



Dr. William Root

January 22, 2014

Dr. William Root, age 92, passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. He earned his Bachelors' Degree in Music, Masters and PhD in Education Administration, all from The Ohio State University. He played in the OSU Marching Band. He was a WW II Veteran where he played in Glenn Millers' Army Air Force Band. He was a member of TBDBITL Alumni Band. William was Music Director at Mt. Vernon High School, where he started the "Marching 100" patterned after the OSU Marching Band. He was also Director of Pupil Personnel at Mt. Vernon City Schools. He served as Assistant Superintendent of Akron City Schools, Superintendent at Upper Sandusky and Warrensville Heights City Schools. He was retired as a Professor Emeritus in Education Administration at The University of Akron. He enjoyed music, camping and Ohio State Football. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, June; sons, Bill (Tina), Jim (Lynda) and David; grandchildren, Michael (Lyndsay), Lisa (Brandon) Lowe, Brian (Rachel), David (Jessica), Amy and Erin; and two great- grandchildren, Jackson and Nolan. Visitation will be from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, January 25, 2014 followed by a Memorial Service at 11:30 a.m. at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St. (Powell Rd./St. Rt. 750/1/4 mile east of Sawmill Pkwy.), Powell, OH 43065. The Rev. Dr. Jerry Kasberg officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Script Ohio Club, P. O. Box 14769, Columbus, OH 43214 or at giveto.osu.edu Fund 482493. Condolences to www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. William Root*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Hi June. Time passes and time heals but time does not take away the wonderful memories of the good old days. You and Bill were such good friends with my parents--and we kids had good fun together. And Bill was the most loving and patient trombone teacher I ever had ("best and only"). I am only sorry that I let him down on three counts: First, at my Saturday lessons, I would come unprepared without having practiced a single note--but Bill would quickly forgive and say, "Let's skip the lesson and instead, play some duets" which I always found more fun than the lessons anyway; Second, I know he wanted me to go to OSU and play in the marching band; and Third, at some point during my peripatetic academic career, I lost track of my Olds trombone--and thus was unable to bring it to our 60th class reunion a couple of months ago (incidentally, sparing myself the embarrassment of attempting to play the Mt. V HS Fight Song). Yes, June, Marsha and I are thinking of you today.*

David Warren

David Warren - January 15, 2015 at 11:20 AM

BH

“ So sorry. You are in our prayers. Bill Root made playing in band and choir a happy learning experience. None of us would be what we are today without his help. From band camp at Kenyon to going to OSU game. Elaine Ostrander and I talked How he helped Mount Vernon students and we had fun doing it. Thanks Bill Root from Bob Harrod

Bob Harrod - January 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ When I went to visit my mom and dad at the Forum, I always looked forward to seeing Bill and June. Bill was always so pleasant and happy to see me. Please accept my sympathy on his passing. He will be greatly missed I am sure.

Linda Armstrong Maresh - January 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear June and Family: The loss of Bill is regretfully noted. He was a valued friend, an effective teaching colleague and a much appreciated musical associate. Our thoughts are with you and indeed the Bells Toll for us as well. Bob and Eleanor Myers

robert h myers - January 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Duane and I both had the pleasure of knowing Bill as our music director. He encouraged me to join the band in Fredericktown and play the not much loved French horn at the time. My girlfriend and I took the challenge. He was always our favorite band leader, really, made his work diligently, I think harder than the football team. However, the team, including Duane, that it was marvelous. We send our love and prayer from comfort at this time. We moved to FL in 1972 and lost track of a lot of our friends and teachers. Duane & Mary Reed

Duane and Mary Reed - January 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ I do not have the eloquence to adequately describe the positive influence Bill had on my life. I have been retired for 15 plus years and am still playing in seven different bands. My lifetime love of music started with my high school band, directed by Bill Root. His personality made music fun. Our reconnection through a surprise reunion in 1983 only furthered this friendship. The high point was probably marching WITH him in Osaka, Japan in 1993! And, my wife, Bill and June dining together in a restaurant where no one spoke English and we had to point to pictures of the food we wanted! Our dinners together when we were visiting in Columbus, when Bill and June were visiting in Phoenix, all were full of mirth and memories. My wife, Debbi, actually adored Bill and June. They were one of the greatest couples I have ever known. Forgive the trite expression but theirs' truly was a marriage made in heaven.

I recently heard it said that the essence of life is an accumulation of memories, and, at the end, memories are all that we have. If that's true mine are crammed with those of high school and Bill and June Root.

Thanks, Bill, for the memories. I will never forget you nor the profound influence you had on my life.

Ned Kuivinen 1/24/14

Ned Kuivinen - January 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear June,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family in the loss of your dear husband, father and grandfather. The two of you certainly "kept the music playing" in your marriage, a beautiful example for us all. I was among the many who were fortunate to have had our lives touched and influenced by the very special man who was your Bill.
with love,
Mary Lou Ascher

Mary Lou Ascher - January 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Bill Root was a unique individual, a man who has been an inspiration to me for over 60 years. June and his family should take great comfort in knowing all the good he did for so many others, long after they left school.

Phil Levering - January 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ Dear June and family,
so sad ... we all loved Bill ... what fun we had playing with his Root's Tooters, we traveled all over Knox County playing for school proms as well as the many things for which we played in Mount Vernon.
Happy memories!!
With deepest sympathy to you his loving family,
Nancy R. Vail

Nancy Ralston Vail - January 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear June and family,
We send love and prayers for you and yours at this time of loss of your precious Bill. He was a wonderful example for me, Hester, at Mt. Vernon High school and I became a music teacher who graduated from OSU because of his outstanding example. Stan and I both participated in his chorus in Mt. Vernon and have fond memories of him as our director. Blessings to all of you. Stan and Hester London McNabb

Stan and Hester London McNabb - January 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HU

“ GodBless/RIP,to ALL who served in WWII..The USA would NOT be as it is today..Thank YOU for your service AAC....and Semper Fi.

Herb Sharfenaker USMC - January 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM