



## Robert Dunton

June 23, 2014

### Obituary of Robert Dunton

Robert David Dunton, of Palo Alto Village in The Villages, FL passed away on Monday, June 23, 2014 in the early morning hours. In his 90 plus years, Robert "Bob" was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and beloved friend to all. During WWII he was in the Air Force (The Air Corps back then) and then onto Ohio University for a BS degree in science. He worked for Boeing, Pratt and Whitney for roughly 10 years before starting his educational career at Shenendehowa, in Clifton Park, NY. Getting his Masters Degree in education, Bob taught biology, was a class dean and eventually principal of the Jr High. He championed education and on his free time he was a tutor for countless at risk teens and worked along side the American Legion as an advisor to high school boys on their pursuit to Boy's State in Tallahassee. He delivered meals for home bound, volunteered driving people to medical appointments and on his free time he loved to play golf with the "O.F's", followed the stock market and be around his family and friends.

Robert "Bob" is survived by his wife Joan, his children Dr. Robert Dunton, wife Mary Lou; Carol Rieken, husband Bill; step children Mark Opicka and Debra Murphy and countless grandchildren. Tom Dunton, his son, preceded him in death and now they are together once again. The family will have a memorial

service at North Lake Presbyterian Church, 975 Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake, FL on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 10:00am to celebrate Bob's amazing life. This will be followed by a burial at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Villagers for Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.

### Services

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### Interment

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### Memorial Donations

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ TO BPB TO BOB AND TINKER YOUR DAD WAS A FAIR AND GREAT MAN YOUR DAD AND I TALKED ALOT AND HELPED ME WITHOUT ASKING HE USED TO MAKE ME STAYR AFTER CLASS THEN GIVE ME A RIDE HOME SORRY FORE YOUR LOSS HE WILL BE MISSED MARK

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**MARK CAROTA** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Carol - I don't know if you remember me from Sugar Hill Road, but I remember you and your family. My condolences to you and your family. Losing a parent is just incredibly hard.

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**Marilyn Hedrick** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Dearest Joan, thinking of you and your family daily and wishing you some moments of calm and serenity in this difficult time. Many prayers are with you all.

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**Gauge Dean** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Much love to you, Joan, and your family Hang in there Love you

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**Julie Halvorson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ I first met Bob Dunton at a first-year teacher orientation concerning procedures to be followed. "You use the yellow form to report..., the green form to report..., and the white form for a discipline referral," he directed, and then smiled with "you will get the hang of it. Don't worry about it." On the other hand, when the quarter grades were due, we had better get them in on time because "you will be holding up all the report cards," he would admonish. I was scared to death of using the wrong form and being late. When some writing appeared on the wall of the restroom, Bob, as vice principal, was on the case and would have the culprit in his office within the hour. When a student was disrespectful to a teacher, Bob made it clear the teacher was right and the student was wrong. Some might say that Bob was from the old school, where there were expectations about conduct and respect and doing your best - - that was true for students as well as for teachers. We knew Bob was looking out for everyone. It was on the off hours that I met the "kid" in Bob with a sense of humor and a great laugh. I remember one day he did a little dancing jig when I was depressed over something. "It's going to be okay," he would say, and he was right. As my roles changed, I found myself sitting in his office, enjoying our time together. He really was a nice guy who was committed to kids, to teachers, and to success. I would be reminded of that friend of mine each year when we exchanged a Christmas card or saw one another at a retirement party. I gave him a hug and felt complete with those memories together. To Joan and to your family, may you find comfort in those memories and knowing that Bob is with his son and with the angels and the saints.

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Ed Hughes - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Dear Joan, We extend to you and your family our sincere sympathy for the loss of Bob, one of the best principals ever. We really enjoyed our dinner with you at your home in the The Villages several years ago. Our friend from Ocala passed away , so we do not get up that way very often anymore. Bob was a true gentleman and an inspiration. He will be remembered as an outstanding educator.

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**Walt and Caroline Callahan** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Bob will surely be missed in the neighborhood. He was such an inspiration watching him walk by on his walker, never giving up. Upon reading his obituary, we can see he lived a very giving and interesting life. I am certain you have lovely memories of your life together.

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**Bob & Donna Pooler** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Joan, Just heard of Bob's passing. I wanted to let you know how sorry I am . I have thought of Bob often over the years, he was a great teacher and administrator. I enjoyed having him as both my teacher and as a colleague at Shen. Ron Pintuff

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**Ron Pintuff** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Joan and family, I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. My deepest sympathies go out to you. I worked with Bob at Shen and considered him to be one of the most supportive administrators I have ever worked with. I also considered him a friend. Tony

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**Tony Frank** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Joan and family- We were sadden to hear of Bob's passing. He played an important role in one of our careers and both of our personal histories! A wonderful administrator, who stood up for his staff and a great guys who always "had a minute" to talk. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. -Dora and Drew Myers*

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**Dora and Drew Myers** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Dear Joan, We are so very sorry to read of Bob's death. We are thinking of you and your family, and are keeping you in our prayers. Please stop to visit if you are up this way visiting June. Sandy and Dan*

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**Dan and Sandy Heddesheimer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Joan, our thoughts are with you and your family. I will always remember Bob's easy smile and memories of him at Gowana. Sincerely Dick and Ellie*

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**Dick & Ellie Moody** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Robert Dunton*

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