



Mr. Robert Arthur Head

May 27, 1934 - September 30, 2024

Robert Arthur Head, 90, husband of Barbara Dean Burton Head, of Salem, passed away on Monday, September 30, 2024.

A native of Michigan, Mr. Head was the son of the late Bernard Head and Fanny Gill Head. He positively impacted every person he met through his optimism, generosity, passion for life and light hearted spirit. His energy and longevity were a testament to staying active, caring for others, and having a positive outlook. Those who were blessed to keep up with him saw a legend living every moment to its fullest - including daily swims at the fitness center, shooting pool in the local billiards leagues, or playing a round of golf with the guys. He was a pillar of strength to his family with an infinite supply of love, patience, kindness and understanding - a true inspiration, never taking a moment of life for granted.

His craving for travel and adventure led him to do amazing things such as to complete his 100th sky dive on his 90th birthday, as well as recently being awarded a certificate in North Dakota for visiting all 50 states. His most frequented "happy place" was Nevada to take in a great car race, basketball game and play craps in Las Vegas. The love of life Bob embraced does not stop locally - it reaches across the globe, being that he and his wife of 63 years spent many of their happiest moments visiting over 90 countries. He wrote that Antarctica, Africa, and Costa Rica were some of the most unique

and beautiful, adding humbly that bungee jumping over Victoria falls in Africa also presented “quite a view”. His spirituality was rooted in compassion, kindness, humility, and finding the fun wherever it may lead you. His message to all...never forget to “keep smiling”.

In addition to his wife Barbara, Bob is survived by son: Andrew Robert Head (wife Cheer); daughters: Jenny Lee Lanier (husband Russell) and Terry Lynn Duchene (husband Howard); and treasured grandchildren: Carolyn, Tyler, Huck, Hogan, Lynn and Caden.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Head was preceded in death by his aunt and uncle: Bessie and Rex Shephard.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, November 2, 2024, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the Keowee Key Club.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Safe Harbor: Seneca, <https://www.safeharborsc.org/donation>.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Keowee Key Country Club
1 Country Club Road
Salem, SC 29676

Tribute Wall

HD

“ Bob was a great guy and the best father-in-law I could have ever hoped for. When I first met Terry, I knew that she was smart, pretty and adventurous, but it was when she asked to borrow my electric sander that she really caught my attention. A woman who knows her way around power tools! I wondered where all that capability came from, and then I met Bob and it all became clear. Whilst Terry also acquired many good qualities from her Mom, she is clearly her father's daughter. Bob was the most kind and capable man I've ever known, always there to lend a hand or offer a word of encouragement. I am privileged to have known Bob, and to have shared many experiences and adventures with him. Here is a photo of us at his 90th birthday celebration in Fargo, contemplating (not!) Barb's next production run of glass block ornaments.



Howard Duchene - October 20, 2024 at 10:57 PM

EO

“ It was glad to be able to meet Bob at the FRC. He was a very nice kind and friendly. He told me about his travels it was very inspirational and I told him that I would like to travel to all the places he went. I remember helping him to put some containers at his car and he told me thank you for helping me. He always have a smile in his face every time I saw him. He will be really missed by so many. But I know soon and very soon we will all see our love ones that passed away. We lifted up Bobs Family in our prayes. Eva & Family.



Eva Odiam - October 16, 2024 at 09:31 PM

JJ

“ October 4, 2024
Bob was a great friend for 30 years. A most generous man with his advice, skill and talent. Not to mention a unique insight around the gaming tables in Las Vegas. I will forever miss you my friend.
Jim Jensen

Jim Jensen - October 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *I am saddened to learn of Bob's passing. Besides being neighbors in Keowee Key, I would see Bob at the Fitness Center pool when he was doing his daily swim workout. Barbara, I know personally the devastation of losing your partner and the love of your life. I send my condolences.* *Richard Webster*

Richard Webster - October 04, 2024 at 06:51 AM

MS

“ *My wife and I played in the pool league with Bob for many years. He was such a great guy to be around and an inspiration to everyone he came in contact with.*
He gave me a shirt from his trip to Taiwan a few years ago so I wore it to my league match last night in his honor.
Rest Easy My Friend.

Michael and Sylvia Smith - October 03, 2024 at 06:57 PM

JS

“ *I feel privileged to have known Bob the last few years. He was a great storyteller, particularly about the many adventures he shared with Barb. My sympathies go out to the entire family. May His Memory Be Eternal.*

Jim 'Simo' Simollardes - October 03, 2024 at 04:03 PM

CM

“ For the past ten years, I had the pleasure of swimming with Bob at the Keowee Key FRC pool. After our swims, Bob often shared stories about his wife, family, and their adventures around the world. Recently, he told me about his trip to Alabama, where he celebrated his 90th birthday by skydiving. We will miss him at the pool.

Chuck Massey

CHUCK MASSEY - October 03, 2024 at 10:27 AM

MW

“ I only had the privilege of meeting Bob a couple of times at their home but I was so impressed with the way he took care of Barb. The love he had for her could be seen through his care and in his eyes. Barb was certainly blessed when God gave Bob to her.

Mary Wendorf - October 03, 2024 at 06:31 AM

CD

“ We love and miss you already Grandpa! Forever a man of humble simplicity with the biggest heart and sense of adventure. A genius at keeping his kids and grandkids calm and knew us inside out. Heart of Gold, will miss his hugs, email "funnies" and the sound of tictacs clinking in his pocket. I know you are there watching over us Grandpa - you live in each and every one of us :) We love you to the moon and back! Carolyn (the first grandchild!!! An honour muahaha) xxx keep smiling!!!



Carolyn Duchene - October 03, 2024 at 12:49 AM

BL

“ Lots of great memories for Rock and I. The best thing your dad did for us was to keep us employed throughout college and high school He always found work for us and it made a huge difference for two kids trying to pay a lot of their way through.

Bev Lowes - October 02, 2024 at 04:30 PM

PS

“ As a dear friend, he would always refer to me as “kiddo” with a smile. Dick and I so enjoyed touring China and Tibet together for 22 days and many local times together across a table. His perpetual smile and grace to others will always be a legacy. So proud to have shared time together as friends.

Pattie and Dick Stone

Pattie and Dick Stone - October 02, 2024 at 02:12 PM

LG

Have known Bob for many years. We started out playing pool billiards together at the City Pool Room in Seneca South Carolina. I then got to no his wife Barbara. Visited his home several times. He was a very loving, sweet, giving & compassionate man. May he RIP.

Lissa Grant - October 03, 2024 at 03:27 PM