



Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr.

December 19, 1934 - March 21, 2022

Robert Lynch entered into eternal life on March 21, 2022, in Alpharetta, GA. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Theresa, and his 6 devoted children: Jeanne, Beau (Robert Jr.), Jay (Michelle), Josh (Melissa), Theresa (James), Daniel, and his two sisters, Lorraine and Margaret (Charlie) of Boston. He is the proud grandfather of 19 adoring grandchildren: Jay T, Anna, Maddie, Carolyn, Hank, Oscar, Kathleen, Sean, DJ, Johnny, Kylie, Michael, Gracie, Jameson, Lanie, Sienna, Colin, Molly and Charlotte. For over 50 years, Robert spent his life dedicated to serving students and teachers. In Minneapolis Public Schools, he was principal of a junior high and several high schools. As principal, he led his schools through the tumultuous years of desegregation and the American Indian Movement (AIM). Integration and equality remained dear to his heart throughout his career. In 1993, he moved south and became principal of North Springs High School. He went on to serve as an area superintendent for Fulton County Schools for 15 years. Robert was known for his intelligence and optimistic leadership, his ability to inspire confidence in those who work with him, his unflinching sense of humor and appreciation for the human condition, his unabashed enjoyment of his work, his forthright integrity in dealings with young people and adults, his energetic and enthusiastic devotion to the needs of students, and his unmitigated belief in their potential for positive growth.

A funeral service will be held at St. Brendan's Catholic Church, 4633 Shiloh Rd, Cumming, GA 30040, on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 1:00pm. The family

will receive friends the evening prior, Monday, March 28, 2022 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA 30075.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Brendan Catholic Church
4633 Shiloh Rd.
Cumming, GA 30040
<http://770-205-7969>

Tribute Wall

PS

“ I’m afraid I’m a bit late in learning of Mr. Lynch’s passing. I was a relatively new teacher when Mr. Lynch came on board as principal at NSHS. He was such a great leader who led through example, and also a wonderful mentor. In twenty-five plus years of teaching after North Springs I still think of him often. He was so steeped in what philosophers would call “practical wisdom”. More than once he helped me with a problem—from classroom challenges to what kind of suit he would recommend. A wise good man. I won’t forget him.

PD Sullivan - August 11, 2024 at 11:01 AM

JC

“ I didn't have Bob as a teacher, so I have no memories of Father Lynch except his wonderful rich accent (Northeastern I think) and his huge smile and his ever present kindness. Let me share with Terry and your family this rich and elegant poetic insight that often brings me comfort. May it bring you comfort as well.

The TRAVELER

*He has put on invisibility.
Dear Lord, I cannot see
But this I know, although the road ascends
And passes from my sight;
That there will be no night;
That you will take him gently by the hand
And lead him on
Along the road of life that never ends,
And he will find it is not death but dawn.
I do not doubt that You are there as here,
And you will hold him dear.*

*Our life did not begin with birth,
It is not of the earth;
And this that we call death, it is no more
Than the opening and closing of a door
And in Your house how many rooms must be
Beyond this one where we rest momentarily.*

*Dear Lord, I thank you for the faith that frees,
The love that knows it cannot lose its own;
The love that, looking through the shadows, sees
That You and he and I are ever one.*

- James Dillet Freeman

John Considine - April 17, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ *Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I just learned of Bob's passing and wanted to send my deepest condolences to his entire family. I had the pleasure of knowing him as I worked for the Fulton County School System. He was always kind, caring and gave wonderful advice. I will always remember his laugh and jovial personality. Rest In Peace Bob 🙏*
Wendi (Shove) Carroll



Wendi Carroll - June 13, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ *He once told me that I wear my feelings on my sleeve. He was right, of course, and I appreciated his honesty and frankness. This was very helpful when I became a teacher. He never steered me wrong and set a good example.*
My condolences to Terry and your large family. One day, you'll all be reunited— nevermore to part. God is GOOD!
Carolyn Hoffmann

Carolyn Booth Hoffmann - April 10, 2022 at 06:00 PM

VB

“ I have very fond memories of Bob as my religion teacher at Cardinal Newman High School. I used to have some very nice friendly chats outside class hours with him.

I wished I could have seen him more since I live in the metro Atlanta area. At least I had a nice chat with Bob when we had a preliminary reunion at John Romano's Law firm for the 50th anniversary of our graduation back in March 2017. I shared some photos with him of my kids and grandkids. He did likewise with his own.

Terry, my sincere condolences for the loss of your dear husband. I am in Honduras visiting my 92 year old father who is very frail, but appears to be doggedly hanging in there. I wished I could join you in church tomorrow, but obviously it is physically impossible.

We all have an angel in Heaven looking out for us.

Victor Bendeck

Victor Bendeck - March 28, 2022 at 04:56 PM

PB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Bob's family, who he deeply loved. I had the honor of working with Bob during my career with Fulton County Schools. Bob was a true servant leader. His kind spirit and deep knowledge of education made him a natural leader of leaders. His door and heart were always open to coach and guide others. He always had a story that could help shed light on an issue, decision, or dilemma. Bob touched the lives of many students, staff, community members, and school leaders; and his legacy and lessons live on in each of us who had the pleasure of working with him.

Patrick Burke

Patrick Burke - March 28, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*



March 28, 2022 at 06:55 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*



March 27, 2022 at 09:14 PM



“ *Cindy Jones, Jen, Hunter, and Emme Martin purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*



Cindy Jones, Jen, Hunter, and Emme Martin - March 27, 2022 at 01:28 PM



“ *Craig Chait & Carrie Chait purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.northsidechapel.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*

Craig Chait & Carrie Chait - March 25, 2022 at 08:51 PM

KR

“ As a Fulton County School Board member, I was honored to work with Bob over many years. His wisdom was relied on by many in the system. He was also willing to share his wise advise on a personal level, and I so appreciate the time he spent sharing it with me. As a leader, he was approachable to all, a coach to many and a genuinely kind man. Anyone who knew Bob knew how much he loved and adored his family. He was well loved by the Fulton family as well. He will be so fondly remembered for the imprint he left on the Fulton County District and all who were privileged to work with him.

*Katie Reeves
Fulton County School Board*

Katie Reeves - March 25, 2022 at 12:58 PM

DP

“ *David and Connie Peck purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*



David and Connie Peck - March 25, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*



March 25, 2022 at 08:28 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*



March 24, 2022 at 07:53 PM

“ As “Father Lynch” at Cardinal Newman H.S. in 1965-67, I had Bob for Latin III/IV, senior religion, and senior homeroom, as well as guidance counselor.

As a teacher he was cheerful but demanding. Horrified to learn that his Latin students were so ill-prepared to take on Vergil's Aeneid, he sent us on a one-week blitzkrieg through Latin grammar, pronouns, declensions and conjugations. In translating, he emphasized that the Aeneid was not a collection of words, but an epic poem, filled with drama and passion. (Dido to Aeneas: “You perfidious wretch!” was not what we would have gotten from our dictionaries!)

In religion class, he took on some of the subtleties of moral theology, including the principle of double effect. He wanted to take us beyond the simplistic approach and strengthen our intellects. He assigned us the project of doing a comparative study of Catholicism and another faith. There was no set date for completion and we were quite shocked to have him announce after a few weeks that papers were due the next day. There was an outcry that included me. Father Lynch told me to come up and state my complaint to his face. I did and was sent back to my seat. He didn't punish me or hold a grudge.

But the deadline remained. Our neighbor, organist at the local Presbyterian church, referred me to her pastor, who most generously took an hour to explain the differences between our churches, doctrinally and liturgically, while I scribbled furiously. Mission accomplished. Apart from the subject matter of the paper, there were two other lessons that I should have absorbed. Faced with a challenging task and a tough deadline: 1) Cut to the chase; and 2) Seek expert help.

Students looked forward to being in Robert Lynch's classroom. There was intensity, but also lots of give and take, and much laughter. He would tell us stories from his youth. One of my favorites was how his basketball team travelled to play at

notoriously rough South Boston H.S., won the game and, at the buzzer, sprinted all-out in their skivvies through the arctic air to their bus, standing by the door with engine running.

As a guidance counselor, he was very knowledgeable and wanted his charges to aim high for achievable goals. He was aware of and very concerned about students with personal difficulties and privately urged others to accept and encourage them.

Robert Lynch was a great influence for good in my life, and it is with pleasure that I recall the days that I knew him, consider his remarkable professional success, and contemplate the remarkable family that he raised with his wife, my friend, Terry Booth Lynch. He lived a long and fruitful life. May God rest his soul.

Terry, my condolences, You were a blessing to Bob. God bless you. Please extend my sympathies to your family.

Bill McDermott - March 24, 2022 at 05:48 PM

JC

Very nice, Bill McDermott. Good to connect with you.

John Considine - April 17, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*



March 24, 2022 at 12:30 PM

NS

“ He was my teacher in West Palm Beach in 1965. He made me go to college when I was planning to just mess around after high school. I went on to earn my degree, then a post-graduate degree and pursued a highly successful forty-four year professional career. Robert was the spark that ignited all of that. God bless him.

Norm Schroeder - March 24, 2022 at 12:19 PM

JC

Very nice Norm. So the Florida Bar has Fr.Lynch to thank, eh? Blessings on your happy spiritual travels Fr. Lynch!!

John Considine - April 17, 2023 at 08:45 AM

JF

“ Jacqui & Mike Perriello and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..



Jacqui & Mike Perriello and Family - March 23, 2022 at 09:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..



March 23, 2022 at 09:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*



March 23, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the Lynch family. May his memories give you comfort during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.*

Patsy Guevara-Hix, San Antonio, TX - March 23, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Bob was such a kind and gentle leader! I had the privilege of working with Bob when my daughter was at North Springs where he was principal. I then came onto the Fulton County School Board and Bob moved on to be a wonderful area superintendent. He was never too busy to answer a phone call, and his first words were always, "How can I help?" No problem was too big or small. Bob also had a twinkle in his eye and shared a few mischievous stories, especially when he was a principal in his days preceeding Fulton County (one particular graduation and a slumber party are the two that pop immediately in my mind!). I know he adored his family - we shared a Terri/Terry (both of our spouses) and a Daniel (both of our youngest), so we had a lot of stories that we traded. Bob was a true servant leader, one that was admired by our entire school system and a man that was valued. He will be missed. May his memory be a blessing for his family and friends.*

Julia Bernath

Julia Bernath - March 23, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*



March 23, 2022 at 06:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*



March 23, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *John and Pam Tarpley purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Robert Henry Lynch Sr..*



John and Pam Tarpley - March 23, 2022 at 11:39 AM