



Robert Dogan

March 3, 1936 - February 15, 2020

TALLAHASSEE - Robert 'Bob' Dogan, age 83, beloved master jazz pianist, composer, and teacher, passed away on February 15, 2020 after a brief illness.

Robert is survived by his companion of several years Betty Sparks, three children, Dawn Dogan, Allyson Dogan and Robert Dogan and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by two children, Lawrence Cyfers and Crystal Sorby.

Robert was renowned in the Tallahassee Music Community. Final arrangements will take place in Chicago. Memorial contributions can be made to Big Bend Hospice at 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32308. Scotti Thompson is assisting the Dogan family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193).

Tribute Wall

HL

“ *This is indeed a loss. What a rare human being, and unique singer and piano player. I will miss him.*

~ Hallie Loewy, Fan

Hallie Loewy - February 20, 2020 at 10:33 PM

ED

“ *Bob Dogan was one of my best friends
We were roommates in Chicago and we played music together every chance we got.*

He was one of the best musicians I had the honor of knowing.

I'll miss Bob so much.

Rest in peace Bob and I'm praying to St Cecilia like you asked me too.

Love you Bob!

Ernie Durawa Austin Texas

Ernie Durawa - February 20, 2020 at 04:38 PM

RP

I met Bob in my teens. He taught me so much about music and life. A absolute genius and someone I respect for his dedication to music and musicians he mentored. The world just lost a major leaguer RIP Bob I'll dig you on the other side

richie pardo - February 20, 2020 at 04:52 PM

MS

Bob was a great guy a great musician and a lot of fun to be around he had a great sense of humor and loved a good laugh

michael sweetman - February 20, 2020 at 05:36 PM

HG

Bob and I were at Berklee together in the late 50's. He was the only piano player to come out of Horace. He had a bounce to his beat I tried to emulate. I followed him around like a little puppy dog, especially his gigs with the Andy Bolen Quintet. His playing always reduced me to tears. He was a generous man who'd play with anyone no matter their level.

Hal Galper - February 20, 2020 at 06:12 PM

SK

As an emerging jazz pianist wannabe I had the very good fortune to meet Bob in the 1950s and be able to experience on and off for many decades his extraordinary and unique musical talent as well as his ever-present congeniality and good humor. Lamentably he deserved far greater recognition for his contributions than he received.

Stu Katz - February 22, 2020 at 12:13 PM

BH

RIP Bob. I learned so much from you playing with you back in the 90s here in Chicago. Still remember hanging with you at the No Exit Cafe in Rogers park..fun times. Also we played together when you would sub for my mom at the Marriott..I was always blown away by your playing. The world lost a great musician.

Bill Hoffman - March 03, 2020 at 09:40 AM

 Marc Berner

Thank you for your stunningly beautiful ballad entitled From Me to You, which my dear friend Ira Sullivan loved to sing. You touched many lives with it's message of love. Godspeed, dear brother Bob.

Marc Berner - November 19, 2020 at 02:49 PM

MG

“ *My sincere condolences to Bob's family. Bob was my inspiration and mentor from my early career as a pianist starting out. My drummer and friend, Guy Viveros, was also very close with Bob and talked about Bob constantly. I've so admired Bob's immense talent and artistry from the beginning of my early jazz days. He shall be forever remembered amongst the many musicians. Bob was the Gold Standard of pianist's.*

We may have lost one of the best I have known, but Heaven has gained an extraordinary artist to make the Angel's sing!

RIP Bob!

Your Pal,

MG

MYLES GREENE - February 20, 2020 at 03:57 PM

WN

Great memories of Bob with the Buddy Rich band. He was a deep player. Couldn't touch that depth at the time but felt it. Yea Bob many thanks !!

wayne naus - February 21, 2020 at 08:24 PM