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Robert Huston Cochrane (90), of Lakewood, Ohio passed away peacefully on February 8th, 2023.

Robert, fondly known as Bob, was born to the late Paul and Eva Cochrane (nee Artz), on October 27, 1932, in Elyria, Ohio. He attended Bowling Green State University eventually earning a Master's Degree. In the summer of 1951, while vacationing in Honora Bay on Manitoulin Island, he met the love of his life, Barbara (nee Giesey). They were married in June of 1956 and last June celebrated their 66th anniversary. After graduating, Bob began his teaching career in Clearview Local School District. The majority of his teaching career was spent in the Lakewood City Schools beginning in 1958. In 1978 he started the first Women's Fastpitch Softball Team at Lakewood High School. Retiring after 33 years from Lakewood City Schools he continued his coaching career at Baldwin Wallace College. When not in the classroom or on the softball field, Bob enjoyed performing in community theater on various stages around the Cleveland area, including The Huntington Playhouse, Lakewood Little Theatre, Clague Theater and other local theaters. Bob also cherished his Barbershop singing days as a founding member of "The Red Door Four" who performed both locally and regionally, as well as his involvement with The Great Northern Chorus of the North Olmsted Chapter. Being with family, teaching, and entertaining were the highlights of his life.

Bob will be deeply missed by his beloved wife of 66 years, Barbara Cochrane; loving father of Robert H. Cochrane (Robin), Bill Cochrane (Barb, deceased), Karen "K.C." Cimo (Larry, deceased), Thom Cochrane, and Kelly (John) Duwve; cherished grandfather of Billy (Tiffany), Corbin, Taylor (Michael), Cody, Stephanie, Kathleen, Jimmy, Adam (Leah), and Aaron; dear great-grandfather of Hunter, Asher, Addison, and Annalynn; and a host of extended family and dear friends. Robert was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Eva; and his siblings and their spouses, Tom Cochrane (Doris), Marjory Bosenbark (Richard), and Mary Ruth (Chalmer) Mosher.



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A Memorial service to celebrate Bob's extraordinary life will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2023 10am at Dover Congregational Church, 2239 Dover Center Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made in Robert's honor to The Caring Continues Foundation, Trials for Hope or Dover Congregational Church.

The family would like to thank the Ames Family Hospice House for their love, support and care over the past few weeks.

Caring Continues

<https://give.communitywestfoundation.org/give/428449/#!/donation/checkout>

Trials for Hope

<https://www.trials4hope.org/>

Dover Congregational Church

<https://dovercongregational.tithelysetup8.com/give>



Events

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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, February 25, 2023

 10:00 AM ET

 **Dover Congregational Church**
2239 Dover Center Road, Westlake OH 441456





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Clark Unger posted:

Beginning in church choir after college, intensifying a couple of decades later in a barbershop chorus, and reaching its pinnacle for almost three decades in a barbershop quartet, I sang alongside Bob Cochrane - between rehearsals and performances, from two to five times a week depending on the time of year. As I am a lifelong non-driver, for our barbershop and quartet years together he was my primary transportation. During our many drives together, I sometimes unburdened myself to Bob in a way I couldn't to anyone else - even family. Bob loved to talk, but was also a good listener. He was an unfailing champion of mine: he believed in me when I didn't, and was always encouraging and supportive. During the early days of personal computing we went to many hobbyist events together, and often shared meals after barbershop performances. Bob usually ordered the same thing; I almost always tried something different. I have made few life-long friends; I will miss Bob Cochrane deeply. Clark Unger

February 25 at 2:29 AM



Sara posted:

To Barb, Bill, KC and all the Cochran Family. Our sincere condolences to all. I will never forget how Bob and his group sang at a Caring Continues Fundraiser. He was so talented and just a wonderful man. Clarence and I will be out of town this Saturday and we are saddened we cannot attend the memorial service. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you go through this most difficult time.

February 23 at 3:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Cochrane family.



February 22 at 4:56 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Cochrane family.



February 17 at 7:23 AM



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LF

Loeffler Family posted:

To the Cochrane Family and Friends, we are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Cochrane and extend our deep condolences. Mr. Cochrane touched the lives of many coworkers and students at Lakewood High School. May his legacy and memory live on in the hearts of all who had the opportunity to connect with him! We are thinking of your family during this difficult time and wishing all of you moments of peace and comfort. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

February 16 at 7:17 PM

TF

The Loeffler Family posted:

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February 15 at 3:33 PM

SR

Sandra Reeve posted:

From the Weidner (Smith) family to the Cochrane family...our sincere condolences for the loss of your special dad. We have so many great memories of him, your mom, your grandparents, and of course, all of you from Honora. I especially remember his great sense of humor and how nice he was. Sincerely, Sandy Reeve

February 15 at 12:45 AM

SS

Shirley Sekarajasingham sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Cochrane family.



February 14 at 8:33 AM

KM

Kim Miller posted:

Sorry to hear about Uncle Bob. I always enjoyed his performances during the Christmas Eve church services in Lakewood. Thoughts and prayers to Aunt Barbara, Bob, Bill, KC, Tom, Kelly, and their families. Sincerely, Kim Miller

February 13 at 6:50 PM



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KL

Kim Lewis posted:

KC and the Cochran family, I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Cochrane's passing. I remember him warmly as my softball coach yelling out, "Frozen ropes!". He was a kind, kind man. May he rest now in peace. Kim Lewis LHS'81

February 13 at 5:41 PM

LD

Love, Aunt Nancy Duwve sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Cochran family.



February 13 at 11:59 AM

NW

Nancy Wonson posted:

I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. He was a special part of my Jr. High years. Later it was fun to watch my father and your father play together on the church softball team. May he rest in peace.

February 13 at 10:51 AM

JD

John Davey posted:

Our good friend, Bob, made what I think may have been his first visit to England in 1984 when he chaperoned a group of students from Lakewood High School who were attending Summer School at St Brandon's School, Clevedon. He loved his time with us and we, in turn, really enjoyed the warmth of his personality and his gentle sense of humour. A few years later, he came back - this time accompanied by his lovely wife, Barb, and we were delighted to host them in our house. Again, Bob thoroughly enjoyed his time in England where we visited numerous historical sights and, of course, lots of English pubs! We played golf together and he complained that the narrowness of the fairways caused him as much angst as the narrowness of our country roads! We are saddened by the news of Bob's death, but we are so grateful to have known him and to count him as a dear friend. Bob, may you rest in Peace and rise in Glory -From your friends across the pond -John and Carol

February 13 at 8:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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