



Dr. Robert Stutz

February 17, 1941 - May 7, 2023

STUTZ, Dr. Robert "Bob", age 82, passed away on May 7, 2023, after a long illness, beloved husband of Rochelle, devoted father of Lisa Stutz (Dennis Turner) and the late Gary Stutz, cherished grandfather of Max and Madeline Hoffman, whom Baba adored, loving uncle and caring brother in law to Elaine and Barb Cohen.

Bob loved his work and was dedicated to his craft, but most of all, he loved his family. Even in his illness, he was always more concerned about his loved ones than himself, making sure they were well cared for. Bob was the department head of the department of psychology of the University of Cincinnati for many years as well as the director of the behavioral neuropsychology clinic, loved by students and faculty alike. When he retired from UC, he established a private practice for neurological assessments, which he continued up until his passing. Bob will be dearly missed by all.

Private services held by the family at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati Blue Ash, The American Heart Association, Goodwill Industries, or a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Lisa, I remember your dad (and you) well. My thoughts are with you and your family. May your dad's memory be for a blessing. Melissa Ann Fabian (UC, Psych)

Melissa Ann Fabian - May 17, 2023 at 09:11 PM

JJ

“ Dr. Stutz was one of my favorite Consultants at Ohio BVR. He never hesitated in answering questions or giving advice about consumers. Deep sympathy to his family. God bless them. Joe Johnson, retired BVR Counselor

Joe johnson - May 12, 2023 at 03:06 PM

KL

“ Lisa, you have always had such a special relationship with your dad. I didn't know him well, but I feel like I did, because we talked about him often.
Thinking of you and your family,
Kim Lukin

Kim Lukin - May 11, 2023 at 03:50 PM

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“ Bob always felt modern. As times changed, Bob adapted. Computers? Let's buy them for everyone. Email? Let's exploit it. Spousal hires? Look at the upside! (Had Bob had a chance to play with Chat GPT, I'm sure he would have found applications for it in teaching, test interpretation, and clinical work.) I found his ability to stay up-to-date both remarkable and inspiring. That quality of his was appreciated by the students, for whom he displayed enormous respect and endless patience. Many a time I walked to lunch with Bob listening to him talk about his tutoring of students on neuropsychological testing and effective report writing. He loved watching their professional growth.

My condolences to Rochelle and Lisa.

Steven Robert Howe - May 11, 2023 at 12:41 PM

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“ Bob's leadership of the PSYC department at UC over two terms was one of the hardest lifts imaginable. The department had exploded in size in the early to mid-sixties, with the unforeseen effect that the faculty grew older and less productive en masse. And then, when budgets grew tighter and hiring slowed to a trickle, the senior faculty fed off the younger. That senior cohort had been, and some still were, accomplished, but they sucked up all the oxygen, and junior faculty were suffocating. Bob was friends with all those senior faculty. His career had developed in tandem with theirs. But he understood that his peers' control over resources and norms was counter-productive. I'm sure he paid an immense psychic toll, but over his last several years as head, he set the department on a new course. He did not have the strong backing of the dean. He used moral suasion. His humor and selflessness enabled him to build winning coalitions. Every vote was razor-thin. It felt precarious for years. And then suddenly, it wasn't any longer. I cherish the opportunity I had to watch him work. He epitomized servant leadership.

Steven Howe - May 10, 2023 at 09:39 PM

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“ I'll have to post several times to fully express my appreciation for this wonderful man. I'll start with his most obvious trait: a superb wit. He was an accomplished joke teller. Before I heard Gilbert Gottfried's infamous rendition of *The Aristocrats*, Bob spun out his version of the joke for most of a 30-minute lunch break, although in his telling, it was *The Debonaires*. But even without jokes per se, he was hilarious. When a waiter at the *Maisonette* asked if he wished for a drink, Bob said, "I'll need something to take the edge off the cocaine." When asked if the dean had okayed an oft-repeated plea for resources, Bob said, "Well, no, but he's beginning to emit fractional anticipatory goal responses." (You have to know Hullian theory for that one.) And when I needed moral support during a tough spot, Bob was driving me crazy, checking his shirt pocket. I finally asked, "What are you looking for?" And he said, "I stopped smoking 5 years ago, but I've always hoped in a time like this, God would stick a cigarette in my pocket as a sign that I could resume smoking."

Steven Howe - May 10, 2023 at 09:10 PM

JM

“ I am greatly saddened to hear of Bob's passing. This leaves our world a little poorer as he had a positive impact on many people over the years. Amongst his many achievements, he also served for many years as the Field Psychological Consultant for the Ohio Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. He always displayed real commitment to helping better the lives of others. My sincere condolences to Rochelle and all of Bob's family members. He was a true light to the world!

Jeff McCurdy

Jeff McCurdy - May 10, 2023 at 04:51 PM

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“ To Rochelle & Lisa,

There are no words that I can offer that will ease the pain of your loss. So please accept, "I am sorry." Bob was a quiet man and a good man. The best way I can describe him, "Hail fellow, well met." Rest in peace my friend.

Stuart Hodesh

stuart hodesh - May 09, 2023 at 12:28 PM