



Robert "Bob" Earl Roth

March 30, 1937 - September 3, 2021

Robert "Bob" Earl Roth, Age 84 passed suddenly yet peacefully on September 3, 2021. He was born March 30, 1937 in Wauseon, OH, to Florence L. and Earl J. Roth of Archbold, OH. Bob was a professor of Environmental Education in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at The Ohio State University, where he was Associate Director from 1994 until retirement in 2001 when "Emeritus" faculty status was granted. He played Baritone in the OSU TBDBITL Alumni Marching Band since 1971. He enjoyed travel with his beloved wife Carol to more than 40 countries, singing in Germania and church choirs, family camping, fishing trips and serving as a volunteer at the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island, FL. For 15 years.

Bob will be missed by his beloved wife Carol of more than 62 years: son Robin Earl (Jane P.) Roth, grandchildren Daniel H. Roth and Mary L. Roth; Son Bruce Robert (Kelly A.) Roth and grandchildren Kory C. Roth, Alexander R. Roth, and Sarah A. Roth. He is preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M. September 18, 2021, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 398 S. Shoop Avenue, Wauseon, OH 43567, where family will receive family and friends from 10 A.M. until time of service. A reception and luncheon will follow at the same location. In lieu of flowers a memorial gift in Bob's honor may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 398 South Shoop Avenue, Wauseon, OH 43567 or Ohio Living Foundation, 9200 Worthington Rd, Suite 300, C/O Westminster- Thurber, Westerville, OH 43082.

To share memories and condolences and view complete obituary notice,

please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
398 S Shoop Ave
Wauseon, OH 43567

Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bob" Earl Roth

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Dr. Roth was my major professor, but he was SO much more. He was so important to me as a mentor and friend. He gave me opportunities to learn, to grow, and to make epic mistakes! I cannot imagine how my life would have played out if I had not be privileged to be his student.

My heart goes out to you. Know that his gentleness, kindness, intelligence, and humor will be remembered and passed on.

Ellen Bogardus-Szymaniak '81

Ellen Bogardus-Szymaniak - September 28, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ Dear Carol and Roth Family

I knew Bob way back in the 80's when I attended the Ohio State for Environmental Education and Communication. Bob always had a smile and enthusiasm for the future of environmental studies. I was just a kid from New York and he truly inspired me. I hope you and your family find peace in your loss through the memories that Bob has created over his amazing lifetime.

With love and peace.

-Beth Marshdoyle

Beth Marshdoyle - September 28, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Roth.*



September 17, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ *Ju Chou and OSU SNR alumni purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Roth.*



Ju Chou and OSU SNR alumni - September 16, 2021 at 12:03 AM

JC

“ It’s very surprising and sad to learn about the passing of my respected advisor and life mentor Dr. Roth. On behalf of a group of graduate students from Taiwan, who had studied at The Ohio State University, School of Natural Resources and accepted his teaching and advising, I would like to express my deepest condolences to Mrs. Roth and his family.

Dr. Roth was not only my advisor, but also a life mentor and a close friend of my family. As the Chinese proverb says: "Being a teacher for a day and a father for life", I am deeply grateful to him for his guidance and inspiration for both my professional career and life. I and other OSU, SNR alumni here in Taiwan have the same feelings and we all deeply grateful to him.

Dr. Roth has been invited by the Taiwan government and universities three times to come to Taiwan to provide professional consultation, advice, and training for the development of environmental education in Taiwan. We, SNR alumni in Taiwan, would especially take this opportunity to thank him for his generous dedication, encouragement and support in Taiwan’s developing environmental education and promoting environmental protection. Thank you, Dr. Roth, we will continue to work hard to pass on your legacy. Blessing to Mrs. Roth and the family!

Ju Chou and Shih-Jang Hsu, Yi-Hsuan (Tim) Hsu, Huei-Min Tsai, Li-Yi Chen

Ju Chou - September 15, 2021 at 11:39 PM

MG

“ I have had the privilege of knowing Bob for over 25 years. I cannot think of a finer educator, administrator, father and husband. Bob and Carol were a model couple , set a standard of family devotion and community involvement throughout their marriage enjoying life to the fullest, in a rich and balanced way. Bob's academic leadership and influence in the OSU Department of Natural Resources was clear and his research was important to environmental education. Whether refurbishing an old canoe, traveling Europe with the Columbus Maennerchor Club or marching with the OSU alumni band, Bob put his all into life and all his pursuits. Nothing was more important than family to Bob. I don't believe Bob ever " dotted the I" at Ohio Stadium but he " Dot's the I" in my mind whenever I see The Ohio State University Marching Band perform script Ohio. Rest in peace Bob.

Mitch Grant - September 15, 2021 at 08:24 AM

ME

“ Mrs. Roth and family: I was very saddened to read of the passing of Bob. I was one of the first secretaries hired for the School of Natural Resources in 1969 when it was formed and was there until my retirement in 1990. I worked in Fisheries and Wildlife Management and Bob's office was just down the hall from mine. He was always pleasant and smiling. He stands out in my memories as an outstanding educator and very popular among his students. I consider it an honor to be among the acquaintances of Bob and will keep his memory among my pleasant thoughts. May Gob bless you and your family. Heaven is brighter with a new angel. Marty Eitel



marty eitel - September 14, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Roth.



September 13, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ We first met as members of OSUMB in 1958. Both of us having a common northwest Ohio upbringing, we immediately formed a friendship which has continued to the present through our playing in the TBDBITL Alumni Band. Good bye my friend. It has been a privilege and pleasure knowing you.

Alan Kent

Alan Kent - September 13, 2021 at 11:04 AM

GM

“ It is a great sadness to learn of the passing of my colleague, mentor, and friend, Professor Bob Roth. I extend my deepest sympathies to Carol and the family.

Bob brought to all around him a sense of dignity and purpose; he was a true gentleman and a Master Teacher. Throughout all our years together at OSU as fellow professors, international travelers/educators, and co-administrators, I could always count on Bob's counsel and guidance. His vision and dedication helped to create the School of Natural Resources and continues as a foundation stone for the current School of Environment and Natural Resources. Dr. Roth's students, from all around the world, continue to advance his environmental education concepts and philosophy. He enriched each of our lives when with us, and now may we keep his memories and tell his stories so that the lessons he taught us will never be lost. May we all take solace in the fact that our friend and colleague lived a rich and full life, both personally and professionally, always giving more than he took from life. To Carol and all the family, may God always bless and keep you. Gary Mullins.

Gary W. Mullins - September 12, 2021 at 11:39 AM

DH

“ Carol and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was always one of my favorite patrons along with Carol when they came to the pool at the Worthington Community Center. He always had a smile on his face and always made time to chat. I will always remember how nice, helpful, and supportive he always was to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.

David Holstein - September 12, 2021 at 06:05 AM

JC

“ I scheduled Bob at Ding Darling while he volunteered at the Refuge. He was a great man to work with. He always came in with a smile and was a pleasure to be in the company of. He will be missed by all who knew him. Jeff Combs.

Jeffrey Combs - September 12, 2021 at 12:52 AM

SR

“ Dear Carol and Roth family. I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I'm sending my sincerest condolences to you. My Mom considered you both to be the nicest people ever. She would always have wonderful things to say about you both. I appreciate your "watching over her" during the past few years. Rest in peace Bob.

Sylvia Rosenthal

Sylvia Rosenthal - September 09, 2021 at 12:16 PM

RM

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire family.
Rick & Michelle Moss

Rick Moss - September 09, 2021 at 10:45 AM

JP

“ Dr. Roth was a wonderful, supportive advisor during my time at OSU in the 1970's.
Rest In Peace! Judy Page

Judy Page - September 08, 2021 at 10:03 PM

SU

“ *SENR, The Ohio State University purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Roth.*



SENR, The Ohio State University - September 08, 2021 at 01:26 PM

MG

“ *Dr. Bob Roth was a great mentor, teacher and friend. I can't say how much he shape my life and my career. He was an extremely caring and giving person. His fun and engaging personality always lit up the room. I learned so much from this man over so many years of my life. Much of my career was shaped by his leadership as my boss and as a true Buckeye! We will all miss him greatly as both a good friend, colleague and teacher!*

Mark Giese - September 07, 2021 at 08:09 PM

MW

My heart is heavy tonight - I remember meeting him in 1980 in Lord Hall before Kottman Hall was built where he talked me into environmental education for my major. Dr. Roth was a wonderful and kind friend, mentor and the perfect role model for how to teach and treat students and colleagues. Condolences to Carol, Rob and family. God bless.

Mary Ann Webster - September 07, 2021 at 09:22 PM

AG

To Mrs. Carol Roth and family: We are saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Roth. The Garraway family first became acquainted with you years ago when our two older kids and your son all were in the Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra together. We also would see you from time to time when Dr. Roth and Carol attended events at my church - St. John AME. More recently my husband (Ira Deep) and I have seen you at the Worthington Community Center. We extend to you and to all of your family our deepest sympathies.

Annie Marie Garraway

Annie M Garraway - September 16, 2021 at 11:54 AM

TP

“*Dr. Roth was one of the kindest men I've ever known. I worked for him at Ohio State for many years and after he retired, I enjoyed keeping in touch with him and catching up at events. He often came to lectures on campus, attended alumni gatherings, and stayed connected. He always had a hug for us and a huge smile. I enjoyed a wonderful conversation with him at the end of June at an alumni event this summer - and every time, EVERY TIME we chatted I would get the full complete update on all of his kids and especially Daniel and Mary and his other grandchildren. I would hear about internships and woodshop and tools that Daniel had set up and travel to other countries they were doing - he was so proud of all of you. He was an amazing educator, a kind leader, a true Buckeye, and will be dearly missed. What a blessing it was to have known him.*

Trish Raridan Preston - September 07, 2021 at 06:09 PM