



Robert Michael "Bob" Palys

April 13, 1948 - March 25, 2017

Robert Michael 'Bob' Palys, 68, of Hanceville, passed on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at Grandview Medical Center. Services for Mr. Palys will be Monday, March 27, at 2:00 pm at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with Revs. Jimmy Peyton and Ray Latham officiating. Interment will be in the adjoining cemetery. He will lie-in-state at the church from 1 until 2. Visitation will be Sunday, March 26, from 5 until 9 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Born, April 13, 1948 in Buffalo, New York, he was the son of the late Walter Palys and the late Frances Pyc Palys.

He was an educator for over 35 years and former owner of the Awards Palace. Mr. Palys made it his life goal to help others. He, in association with the Alabama District Key Clubs, has raised over \$1 million for Children's Hospital. He was the Holly Pond Key Club Advisor as well as a member of the Alabama District Key Club Adult Board. He was a recipient of the Key of Honor, the highest award given by Key Club International. He was a member of Cullman Kiwanis for 18 years where he served as club President, Secretary and most recently the Alabama District Kiwanis Governor. Having coached and officiated for over 20 years, he was a proud member of the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame. In all he did, he made caring his way of life.

He was predeceased by son, Matt Palys, and sister Ceil Palys.

Surviving are his wife Melba Perry Palys, son, Andy (Becky) Palys, grandchildren, James and Kaitlyn Palys, brother, Rev. Dan Palys, a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Children's Hospital of Alabama in the name of Key Club.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **26.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home
255 County Road 1435
Cullman, AL 35058
(256) 734-0208
info@cullmanheritage.com
<https://www.cullmanheritage.com>

Service

MAR **27.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Walti Cumberland Presbyterian Church
8817 County Road 747
Cullman, AL 35055

Tribute Wall

AH

“ I served on the AL District Key Club board and had the privilege of knowing and learning from Mr. Palys. His love for Children's Hospital was so contagious that I quickly gained that passion too. Thank you Mr. Palys for instilling in me the desire to serve and make a difference! I hope I can one day touch as many children's lives as you did!

Allie Haynes - March 28, 2017 at 07:27 PM

DD

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Donna Ford Drinkard - March 27, 2017 at 10:50 AM



“ Bob will be greatly missed. He contributed so much to our community through Relay for Life, Key Club and other organizations. I have known him for many years as an opposing coach, fellow referee, committee members, business owner, and friend. I recall one afternoon I ran into the trophy shop and said (probably yelled) "Bob, I forgot to order the awards for tomorrow!" He calmly asked for the names and said they will be ready by 9:00 AM if that is OK, if not we will have them tonight."

He and Melba are two of Cullman's finest citizens.

Blake West

C Blake West - March 27, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ These are a few of the reasons we loved him.



Donna Ford Drinkard - March 26, 2017 at 11:54 PM

DD

“ *Donna Ford Drinkard lit a candle in memory of Robert Michael "Bob" Palys*



Donna Ford Drinkard - March 26, 2017 at 11:50 PM

RC

“ *Robin Cummings*



Robin Cummings - March 26, 2017 at 09:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Michael "Bob" Palys.*



March 26, 2017 at 09:44 AM

GP

“ *George L Price lit a candle in memory of Robert Michael "Bob" Palys*




George L Price - March 26, 2017 at 09:14 AM

KH

“ *Kim Finley Horton lit a candle in memory of Robert Michael "Bob" Palys*



Kim Finley Horton - March 26, 2017 at 12:18 AM

 Karen Stover

“ *Karen Stover lit a candle in memory of Robert Michael "Bob" Palys*



Karen Stover - March 25, 2017 at 08:18 PM

RJ

“ *So sad to hear of the passing Bob...Such a good man and loved by so many....RIP*

Robin Jordan - March 25, 2017 at 07:17 PM

CT

“ *My deepest sympathy on the loss of Bob Palys. What a wonderful person he was - a loyal friend to everyone. He is now having a special reunion in heaven with his son Matt and his sister Ceil (Daisy).*



Carol Tompolski - March 25, 2017 at 06:55 PM

JH

“ *Joanne F Houston lit a candle in memory of Robert Michael "Bob" Palys*



Joanne F Houston - March 25, 2017 at 06:28 PM

BC

Our prayers are with Bob's family this day that you find peace and comfort in your grief. -- Bob Carson, Immediate Past Kiwanis Governor Southwest District

Bob Carson - March 25, 2017 at 06:34 PM

PM

“ *We have lost a great Kiwanian and friend. Bob was a mentor and was filled with love for everyone. He will truly be missed*

pat manasco - March 25, 2017 at 04:59 PM

DB

“ *I painted in the summers with Bob for a couple of summers. We had a lot of laughs and fun. I will never forget him spilling a bucket of paint all over himself or the time he climbed a 28 ft ladder to paint the back of the Welti gym. From our St. Bernard years until now he was a true generous gentleman and great guy! RIP my friend!*

Darrell Brock

Darrell Brock - March 25, 2017 at 04:42 PM

MD

“ *Mr. Palys has left such a beautiful legacy. His life will continue to impact others for many years to come. I remember my first day of 7th grade in his history class. I remember it so clearly because of his accent. I was from New York, and when I heard Mr. Palys start to call roll, I was like, wait a minute! He sounds like some of my family members up north. After roll call, I asked him where his accent was from, and when he told me around Buffalo, New York, I was so surprised! I remember telling him where I was from and he said he knew exactly where I was talking about! Then he said Soda, or Pop?? I smiled super big and said Pop. That was my first memory of him, and ever since then, I was drawn to him like everyone is when they meet him. His presence was so comforting, and so welcoming. A beautiful soul, and a beautiful man. Mr. Palys you have made a permanent mark on my life and I will never forget you or your beautiful spirit. Thank you for caring and loving all of us the way you did.*

Miranda Dawley - March 25, 2017 at 04:01 PM

KB

“ *I meet Bob when I was in the 8th grade at Welti. He came as a student teacher. Everybody fell in love with him on sight. We were thrilled when we found out he was in love with one of our own past student, Melba Perry. I have loved you all ever since then. I am so sorry for his passing, but he has left a legacy behind. He was a true kind hearted man and a wonderful teacher. We will miss him.*
Karen Brock

Karen Brock - March 25, 2017 at 03:44 PM

Mike
Tyus

“ *Mike Tyus lit a candle in memory of Robert
Michael "Bob" Palys*



Mike Tyus - March 25, 2017 at 03:21 PM