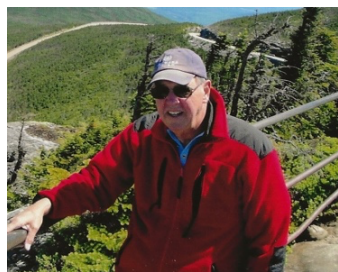


Bob Sills (2019)



May 11, 2022: Outward Bound

Born and raised in Northern New Jersey, Bob has always been interested in outdoor pursuits. Hiking, camping, and raising plants and animals have always held a major interest throughout his life. Bob graduated from Delaware Valley College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Husbandry and upon graduation began work on a registered Angus farm. A year later an opportunity to move into a family business presented itself and, feeling he had to give it a try, he left the farm and began working in the electrical construction industry. The financial benefits of that job allowed he and his wife Julianne to purchase a small farm of their own in Northern New Jersey where they raised Kids, cattle, and sheep. After 15-years in the construction industry he became restive and desired to return to his agricultural roots full time. He enrolled in a master's program at Rutgers University and following graduation became an Ag-science teacher. Upon graduation he immediately entered the Doctoral program and completed his degree in Vocational-Technical Education. His dissertation, titled "The Effects of an Outward Bound course on two dimensions of Teachers' Sense of Efficacy" propelled him from teaching agriculture into a 16-year career with Outward Bound. Bob began as a lead instructor in the open enrollment program but was quickly moved, because of his education and management experience, into working with educators and corporate executives in leadership training and teambuilding programs. During his years at Outward Bound he worked with many Fortune 500 companies, as well as universities including the Yale school of Management, Harvard Business School and the MBA program at Maryland. Bob, as a senior Program Manager, managed many large programs with up to 40 staff and several hundred participants. Bob and his wife Julianne have been married 57-years, have 5-grandchildren, and live in Foxdale Village in State College.

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