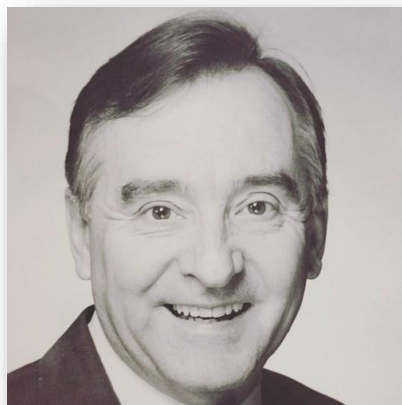


Timothy Joseph Bork

March 9, 1943 (Janesville, WI)

June 7, 2025 (Washington, DC)



Timothy Joseph Bork passed away on June 7, 2025, after a courageous battle with glioblastoma; he faced it with the strength and selflessness that defined him.

Timothy was born in Janesville, WI to Leslie J. and Erna (Pospeschil) Bork. He grew up and attended public schools in Rockford, IL. Active in student affairs, he graduated with the West Rockford High School Class of 1961. "Tim" earned a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree from Lake Forest College, a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from the University of Georgia School of Law, and a Master of Law degree (LLM) from Georgetown University Law Center.

Timothy devoted his life to justice and dignity – first, as a civil rights attorney in Georgia, and later, across Africa, where he helped shape foreign policy with courage and unwavering moral clarity. As USAID's Mission Director in South Africa during apartheid, he implemented the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act not from a desk, but "sitting on a cardboard box," listening to African leaders and channeling U.S. aid to those most oppressed - insisting, "This money is in trust for you; YOU tell us what to do with it." From advancing legal reform to establishing relationships with Africa's human rights defenders, Tim led with empathy - earning trust in places where America's word alone wasn't enough.

Tim was an avid sportsman and a denizen of the arts: he was most at home on the basketball courts of Miami, Tokyo, and Georgetown; on the ski slopes of Aspen; or, of course, in the audience watching daughter, Skye, perform ballet.

As a husband, father, and fierce advocate for justice, Timothy will be most remembered for leading his life with love and generosity.

He is survived by those closest to him: his wife, Shigeko Bork and daughter, Skye Bork. He also leaves to mourn, brother, Thomas F. Bork (UT); and sisters, D'Ann Marie Bork (William) Murray (LaPorte, IN) and Lynn Ellen Bork (Thomas) Dewing, (Mequon, WI). He was predeceased by his parents; and sister, Leslie Jeanne Bork Killoren.

An afternoon visitation for Timothy will be held Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Epiphany Catholic Church, 2712 Dumbarton Street NW, Washington, DC 20007, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Interment will be private.



Reference:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/washingtonpost/name/timothy-bork-obituary?id=58641446> June 16, 2025