



Robert J. Drumm

March 8, 2013

Robert J. "Bob" DRUMM, 92, of St. Petersburg, passed away on March 8, 2013. Born in Johnstown, PA, he is survived by wife Lois, daughter Sandra (George) Lear, and son Robert. Bob came to St. Petersburg in 1954 when he accepted a position as band director at Mirror Lake Jr High. In 1959 he became the first band director at Dixie Hollins High School when it opened, remaining there for 20 years. In addition to teaching music to thousands of students over the course of his career, Bob played drums professionally as part of a trio for many years. In his spare time, Bob enjoyed photography, fishing, boating, model railroading, and his pet dachshunds. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday, March 30 from 1:30 P.M. until time of memorial service at 3 PM.

Tribute Wall

PA

“ I’m so sorry for your loss! I was at Dixie from 1972-74. Mr. Drumm was tough but tender too. I have many fond memories playing flute and piccolo in the band. I was drum major my last year along with Ron Davis. Sandy, you and I and Debra Landauer played a flute trio at solo and ensemble festival. Do you remember? I am a musician and music teacher thanks in part to Mr. Drumm’s influence.

Paulette Amory - April 19, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ The family of Robert J. Drumm uploaded a photo

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cary and Christy White - Close Friend posted a condolence Bob (son) and family - our hearts and prayers go out to you. We know the tremendous sorrow and loss that you are feeling and know that you will always carry the wonderful memories of your Dad within your heart. My twin brother Chris and I met Bob at Westgate Elementary in 1971 when we moved to Florida. Our friendship quickly grew and we have shared many experiences over the years. We learned early on how wonderful a man Mr Drumm (senior) was. He has had an indelible effect on so many students and his legacy will live on through those that he touched and taught over the years. To Sandy and Mrs. Drumm, our sincere condolences to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love, Christy and Cary White.

Cary and Christy White - Close Friend - March 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Barbara Knox Creamer - Student posted a condolence My condolences to the family on the loss of a man who touched the lives of so many kids. My High School memories are great, thanks to a wonderful band experience. With Mr Drumm's encouragement, I went on to be a majorette at FSU. Mr. Drumm was one of the BEST!*

Barbara Knox Creamer - Student - March 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Liz Cutler Stiles - Former Student posted a condolence Dear Mrs. Drumm, When I retired last year at the age of 67 I decided to do something new . . . learn how to play handbells at my church. With basic musical experience (3 years as a mediocre clarinet player in the Mirror Lake Junior High School band), I embraced the challenge. You have no idea how many times I have invoked Mr. Drumm's name when everyone else was struggling and I kept counting . . . I can still hear him booming out: Count, count!!! And I do!! What a lasting impression he made on me . . . and his gifts to me are still being enjoyed 55 years later! My most sincere condolences to you and your family on your loss. Not only was he a blessing to you, but to countless of his former students, including this now-68 year old handbell ringer!! Of course, I shared his passing with my fellow ringers when we met this week . . . he has been a presence every time we practice. Blessings to each one of you, Liz Cutler Stiles (daughter of Lois and Dick Cutler)*

Liz Cutler Stiles - Former Student - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Mrs. Mary Alice Stein - neighbor posted a condolence We were next door neighbors for several years and have many fond memories of that time. My love and sympathy to Lois, Sandy and Bob. Mrs. Mary Alice Stein and Family

Mrs. Mary Alice Stein - neighbor - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cynthia and Anthony Ogden - Close friends posted a condolence Drumm family, words cannot describe my sympathy for the loss of Bob Sr. Besides being one of my best friends father, I always considered Bob Sr. A friend. I will always remember the hospitality Lois and Bob Sr. showed me on my trips to St. Petersburg. The model train set will never be forgotten . In closing Lois, Sandy, and Bob you are in all inCynthia and my prayers. May you all find peace and comfort in his memory. Truly and sincerely, your friend always Tony.

Cynthia and Anthony Ogden - Close friends - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ vic mickunas - (FBA) friend posted a condolence Sorry to hear of the passing of Bob. I was the band director at Avon Park H,S, in Florida,,,,and then at Tarpon Springs H.S. I was also from Pittsburgh, Penna, and we used to talk about that.Bob was a dedicated music educator and I'm sure will be remembered by his students...My condolences....Vic Mickunas (retired)

vic mickunas - (FBA) friend - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Lou(Bucky)Kubler - Class of 1961 posted a condolence Mr Drumm was an outstanding Band Director for Dixie Hollins, a mentor who not only taught music but self discipline and pride in who we were as a band and as individuals. I wasn't much of a sax player, he knew it and accepted with humor what I could do. The classes he taught and the bands he directed will collectively remember his contribution to our lives. My love and respects to his wife and family*

Lou(Bucky)Kubler - Class of 1961 - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM