



Robert Husband

December 29, 2008

Bob Husband's death on December 29, 2008 at War Memorial Hospital was not the end of all the things he accomplished in life. His greatest joy was working with students while a teacher, principal and superintendent. He wanted to further their basic education by giving them experiences in such things as nurse education where students supplemented their class work by working at local hospitals. He also started a home building class, which built homes for private citizens with local businesses providing the materials; and also an outdoor class featuring the many aspects of nature - trees, fish, plants, and animals. In retirement his garden gained a special place for him. Winters were filled with catalogs used in planning his next garden. Winters were also filled with hockey games at Lake State. For ten years he was president of the Blue Liners and loved associating and planning events for the hockey players. Bob left his wife of 58 years: Dolores, and three children: Diane (Joel) Raak, Carol (Carlos) Alers, and Robert, Jr. (Gretchen). His grandchildren include Peter and Spencer Raak, Andres and Natasha Alers, and Sam, Robert II, and Lucas Husband. Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 31, 2008 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Visitors may come at 10:00 AM that same day to greet the members of the family.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Sincere sympathy is sent to the entire Husband family. I, Carol, only know Diane. She has been an integral and cherished part of my teaching career. When one reads about Diane's father's accomplishments, one better understands what made his daughter, Diane, the magnificent teacher she has been. May God bless and comfort your family.

Phil and Carol Singler - January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Sincere condolences to Mrs. Husband, Diane, Carol and Robert..and families..

The many years as a member of the teaching staff (while Mr. Husband was the superintendent) are good memories in the corners of my mind..... God Bless you all...

Ruth Hill - January 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ My heart is sad that you have lost your husband, father, grandfather and dear friend. I know him only through Diane's eyes and heart. Diane has been a treasured friend, always there when I needed her - always seeing the best in everything.

Diane, your loss is like losing a member of my own family. I love you and will always be your friend. Please give my love and sympathy to your family. I am with you in my heart.

*Love,
Patty Corwin*

Patty Corwin - January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Diane, I was so sorry to hear about your father's death. I know how it is to loose a parent, and the only thing I can tell you is, that with time, it gets easier to accept what has happened. Having wonderful memories of your father will be a blessing. Again, I am sorry for your loss.*

Diana Whitley - January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Diane, Joel, Peter, and Spencer,*

Your dad(grandfather) lived such a wonderful and accomplished life. We know the depth of your sadness as we have lost loved ones also. Remember all the wonderful times you shared together. Please accept our thoughts and prayers.

Hurry home!

Jo and Jack

Jolinda Brynildssen - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *For Diane and Family--We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Husband's death. What a loss for all of you. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. You have our deepest sympathy. Barbara and Ted Bushnell*

Barbara and Ted Bushnell - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *So very sorry to hear of Mr. Husband's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Kim Jo and Ulonda.*

Passageways Travel - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *To- Dolores and Family*

I send my condolences to you of your loss. Many days were spent listening to Bob playing the piano at our Grandfathers house when he was going to the U of M. We were first cousins, but no contact for over 50 years. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this sad time Bruce

Bruce Karr - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Diane, Mrs. Husband and family. I did not know Mr. Husband, but I can tell that he was a very fine man. Since I moved to Illinois just over two years ago, I have become friends with Diane. She is one of the kindest and finest people I know, which is a tribute to her parents. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Bonnie Horne*

Bonnie Horne - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Dolores and Family,*

It was one of my great privileges to have known Bob, he wrote me many letters of recommendations, helping me achieve the level of education I am at today; it was always a blessing to be able to have a conversation with Bob, he spoke with so much enthusiasm about his garden, education, traveling and his family. I rather looked forward to venturing around Bob and Dolores' garden, knowing the tremendous amount of time and work they spent perfecting it. Bob was a great man, most notably for his humbleness and in his ability to help and care for other.

*My deepest condolences Dolores; and to your family.
Dan*

Daniel Frye - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Although I didn't know Bob all that well, I enjoyed the many conversations I had with him over the years. I had a lot of respect for him and once I found out how knowledgeable he was about plants and trees he became my "Go To Guy" for any gardening questions I might have.

There's one thing that he said to me that really has had an impact on me and I will never forget. We were talking about how busy life is when you're working full time and trying to make sure your kids get to all their functions, at the time for me there was karate, basketball, play practice, lots of running around like crazy trying to get everything done. I think I was saying how loud and rambunctious my boys were, running, jumping, kicking, karate chopping, shooting, etc. and he said to me, "These are the best days of your life". I think I stared at him blankly for a few seconds as I realized that he was right. I went home and told my husband what he had said. I often remember those words when things get busy and I think about how someday (not all that far away) all the noise and action will be gone, and it makes me feel sad. Bob was very insightful and I have actually quoted his words to friends whose lives are similar to my own.

Farewell to Bob and sincere sympathy to his family.

Kim Hopkins

KIM HOPKINS - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I feel fortunate to have known Bob Husband. Whenever I am home for a family visit, I always look forward to going over to Bob and Delores' for a visit. Bob always had new gardens to see from my last visit home. He shared the most minute details of what was in each garden. It was always so interesting. Their property is beautiful and anyone visiting can see how much love and devotion they put into their gardening and home.

My last visit, a year ago, Bob and Delores served me, my sister and brother in law, Janice and Bill Frye, a lovely late afternoon spread served out next to the front yard gardens. We visited late into the evening talking about anything and everything. Bob asked us if we watched LOST and shared that he and Delores knew Terry O'Quinn from the Newberry School District. I told them our family were big LOST fans and I would be sure to share that when I returned home.

What a small world life is. Bob touched so many lives in such a positive way and was he was always there to help and support those around him. I will miss him dearly.

Pam Maki - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ I've known Bob for many years and he was a wonderful person. He will be missed greatly!

Sarah Zimmerman - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ For Bob's family, David and I want you to know that we are thinking of you. We have left for Alabama for the winter. Just yesterday, I was looking at Pebble Beach Golf Course and I came across Carmel, California and I thought of both of you.. and not realizing that Bob had passed away. There is a saying that after a storm the birds will sing again.. I know that they will. A hug to you all. Dave and Doreen Freeborn

Dave and Doreen Freeborn - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Delores & Family,

I know what you are feeling and my prayers are with you at this time. If there is anything I can do please let me know.

Ray

Ray Frye - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Delores and Family, I was deeply saddened to see Bob's obituary today. I have many fond memories of Blueline functions and traveling to away games with Delores and Bob. I wish you all heartfelt sympathy at this sad event. May God bless your family

Marg Rohrer - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Delores and family,*

We are so very sad to hear of Bob's passing. Bob was a dear friend and we will always have fond and wonderful memories of him. We will always remember his fantastic gardens, his love of Laker athletics, and his kindness and concern for others. Our thoughts are with you Delores and it is very hard to be away from are friends at a time like this.

Please know that we care and will keep you in our thoughts.

Dan and Deb Green

Dan and Deb Green - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM