

Timothy Joseph Bork

March 9, 1943 (Janesville, WI)

June 7, 2025 (Washington, D.C.)

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

Born to Leslie J. and Erna (Pospeschil) Bork, he attended public school in Rockford, IL, graduating in 1961 from West Rockford High School where he was a popular leader who was active in many extracurricular activities.

Tim earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lake Forest College, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Georgia School of Law, and a Master of Law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Tim was devoted 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 the 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 in an audience watching daughter, Skye, perform ballet.

As a husband, father, and fierce advocate for justice, Timothy is most remembered for living with love and generosity. He is survived by those closest to him: Wife, Shigeko Bork and Daughter, Skye Bork. He also leaves to mourn, Brother, Thomas F. Bork (Salt Lake City, 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.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Epiphany Catholic Church, 2712 Dumbarton Street, NW, Washington, DC, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will be private.

Reference:

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

