



Robert Cook Bushnell

April 10, 2016

Robert Cook Bushnell, 81, retired professor at Wayne State University School of Business, passed away peacefully on April 10 in Venice, FL.

Bob was born in Pittsburgh, PA, and moved to Arlington, VA, graduating from Sidwell Friends School in Washington, DC in 1952. He attended Deep Springs College in California for three years before transferring to Oberlin College where he graduated in 1957. Following five years in systems engineering with IBM Corporation, Bob studied for, and was awarded, a PhD in Economics by Princeton University. He spent two years at Oberlin College as the first director of their computer center. Bob taught at Ohio State University for four years before moving to Wayne State University where he taught for 27 years until retiring in 1998. At WSU he served on University Council, was Acting Chair of Finance & Business Economics, Associate Dean of Research, and Director of the Bureau of Business Research.

Bob is survived by Nan, his wife of 53 years, son Brad (Judy), daughter Stacey (Jeff), and grandchildren, Lindsey and Jason. Burial is private. A scholarship in Bob's memory has been set up at the Wayne State University School of Business.

Contributions may be made to: WSU School of Business, Office of Development, 5201 Cass Ave, 217 Prentis Bldg, Detroit, MI 48202 On the

check or envelope, indicate "Robert Bushnell Memorial."

Tribute Wall

BA

“ I was a graduate student at the Ohio State University when Bob taught there. He provided guidance in my career at a time when I was uncertain how to proceed. I told him I did not want to teach introduction to Economics - and he pointed out it was likely if I continued it was likely I would be teaching that as a new professor of economics. He suggested I consider consulting.

I loved my coursework with him. With his guidance i found a career in consulting very fulfilling.

My deep thanks to Bob for his mentoring and guidance.

My profound sympathy to his family.

*Bernard I. Agin.
CVA, MA, CPA, JD*

Bernard I. Agin - September 26, 2020 at 01:04 PM

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“ Bob and I joined the faculty of Wayne State University at the same time. Bob was a wonderful colleague for many years. I remember most his humor, creativity, and spirit of innovation. Bob always did his best to help both his students and his fellow faculty members. My sincere condolences to Nan and the rest of the Bushnell family.

Myles Stern - April 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Bob was an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher and colleague. He always had time to talk when we saw each other. His advice for me at the start of my career was invaluable. My strongest impression of Bob was his “let’s get it done” attitude about anything he was involved in. Bright, fair-minded, and focused. And he could laugh at himself. Fred Morgan, Marketing Faculty, Wayne State University.

Fred Morgan - April 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I was very sorry to read of Bob's passing in today's Detroit News. Nan, I think you know of my great respect and admiration for Bob over the 26 years we were colleagues and friends at Wayne State University. I remember his 1998 retirement celebration in the Prentis Building "fishbowl" as if it were yesterday. Bob made many significant contributions to his profession, to the School of Business, and to WSU. He played an important role in our earning national accreditation. I served on many committees with Bob. He always brought to the table impressive knowledge and ideas, as well as a remarkable sense of fairness. My condolences to you and to all the family. John G. Maurer, Emeritus Professor of Management, Wayne State University

John G. Maurer - April 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM