



Mr. Robert B. Dolce

October 8, 1931 - November 8, 2013

Robert B. Dolce, 82, passed away Friday November 8, 2013, in the company of his family and friends. Bob was born in Buffalo, NY on October 8, 1931 and grew up in Rochester, NY. He graduated from SUNY at Cortland, NY where he also played as quarterback of the football team. He later went on to earn a Masters in Administration from Rollins College. Following graduation from SUNY, he served his county as a USAF pilot. Upon moving to Florida, Bob met his beloved wife Frances, both of them enjoying 58 years of marriage. After his military service, he worked for Martin-Marietta several years before stepping into managing the family's Orlando Motor Lodge business with Frances.

Bob joined Edgewater High School's teaching and coaching staff in 1967 and served the school and community there till 1994 where he was head football coach many years. His love for sports and the outdoors was never ending. He was an active official for the FHSAA football and basketball programs. Bob always found time to play and coach golf as well, often with large groups of friends at Dubsdread or the Winter Park Golf Club. He also would never pass up an opportunity to fish with friends or his brother-in-law. Bob's storytelling led most to believe he caught some of the biggest fish in Florida waters. He also had unlimited patience by virtue of the countless students who learned how to drive under his watchful Driver Training eyes. The most treasured virtue of Bob's was his unlimited love and dedication to his family, friends and the thousands of students and players he mentored over the years. Thanks Coach you will be missed!

Bob was preceded in death by his mother Josephine, father Anthony, sister Katherine and brother Dominic. He is survived by his wife Frances; daughters Sharon and Andrea; his grandchildren Joseph and Nina; sister-in-law Grace; brother-in-law Richard; son-in-law Lawrence; along with numerous nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5:30-7:30 PM, Thursday November 14 at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751. (407) 695-CARE(2273). A funeral mass will be held at 9:30 AM Friday November 15 at Annunciation Catholic Church, 1020 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. (407) 869-9472.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 05:30PM - 07:30PM

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DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL, US, 32751

NOV **Funeral Service** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Annunciation Catholic Church
1020 Montgomery Rd., Altamonte Springs, FL, US, 32714

Comments



“ Sad to see coach Dolce has passed. My father and mother were friends before he went to coach at Edgewater High. Condolences and prayers are with his family and friends.

alan furbush - November 29, 2013 at 12:30 PM



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Nina Henry - November 19, 2013 at 04:44 PM



“ Dear Fran,

Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear husband, Bob. It was poignant for me to see your married name, Dolce, and make the connection to you just this past Saturday! (I've been receiving De Gusipe's notices since the sudden passing of our eldest son, James Douglas, 4/5/10.) My heart goes out to you and your family at this most difficult time. We've literally run into each other from way back to when our son, Tom, was your daughter, Andrea's student; in Jacobson's to SMM; and not too long ago, in our very own W-D as you were buying fresh salmon. Funny how little things remain in memory... Bob's photo (so cute!) reminded me of seeing you and meeting him for the first time, I believe, in a physician's (Dr. Ho ?) waiting room; our husbands being the patients, at least 6 years ago. Though I didn't know Bob, I feel that through you, I did, in some small way, know why he chose you to be his... You are an inspiration and a role model for me as I continue to walk a different path without Doug at home these past 62 months. If you should ever think of me, please send a little prayer my way. May God console you and bless you with His Peace. Until we meet again, I send...

My Love & Prayers,
Arlene Magee

Arlene Magee - November 18, 2013 at 05:56 PM



“ I have known Bob and Frances and Sharon and Andrea for a very long time and I was saddened to hear about Bob. I send all my love, thoughts and prayers to Frances, Sharon and Andrea, and even though a lot of time has passed since we have seen one another, I hope they know how much I have loved and cared for them through the years. It was my pleasure to have known Bob and what a wonderful person he was and he knew he was loved by so many.
May God bless and keep them at this time and in the days ahead.
All my love,
Audrey Ingaldi Myers

Audrey Myers - November 18, 2013 at 10:08 AM



“ My Dad has left behind an amazing legacy. I am honored to have been his youngest daughter. My father has been an incredible grandfather, mentor, and friend to both of my children. God has chosen an EARTH ANGEL to now be in his heavenly kingdom! I miss you Daddy and I can't wait to see you again! I Love You...SweetPea.

Andrea Dolce - November 17, 2013 at 09:08 PM



“ Bob Dolce meant a lot to Bill and me....not just by the coach he was, but the man he was. A true example of what a husband, father and friend should be. I lost my father 20 years ago this year and I know how empty the family's lives feel right now...but with each day come more memories...and more memories bring more smiles....the sadness will be replaced with stories of pride. Bill and I are going to celebrate our 31st anniversary in December going down to Pine Island and fishing for a week....we will be fishing the same waters Bob Dolce did for years...every cast I make will be made thinking of him..remembering those times at Edgewater watching him pace the sidelines..standing next to Bill making coaching decisions...and then after the games when we would go back to the Dolce's house for the wonderful parties Fran hosted...I miss those days.....I miss Bob Dolce.....I wrote a note to Sharon on Facebook and one thing I said was "life takes us all in different directions but love brings us back to one another"....one of my biggest regrets is not seeing Bob for years and not telling him how much he meant to Bill and me....make it a mission in your lives that if someone meant something to you let them know....we owe that much to them.....we will see you again one day Bob Dolce...we love you....<3

Kere Tanner - November 16, 2013 at 10:22 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul has been' was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert B. Dolce.



November 14, 2013 at 11:39 AM



“ Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert B. Dolce.



November 13, 2013 at 02:24 PM



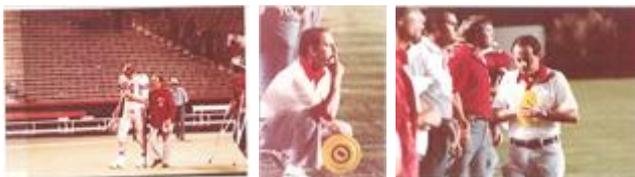
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Thomas F. Neal - November 13, 2013 at 01:46 PM



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Thomas F. Neal - November 13, 2013 at 01:36 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert B. Dolce.



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“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert B. Dolce.



November 13, 2013 at 11:12 AM



“ Barbara Notte purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Basket for the family of Mr. Robert B. Dolce.



Barbara Notte - November 13, 2013 at 09:42 AM



“ Malone Drakes Jr.
EHS 82-85
Coach Dolce was a inspiration to me he was constantly on me he believed in me he made me a better person. He was more then coach he was friend that prepared his young men for the future. Coach you'll be truly missed but never forgotten. Love you coach RIP.

Your 1985 MVP

Malone Drakes Jr - November 13, 2013 at 09:19 AM



“ Coach as a football player for EHS during the 78-80 season you were the best. The care and drive you gave me for life was the greatest gift and reward I could have ever received. To your family I pray that that Lord Jesus will comfort you at this time. The hearts and lives that Coach Dolce touch will be overwhelming.

God Bless Kevin Condon # 53 Center

KEVIN F CONDON - November 12, 2013 at 07:10 PM



“ Coach, as a 72 E.H.S. graduate, your guidance in my life as my football coach and friend will never be forgotten. You gave me hope and courage when I needed it, when I was 19 and being drafted. I'm glad, I had a chance to let you know that, at our 30th school reunion. I know that when we meet again we will do some fishing. My heart and prayers go out to your family at this time. I know that you were a very loving husband, father and friend. I hope one day I can be like you and my dad as I get older and that is a good man. see ya coach kenny sears class of 72

kenny sears - November 12, 2013 at 07:11 AM