



Dr. R. Bliss

May 15, 2020

Dr. Joseph R. Bliss, PhD, 66, of Cleveland, Ohio passed away unexpectedly at his home on April 14, 2020. He was the beloved son of Anna M. (McManus) Bliss of Framingham, MA and the late George T. Bliss. He attended Framingham South High School and Framingham State College. He earned a Master's degree from Tufts University and a PhD from Case Western University. Joe pursued a prestigious career in art history in Boston, MA, Richmond, VA, London, New York, NY and Cleveland, OH. His professional experience included positions as an assistant curator, an associate professor, and a research consultant on museum collections. He co-authored numerous publications and books, and he authored the book, "The Jerome and Rita Gans Collection of English Silver." He is survived by his siblings and their spouses, Patricia Morse of Holliston, MA; Barbara and John Webb of Fairfield, CT; Thomas and Patricia Bliss of Worcester; MA; William and Kathleen Bliss of Canyon Lake, TX; and Maryellen Bliss of Framingham, MA. He is survived by many nieces and nephews and also many dear friends in Cleveland, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his brother, George E. Bliss, and his brother-in-law, Robert Morse. A celebration of his life will be scheduled at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Late catching up to the news of Joe's passing. We worked at VMFA at the same time. Joe was always enthusiastic and engaging about his field. A very socially adept member of the curatorial staff. Joe is at peace and my condolences for friends and family.*

Ann MacDonald - January 10, 2022 at 04:51 PM

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“ *Going to miss sharing laughs with you, Joe! Rest easy*

Aaron W - May 27, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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“ *Joe and I were very good friends. I'm going to miss my buddy very much. Rest In Peace my friend*

Eric Theis - May 27, 2020 at 12:23 AM