



Robert Eugene Gunsallus

January 5, 1946 - December 7, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert (Bob) Gunsallus on December 7, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was a devoted husband, beloved father, cherished grandfather, Ohio State Buckeye fanatic, and pillar of strength to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Born on January 5, 1946, in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, Bob attended the University of Akron in Ohio, where he met and married Nancy Jackson Gunsallus. Nancy survives Bob, having stood side by side for nearly 58 years, creating a bond that is a testament to enduring love and partnership.

As a father, Bob leaves behind a legacy of love and guidance. He is survived by his two children; Carole Drake (Jeff) of Grayson, Georgia, and Mike Gunsallus of New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Bob was blessed with four grandchildren: Madison & Bowen Drake, Alexis & Leila Gunsallus. They brought him immeasurable joy. Bob also is survived by his three sisters: Jean Thorn, Gail Cherry, and Sherry Riggleman, all of Tyrone, Pennsylvania along with nieces, nephews and numerous cousins. For him, family was everything, and he cherished every moment with his loved ones.

Bob's faith was a guiding force throughout his life. As a dedicated member of Snellville United Methodist Church and the New Beginnings Sunday School Class, Bob served in various capacities inspiring others with his deep

commitment to the Lord. His spirituality provided him strength in the face of adversity, as he courageously battled and survived cancer for over 20 years.

Professionally, Bob's impact was felt in various spheres. He served as the President of the local Jaycees in Troy, Ohio, demonstrating his commitment to community service. Moving the family back to his hometown in Tyrone, Bob owned and operated The Fiesta Restaurant, where he formerly had worked as a high school student. He then started a career in the window covering industry which led him to Atlanta, Georgia. In 1992 he founded his own manufacturing company, creating employment opportunities for many in the community, as well as his family, leaving an indelible mark on their future endeavors.

Later in life, Bob embraced the opportunity to share his passion for tennis and golf, joining his son in teaching these sports to school-age children. His dedication to fostering both physical and character development in the youth reflected his generous and nurturing spirit.

An aficionado of classic cars, Bob found immense joy in his 1931 Packard Sports Phaeton. His appreciation for vintage automobiles was a testament to his appreciation for craftsmanship and timeless elegance.

Known for his warm heart, contagious smile, and welcoming nature, Bob never met a stranger. His selflessness and genuine desire to help others endeared him to all who crossed his path.

Bob's memory forever will live on in the hearts of those he touched. As we mourn his passing, let us celebrate a life well lived, a legacy of love, resilience, and the profound impact he had on the lives of those around him.

Services will be announced at a later date and interment will be in Conyers,

Georgia. In remembrance of Bob, donations may be made to Snellville United Methodist Church, 2428 Main Street, Snellville GA 30078.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you remember and honor the live of Bob Gunsallus. It is many years since we last met, but we remember him as a kind and generous gentleman. Our best personal regards to the Nancy and the Gunsallus family. From BP Chua - Singapore

BP Chua - March 31, 2024 at 08:24 AM

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“ Love and thoughts to his wonderful family as they enjoy many happy memories and encourage one another.

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“ Our sympathy and love and prayers for the Gunsallus family. We've known and stayed in touch with Bob & Nancy for over 50 years. We looked forward to lunch and catching up on his busy life whenever he visited Ohio. Many fun times in our younger days.
Sending our love
Denny & Maggie

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“ Bill and Melissa Miller express our deepest condolences to the family for the loss of Bob. We were blessed to have crossed Bob and Nancy's path during their time in Tyrone, Pa. and remained in touch for many years. We shared stories, laughter and many fond times. We remember the riding in 1968 Cadillac convertible to the Benedict's dance at Grier School. We enjoyed meeting them for lunch when Bob returned for his high school reunions.

Bill and Melissa Miller - December 13, 2023 at 03:42 PM