



## Robert "Bob" Adams Orr

April 11, 2023

Robert "Bob" Adams Orr, age 85 of Mattoon, IL passed away on April 11, 2023.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Bob was born in Evanston, IL to the late George W. and Clara L. (Prior) Orr. He married Melinda "Mindy" Myers on August 1, 1974. He is survived by his wife, Mindy Orr of Mattoon, IL; three children, Allison L. Orr and John Sisler Jr. of Windermere, FL, Ryan D. Orr and wife Laura Rhoton of Lancaster, PA, Julie (Orr) Dunavant of Collierville, TN; four grandchildren, Cody Orr and wife Molly, Logan Gaddy, Lexi Gaddy, Lauren Padilla and husband Rob; one great-grandchild, Colton; two sisters, Meredith H. Lincoln and husband Dick of Whitefish Bay, WI, Marcia E. Yochum and husband Paul of Cross Plains, WI; one brother-in-law, Douglas Myers and Tricia of Marietta, GA; one daughter-in-law, Tanya Orr of O'Fallon, MO; nieces and nephews: Sheila, Sara, Annie, Will, Mackenzie, Mallory, and Matt . He is preceded in death by one son, Robert A. Orr Jr., one son-in-law, John "JD" Dunavent, and one brother, William B. Orr.

Bob received his bachelor's degree from Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, IL and master's degree from Northern Arizona University, in Flagstaff, AZ. After completing his education, Bob was a long-time Health and Physical Education instructor, coach for numerous sports, and served as Intermural

Director at Lake Land College in Mattoon, IL. Mr. Orr was the head coach for Lake Land's tennis team for forty years. During his extraordinary career, Bob led the Lakers to an impressive record of 534 wins and 50 losses, with 28 appearances at the National Championship Tournament.

Mr. Orr received numerous accolades. In 1993, he was elected to the NJCAA Tennis Hall of Fame in Athens, GA, received the Stephens Award from NJCAA for his dedication and effort to teach the game of tennis. Later in 2002, Bob was named National Coach of the Year for Junior Colleges by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. His players and colleagues saw Bob as a wonderful role model for his positive attitude and numerous contributions he made personally and professionally at the college. Mr. Orr was inducted into the Lake Land College Athletic Hall of Fame for coaching, recipient of The Retiree Wall of Fame Awards and Top 50 Most Influential People in Lake Land College's History.

Bob was a member of the Mattoon Golf and Country Club but also served as the Tennis Director at the club for over thirty-five years. He was instrumental in developing the tennis program and taught hundreds of children the sport, always patient with a beaming smile and laughter. Being a true sports fanatic, especially horse racing, Bob enjoyed trips with friends and family to Keeneland Racetrack in Lexington, KY and Saratoga Springs, NY.

Always one for a good time, Bob enjoyed time with good friends and family taking annual trips to Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, FL, Disney World, Las Vegas, NV, and Hilton Head, SC.

Mr. Orr was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Mattoon, IL where he served as an Elder, Trustee, and Deacon.

Bob was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all. He was a fun-loving man with a charming personality that leaves a lasting impression on many.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the entire staff at Odd Fellow Rehabilitation Center, along with the wonderful nurses, physical therapists, and SBL Hospice for the compassionate care given to Bob and the

family. Many thanks to Dr. Catt, his staff, and the many friends who came to visit Bob and give support to the family.

Memorials in his honor may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, Lake Land College Foundation, 5001 Lake Land Blvd, Mattoon, IL 61938, or donor's choice.

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# Tribute Wall

GU

“ Thanks, coach Orr, for having me as one of your tennis players back in year 2000. Great college experience thanks to your kindness and concern. I couldn't have had a better coach. We will all miss you. G. from Argentina.

Guille - May 16, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ Robert "Bob" Adams Orr

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM

GC

“ Bob and I both began at Lake Land College in the Fall, 1968. I retired August, 2002 and, during those 34 years together, Bob and I enjoyed many happy times as very close friends. He was a great person and I count it a privilege to have known him all those years. I am glad that I visited with him on two different occasions and prayed for him and with him before leaving his room. Simply put, Bob was a great person! Condolences to Mindy and all of Bob's family. Gene Creek

Gene Creek - May 24, 2023 at 12:24 PM

KC

“ Kathi Janssen Cobble lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Adams Orr



kathi janssen cobble - May 03, 2023 at 09:15 AM

LG

“Mindy I’m so sorry to hear of your husband’s passing. My heart goes out to you and your family. I have wonderful memories of time spent with you and your family when I was young. You hold a special place in my heart.

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**Linda Dalton Gines** - May 02, 2023 at 07:56 PM

CW

“My heart hurts with you my dear friend. I am so sorry. Thank God we know he's great now, we are here with broken hearts. Love you.

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**Connie Goleman White** - April 27, 2023 at 08:15 AM

TR

“Dear Mindy & Family,  
Wes and I are so very sorry for your loss. I remember babysitting for your children! It was so special! And you, Mindy, were my favorite babysitter with my Aunt Dee-Dee! Bob was always so very kind and had such a big smile on his face! Wes always said he was so extremely kind and such a great man when he attended Lake Land College!  
Our deepest sympathy and prayers for you and your family.  
Much love and prayers to you all at this difficult time.  
Tracie & Wes

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**Tracie** - April 26, 2023 at 11:55 PM

KB

“Bob is a legend at Lake Land College. I had the privilege to work with him for many years. His smile could light up a room! He told great stories and loved Lake Land College and it’s students. We honored Bob in our faculty association meeting today. He will be missed and is one of a kind. My condolences to Mindy, Allison and the rest of the family ❤️

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**Krista Burrell** - April 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM

PC

“ Bob was a great coach and a loyal Laker. He always had a smile on his face and cheerful greeting whenever we met on campus. My sincere condolences to Mindy and family.

-Pam Crisman

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**Pam Crisman** - April 26, 2023 at 01:44 PM

TB

He was one of the good guys!!!.....So respected and so much enjoyable to talk to!!.....Prayers to Mindy and family!!!!.....I miss you coach!!!!

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**Tom Braun** - April 26, 2023 at 05:41 PM

MM

“ Praying for Mindy and her family during this difficult time. Coach Orr was an awesome man who I enjoyed talking to during my time at Lake Land and over many years since.

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**Mike Mose** - April 26, 2023 at 11:55 AM

SM

“ I'm sorry for your loss Mindy. When I attended Lake Land College, Bob organized women's tennis tournaments as there wasn't a women's team back then-he was a forward thinking man. Such a nice man and respected by all people that knew him.

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**Sue Beasley Meyer** - April 26, 2023 at 11:01 AM

DH

“ So sorry. Coach Orr was such a fun loving person. No matter where, he would always stop and say hi and ask how you were doing. I worked with Coach Orr a lot of years in the fieldhouse at LLC and we sure did make it fun! He loved what he did! Prayers to Mindy and family.

Debbie Hines - April 26, 2023 at 09:31 AM

KA

“ So sorry Mindy.

Kathi Crites Adams - April 26, 2023 at 07:49 AM

DA

“ Mindy, I'm so sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed Bob in life and work.

Durb. Askew - April 25, 2023 at 10:12 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Adams Orr.



April 25, 2023 at 09:52 PM