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ROBERT FRANCIS BERNARD



Robert Francis Bernard, age 45. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6 at **Gibbons Elliston Funeral Home**, 60 South Grant in Hinsdale. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7 in the sanctuary of Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills, 39 N. Prospect, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. Private interment will precede the memorial service. Bob was born May 23, 1961 in Chicago, IL. He died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007 of an apparent heart attack, suffered at his home in Burr Ridge. He is survived by his wife, Elisa Fryer Bernard; his children, Kendal Elisabeth and Bryce Robert. He is also survived by his mother and father, Sandra and Charles Homola of Sturgis, MI;

sister, Robin (Bill) Lewis of Munster, IN; his grandmother, Mildred Toberman; aunt, Sharon Toberman both of Schererville, IN; niece, Brittany Lewis; nephews, Billy and Bradley Lewis, all of Munster, and Nolan Thomas Fryer of Westmont. Robert Bernard was a very successful businessman, having co-founded Whittman-Hart, an information technology consulting firm in 1984. He was KPMG's High Tech Entrepreneur of the Year in 1992, Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997 and Crain's Chicago Business Executive of the Year in 1999. At the time of his death, he was CEO of Whittman-Hart, a successor company, which now has offices in nine U.S. cities. Bob supported several worthwhile charities, among them Children's Memorial Hospital and Marklund Foundation. He was a director of APAC Corporation. Bob was involved in the Hinsdale/Burr Ridge community, serving as a coach for his children's soccer, T-ball and basketball teams, participating with his daughter in Indian Princesses and as an active member of Clarendon Hills Community Presbyterian Church. He was an avid golfer and member of Edgewood Valley Country Club, and a frequent participant in the Chicago Marathon. Bob was a lifelong fan of Chicago sports teams, but especially so of his beloved Cubs. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Cardiology Department of Children's Memorial Hospital, 2300 Children's Plaza, Chicago, IL 60614. 630-323-0275.

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