

## Robert Lee "Bob" Eubanks





Eubanks, Robert Lee "Bob" August 1, 2014 Musician, Educator, Entertainer. SAN DIEGO -- Born in Markleville, Indiana, December 16, 1930, to Harold and Lillian Eubanks, the second of three brothers and a sister, Harold Junior, Robert, Bill, and Barbara. Bob was raised in farm country, but as he matured it became obvious that the barns and fields would be unable to contain the broad intellect and rapidly emerging talent for music and the arts that would lead him to a lifelong career in education and entertainment. In 1948, Bob met Violet Mae Perry and they wed on New Year's Day 1949 beginning an active partnership that would last his lifetime. Bob worked a variety of jobs attending classes when he could. In 1953 Bob and Vi left Indiana for San Diego, California to serve a stint in the Marine Corps. During this period Vi gave birth to their daughter Judy. His tour of

duty complete, the family returned to Indiana residing in Anderson where Bob completed his education with degrees in education and music from Marion College. Bob began teaching as well as pursuing his interest in musical theater, acting and directing productions in local and regional venues. In 1958 their second daughter Diane was born rounding out the Eubanks family. Bob moved the family west to Seattle, adopting the hectic schedule of teaching by day and entertaining by night. From there the clan headed north to Alaska where Bob was directing productions for Alaska Airlines and others, promoting Alaska's centennial celebration. Following that, it was back to Seattle resuming teaching and entertaining. The formation of a performing group led them to travel to various locales from New Jersey to Palm Desert, finally settling in San Diego. Bob began a long association with the Sweetwater Union School District where he taught at Sweetwater, Hilltop, and Castle Park high schools. The drama productions under his direction stimulated his students to generate extraordinary performances. Bob was awarded teacher of the year in 1992-93, he retired from active teaching in 1999. As always, Bob had several enterprises to keep him occupied, in addition to managing his own, "Bob Eubanks Productions", he also served as entertainment director of the Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel for many years as well as producing shows and providing entertainment at the Westgate Hotel in San Diego, occasionally demonstrating his prodigious piano skills at both locations. In recent times Bob has been forced to slow down, but has been able to spend more time with family and friends tickling the ivories as the mood struck to the delight of his visitors. Bob Eubanks was a man totally colorblind in regards to race, religion or any other variation in humankind and saw only the best in everyone he met. His work ethic was awesome, indeed a true renaissance man, the world would be a far better place with more men exactly like him and he will be missed by all who knew him. Nothing good lasts forever and Bob passed away with his family and closest friends by his side. He is survived by his wife Vi, daughters Diane and Judy, sister Barbara, granddaughter Emily Comerford, grandsons Jimmy, Jason, and Johnny Vann, great-grandchildren Jackson, Adelyn, Isabella, and Lewis, as well as friends far too numerous to mention. There will be a Celebration of Life to honor Bob held at the Bob Eubanks Theatre at Castle Park High School located at 1395 Hilltop Dr., Chula Vista, CA 91911, Saturday, August 9th, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to either the Parkinson's Association of San Diego www.parkinsonsassociation.org or the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation www.mhopus.org. Bob will be laid to rest at Miramar National Cemetery. "Break a leg" at the pearly gates Bobby.

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