greensboro Rotary Club. He is a former Board member of Greensboro Urban Ministry and the Old North State Boy Scout Council. He served as President of the Greensboro Bar Association and was a driving force in establishing the Herbert Falk Society, which fosters and encourages pro bono legal work by the Association's members. He served on the UNC-CH Law Foundation and as a member of the North Carolina State Bar Council. He was an active volunteer in multiple roles with the Greensboro Jewish Federation and served as a Board member of the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro. He was a lifelong member of Temple Emanuel, where he taught Sunday School for many years and worked to preserve and perpetuate the Temple's Greene Street location. He was the recipient of the Greensboro Bar Association's Community Service Award, the NC State Bar's John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award, and, along with his wife, Sally, was co-recipient of the NCCJ Brotherhood/Sisterhood Citation Award. He was tireless, selfless, and committed. Bob loved music-attending many local folk festivals and continuing to play his vinyl albums. He was also interested in ways to beautify his surrounding community and became a strong advocate and fundraiser for Greensboro's Greenway. He enjoyed being a part of the downtown Greensboro scene.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, Sally B. Cone; his mother, Barbara Cone, his brothers, Thomas E. Cone (Rene) and Herman Cone III (Donna); and his two children, Sam Cone and Laurie Cone.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.