



## Robert Lee Figgins Jr.

February 3, 1942 - April 9, 2023

Robert Lee Figgins, Jr., better known as Bob, was born on February 3, 1942, in the Alexandria Hospital but lived in Arlington, Virginia. He passed away on April 9, 2023, at the Winchester Medical Center. He was the only child of Robert, Sr., and Eva Figgins. He attended Washington and Lee High School where he was a member of several performing groups. Bob was a drummer and studied privately for several years with a member of the Air Force Band in Washington DC. When he was 15, he started his own dance band that was well known in the DC and northern Virginia area. Bob either had his own band or played in a band, sometimes several at the same time, and continued doing this after he moved to the valley until 1993. Bob was instrumental in starting the dance band Fine Print of which Margaret was the manager, bass player and lead vocalist. This group played all over the valley from Charlottesville, to Middleburg, to Winchester. Bob attended Shenandoah Conservatory of Music and worked on his Master's degree at JMU. Bob met and later married Margaret Conner, a voice major at Shenandoah Conservatory. They were married on August 14, 1965, at Gloucester Point, Virginia which was Margaret's home. He started his teaching career as band director of Central High School in Woodstock for 19 years. He then taught Driver's Ed for 8 years and finished his teaching career in Strasburg at the middle school as the orchestra and choir director. Bob was a man of many talents. He could build almost anything, loved woodworking, could fix almost anything electrical, plumbing, and mechanical. His greatest joy was tinkering with, rebuilding,

painting, and racing his sports cars. He started racing his Austin Healey 100-4 while he and Margaret were just dating. He later turned his love to Datsun 240Z's and raced them until 1993. He was a member of the SCCA and was fourth overall several times in the Middle Atlantic Road Racing Series, MARRS. He raced up and down the East Coast. He loved teaching and was great with his students. He retired from the school system in 1996. Bob and Margaret traveled by motorhome to 45 States and Canada. His love of animals was known by all. He was a kind, thoughtful, talented loving man and will greatly be missed by his wife and four solid black cats. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Shenandoah County SPCA 268 Landfill Road Edinburg, Virginia 22824, Animal Allies P.O. Box 7040 Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039, or Cat's Cradle P.O. Box 2152 Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801. Services will be private.

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Sending love and prayers for you at this difficult time.*

Margaret Good - May 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *I, along with many other students, only have fond memories of Mr. Figgins. I had his class from 5th grade until graduation. I was a girl drummer!! It was a blast... I have thought of him many times over the years and always wondered if he was still racing his cars. He talked about it a lot. I graduated in 1977 and will always think of him fondly. Farewell, Bob Figgins.....you will be missed Bonnie Poole Frye*

Bonnie Frye - April 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

OH

“ *Margaret, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's death. In my eyes and memories, you two were an example a married couple I admired. You two were a great couple and partners in music, racing, and everything you did. You two always made life seem fun. You will be in my prayers in the days to come. Peace, Olivia Kincaid Haney*

Olivia Haney - April 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I was in his band class from elementary through high school, he was great teacher. I especially enjoyed those trips to Summit Point to watch him race that cool 240z. We shared many 240z stores as I drove one as well for many years.*

Tony Pence - April 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Margaret, so sorry to hear of the passing of Bob. I was in the SJHS class of 77, but had many friends in CHS band as I was in the SJHS band. They all spoke very highly of Bob. You're in my thoughts and prayers, take comfort in your many memories with Bob. R.I.P. until you meet again Linda Weaver McClanahan, Fort Valley, VA.

Linda Weaver McClanahan - April 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Sorry for loss i remember Mr Figgins he was teacher in high school he taught me he was a wonderful teacher his wife in my thoughts and prayers God Bless You

Sheri (Burner) Vann - April 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ So many memories of tinkering with 240's with Bob, helping out with his race car, racing against him, building and working in his garage and just talking for hours about cars and everything else. I regret the lost time the past few years because of Covid and life getting in the way of our visits. Rest easy my friend until we meet again.

Keith Carr - April 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ZA

“ Bob was a surrogate father to all of us kids in the band.A great teacher a friend and some one to look up to.He helped me repair my 240Z many times and gladly shared his shop, tools and knowledge..Just a great human being..He will be missed. Zane Foltz CHS class of 1980

Zane - April 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Kurt and I send our deepest condolences to Margaret and their furry children. We pray for Bob's family and friends. He, Kurt, Zane and Keith spent many days building Datsun 240z cars to race at summit Point and other racetracks. We went to many races with the crew and everyone always enjoyed themselves. Bob was quick witted, humorous and well read. He was a joy to be around, and Margaret always helped him keep us all laughing. We will miss Bob and hope he's already giving some angels muaix lessons. Fly high, Bob, and watch out for those S curves. Winnie and Kurt Murray

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**Winnie Murray** - April 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I was in middle school and high school band under Bob's tutelage from 1972 to 1980. He was one my favorite teachers and an extremely talented man in many areas. I'll always remember him fondly. My condolences. Stuart Didawick

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**Stuart Didawick** - April 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I was in band class from '74 to '77. I really enjoyed his class and had opportunities to play various instruments besides the trombone. I'm sorry I never got a chance to stop by and tell him how much I appreciated him. Prayers for the family.

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**Carla Lambert Ludwig** - April 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM