



Robert Laverne Schauer

June 3, 1932 - October 1, 2009

ROBERT L. SCHAUER October 1, 2009 June 3, 1932 Robert was born in Luster, Montana. He joined the Navy in 1952, serving in Guam and the Marshall Islands. After his military service, he attended Montana State College where he received his bachelor's degree in Industrial Arts. In college he met his future, wife, Shirley Kay Wheeler. The young couple continued their studies in Ft Collins, CO with both becoming the proud recipients of Master's Degrees. Math had been the focus of Bob's post graduate studies, leading to a lifelong career as an educator, specializing in electronics, math and the emerging field of computer science. Bob and Kay moved to Vancouver in 1968. Bob was a devoted teacher at Columbia River High School for 24 years. Bob and Kay were blessed with two children, David Wayne Schauer and Carol Ann Schauer-Hall and 5 grandchildren. Bob is also survived by his brother Rocky Schauer and sisters Lydia Durham and Jody Howald. Bob will be remembered as a dedicated educator who strove to instill his fascination with electronics, math and all types of gadgets to his many students. He was known as a man who could fix anything. He also enjoyed making his own wine and was generous in sharing his successes with friends. He leaves a legacy of intellectual curiosity and family devotion. Bob's remains were interred at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in a private ceremony. All are invited to share in celebrating Bob's life at a Memorial Service on Saturday, Oct 10, 2009 at 11am at St Andrews Lutheran Church; 5607 NE Gher Rd in Vancouver.

Tribute Wall

AH

“ I am sorry to hear of Mr. Schauer's passing. Bob was my electronics instructor when I was in high school in the late 1970s. He was a really good guy and taught me many useful skills that I use every day today. Everyone that took the electronics class must still remember the "Oscar and Oliver, have had algebra, six consecutive times" phrase for remembering the sine, cosine and tangent functions! He helped inspire me to get my Electronics Engineering degree and PE licenses. I'm 52 years old now and I still think of him often. Thank you Mr. Schauer. - Allen Harstine

Allen Harstine - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Part 1 I know this is late in coming. I only learned of his death today. I was a student of Mr. Schauer at Columbia River between 1976 and 1977. I had an interest in amateur radio, electronics, and the emerging microcomputer industry. I thought electronics would make a good career choice. During my senior year I spend half the school day in the electronics lab; two periods in class and one period as a lab assistant. He was always friendly with everyone but could be tough at times to get us passed our self-imposed limitations.

Don Hall - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Part 2 One statement that he made numerous times in class, and has stuck with me all these years was "It's better to try and fail than to not try at all." I didn't fully understand that until I had some failures in life. Even though I didn't achieve some of my goals I learned a lot along the way and became a better person. After high school I worked for Portland Radio Supply, studied Electronics Technology at Clark College, and worked for Control Data, the first computer vendor for the Washington State Lottery. Later on Control Data became the computer vendor for the Florida Lottery and I moved to Florida. Currently I work as a PC technician and am attending college (again) to learn more about computer networking.

Don Hall - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Part 3 My dad and uncle were co-owners of Hall's Pharmacy. Whenever he would see me in the store he would always take a moment to say hello. I imagine other students may have similar stories. I know there were some big shoes to fill when he retired from teaching.

Don Hall - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Bob, 10 years my senior, was the ultimate mentor to a teen looking for answers in life. His constant "can do", ever present, advice and attitude became a goal in my life. We hunted, fished, shop project worked - even vacationed to gether and through all these years I never saw a waver from 'lets fix it' , where is the book? His many visits to the ranch here in Montana to work on my projects that needed advanced skill always included a trip to Libby's "gold mine" - - the land fill (dump). As his time here on earth neared it's end his manual became the scriptures. He delved into the verses for understanding and some of these he shared openly. His faith was strong, he felt comfortable with what was to come. My mentor will continue to direct a 'you can do it' philosophy in me. I will miss him!

Rocky Schauer - November 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ We are sorry for your loss. We will miss Bob, he was always cheerful and helpful with a positive attitude. I enjoyed talking to Bob, he would always make you think. The world will be a lesser place without him. Our sincerest condolences. The Lawlers

The Lawlers - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Aunt Kay, David, and Carol, Uncle Bob will be missed. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Love, Alice

Alice and Gary Luehr - October 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bob was a very close friend of my family. As a child i remember many times playing in his yard with carol and munching on his wine grapes. He was the type of man who would give you anything you may have needed. My own children have known him and remember how kind spirited he was. Our hearts are with Kay, David, and Carol. Please know we love you and will miss Bob deeply.

Nicole Hacker (Truex) - October 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ We were so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. We are praying for the Lord's comfort for each of you in the family. Ed & Penny Bauer

Ed & Penny Bauer - October 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr Schauer's passing. It was just last week I was remembering him, pondering his effect on my life and wondering how he is doing. He was my HS electronics instructor from 71 - 73. His enthusiasm for his subject and genuine care for his students was always present. In my experiance with him, he was a excellent example of how to care for each other. I look forward to seeing him in heaven. John Wulf

John Wulf - October 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I would like to say I'm saddened by the news that Bob Schauer passed so recently. Mr Schauer was my instructor from 80-83 and is one of those pivotal instructors in my life, if not THE pivotal instructor in my life. He's directly responsible for providing me the guidance in my academic life that ultimately lead to my life's career. What I am today is just a part of his legacy. I am truly glad I was able to meet this remarkable man. Even after I graduated high school, college, and was into my career I would come back and visit with Bob several times. It was always a pleasure to do so. I will raise a toast and drink to his memory. He'll always have a special place in my heart. I bid a fond farewell to a friend and mentor.

Johnathan Mantey - October 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dear Aunt Kay, David and Carol and families... Our hearts and prayers are with you as you remember the strong spirit of our Uncle Bob. I will always remember his laugh and kind eyes. He always had a kindness about him that was very dear to me. And...of course, the wine that he always had at every "Schauer" occasion. Dennis and I are in New England through the 11th, so won't make the service, however, our prayers are with you all. Love, Niece Lori and family.

Lori Schauer-McCord & Dennis - October 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Kay and family, We were deeply saddened to hear of Bob's death. He was such a delightful person and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. with love, Debbie and Gary Fredricks

Debbie Fredricks - October 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM