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### **R**obert Dupont Obituary

Robert W. Dupont, 72, of Elyria, passed away in the early hours of March 23, 2021, at home with his family at his side after a courageous 14 month battle against cancer. He was born January 21, 1949 in Dayton, Ohio to Robert F. and Marnell (nee Ratchford) Dupont. Bob was a 1968 graduate of Fairmont West High School in Kettering Ohio. He attended BGSU where he earned a Bachelor of Science Business degree. He was in real estate sales for 10 years, and then transitioned to insurance sales. He retired in 2000 after several years as an Allstate Sales Agent. It was at BGSU where he met his wife of 46 ½ years, Helen (nee Knoll) Dupont. Bob's love of family was the center of his life. Whether it was birthdays, holidays, or special events, he loved to provide his popular 'crescent roll cheesecake' and frogmore stew. He was a constant presence at all of his children's sports events and other activities. Bob and Helen liked to travel, including Alaska and Hawaii, often staying at B&B's. With their children, they traveled to national parks, popular attractions (Indy 500 track, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Disney-Orlando, NASA Houston, Cedar Point, and much more). They finally got Bob to 'relax' on the beach in Nags Head, NC, but he still explored the lighthouses (even climbing to the top of Hatteras!), sand dunes, and Wright Bros. Field in Kitty Hawk. He loved trains, planted over 25 varieties of hostas, maintained a koi pond with waterfall, collected sports memorabilia, and loved to bake! Bob loved all things sports. Growing up in the Dayton area, The Cincinnati Reds were his team. After moving to Elyria, he quickly became a Cleveland Indians fan, as well as Browns and Cavs. In 2009 and the next 9 years, he got his dream of going to Goodyear, AZ to watch the Indians at spring training. Bob loved college level sports, especially basketball. He is no doubt watching March Madness games right now! Above all, Bob loved local high school sports. He was a hug supporter of Elyria Pioneers in football, volleyball, basketball and girls' softball. Bob was a member of



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the Elyria Eagles, Elyria Polish Club, American Legion Post 12, and Lorain Co. Historical Society. He played a huge role in naming Elyria Little League East after Elyria sports legend Vic Janowicz. Bob was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elyria since 1979. He had served on Council, and partnered with Helen on Fellowship and Outreach Ministries. Bob is survived by wife Helen; daughter, Michelle (Michael) Carr of Sheffield Lake; sons, Jon of Elyria and Brett and daughter-in-law Jenny of Elyria; grandson, Dominic Dupont; sister, Judith Curtis of North Ridgeville; three brothers and sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, John and Marie (nee Haas) Ratchford; brother-in-law, Dave Curtis; and nephew, Ben Westfall. Friends will be received Friday, March 26, 2021, from 1:00 pm until the time of a 4:00 pm service at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Ave., Elyria with Pastor Laurie A. Miller officiating. Covid-19 precautions will be observed, masks required. A committal will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 360 Princeton, Elyria, OH 44035 or Elyria Little League (for future Display Case), Attn: Dennis Dewilde, P.O. Box 1984, Elyria, OH, 44036. Visitation Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service Friday, March 26, 2021 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM 323 Middle Ave. Elyria, OH 44035 Service Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service Friday, March 26, 2021 4:00 PM 323 Middle Ave. Elyria, OH 44035

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**Anonymous** shared a **Video**.



April 22 at 8:59 AM



**Bob Coffman** posted:

Dear Helen and Family, I am reading Bobs obituary as I am on a plane heading home from out of the country. So sorry I was not there to be able to attend the service today. Those of us from Fairmont West will surely keep Bobs memory alive forever with countless stories of the good times with our great friend Bob during our high school days. Blessings to you. Keeping you in my prayers. Bob Coffman

March 25 at 8:00 PM



**Tim Gebhardt** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was such a passionate fan of Elyria High sports and I'm happy to say he was a good friend of mine. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the visitation but my heartfelt condolences to the family. May God Bless you.

March 25 at 8:00 PM



**Sue Saunders** posted:

Bob was such a loving and loyal Member of the Fairmont West High School Class of 1968. He was our official mascot and our loving spirit. He was a super Dragon. I have happy memories of many moments with Boba friendly conversation at Baskin Robbins, a joy-filled phone call on my birthday, queries about well-being, and unabashed joy in his family. He was surely Mr. Dragon!!! May memories of Bobs extraordinary life bring comfort to hisfamily.

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AS

**Ali Graham-Smith** posted:

I was saddened to hear of Bob's passing, but relieved that he is no longer ill. I have fond memories of him taking us to Cedar Point nearly every Friday evening one year when we were kids. Shelly and I played on the same Little League team and after practices or games we'd all load up in the minivan and head to the Point. When I was attending BGSU as a grad student many years later, we met up for tailgating and football games a few times. He was a truly kind person all around and will be missed. Helen, Shelly, Jon, and Brett-I'll be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Ali (Graham) Smith

March 24 at 8:00 PM

BG

**Benny Greer** posted:

Mrs. Dupont and family I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He always held me in high regard and referred Michelle to me to help her purchase her home in Sheffield Lake. Bob was always enthusiastic about anything he supported and I am glad I got to know him and his daughter Michelle. Respectfully yours, Benny Greer

March 24 at 8:00 PM

MW

**Michael Wherley** posted:

Bob was a fun guy to be around. We always had a good time at the BGSU football tailgates and his special BG hat made it on TV several times. He was easy going and always friendly. Bob will be sorely missed at the BGSU tailgate in lot 13. But I'm glad for his friendship and praying for his family. We need more people like him in the world. God bless you, Bob....Ay Ziggy Zoomba. Michael Wherley Akron, O.

March 24 at 8:00 PM

DB

**Debra L Brady** posted:

Helen and family, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Bob. Such an important part of our Block Watch and always there to bring a treat to the meals with shared with EPD. He will be missed. May he Rest in Peace.

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**Jessi Kirsh** posted:

In Loving Memory of Mr. D, Who was like a second father figure to us all, always looked out for us, and was just a phone call away if ever in need. You will be greatly missed. With love, A Sympathy Gift of 10 Memorial Trees has been Planted In Loving Memory of Robert W. Dupont courtesy of Jessi Kirsh.

March 23 at 8:00 PM



## Media

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