



Robert P. Hauptfuhrer

December 31, 1931 - August 11, 2013

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Robert P. Hauptfuhrer, 81, beloved husband of Barbara, and father of Brenda Helber of Devon, Bruce of Wayne and Bryan (Linda) of Radnor and grandchildren Andrew, Nicholas and Kristin Helber, and Amanda Hauptfuhrer, died on the 11th of August at Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, PA. from complications of a subdural hematoma.

Born in 1931, he was the second son of George J. Hauptfuhrer, and Emilie M Schoenhut, Bob's grandfather, Henry Hauptfuhrer migrated from Wollmar, Germany to Philadelphia in 1882 and founded Hauptfuhrer Dairies, which eventually became part of National Dairies. His father, George continued in the milk industry for 50 years. His mother's father, Albert Schoenhut migrated from Wurttemberg, Germany in 1866 at the age of 17. He started making toy pianos out of a storefront on Frankford Avenue in 1872. It later became the Schoenhut Toy & Piano Company, employing 400 workers.

Bob graduated from The William Penn Charter School, as valedictorian, in 1949 and in 1988 was honored with the Alumni Award of Merit. He and his brother George established a Hauptfuhrer Scholars' Fund which brought a young Palestinian student to PC for a year to foster interfaith and intercultural understanding. Bob matriculated at Princeton University where he was in Naval ROTC. He received his degree summa cum laude in Public Affairs from The Woodrow Wilson School in 1953 and subsequently established a

research thesis scholarship in the Woodrow Wilson School. He was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Bob graduated from Naval Officer's Candidate School in Bayonne, New Jersey and then was commissioned in the U.S. Navy; serving as a Supply Officer on the SS Henrico, an attack transport in the western Pacific.

Immediately after serving for two years, he went on to Harvard Business School where he graduated with Distinction, and as a Baker Scholar in 1957.

In 1963, he married Barbara Ellen Dunlop.

Bob joined Sun Oil Company in the summer of 1957, commencing a long career there progressing thru various managerial positions, culminating in his election as President, Chief Operating Officer and Director in January 1987. In November 1988, Sun split the enterprise into two separate companies. Bob was elected the first Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sun Exploration and Production Company based in Dallas, Texas - later renamed Oryx Energy Company. He retired in 1994.

Mr. Hauptfuhrer was active in industry affairs as a Director of The National Association of Manufacturers, a Director of both The American Petroleum Institute and The Independent Petroleum Association of America, and as Chairman of The Natural Gas Supply Association.

He served on the corporate boards of Quaker Chemical Corporation, Totem Resources Corporation, Additech, Inc., and Puralube, Inc., and as an independent trustee of 1838 Investment Advisors Funds.

In addition to his corporate career, Bob's life was enriched by serving the community in which he lived. While in Dallas, Bob was a board member of the Dallas Citizens Council, The Dallas Symphony Association, The Greater Dallas United Way and The North Texas Educational Television Corporation. Bob was also heavily involved in the civic life of Philadelphia. At various times, he served as a Trustee of The Lankenau Hospital, and The Curtis Institute of Music. He was on the board of The Camp Branch of the YMCA, The Executive Service Corps of the Delaware Valley, The Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation, and The Barra Foundation. He was chair of The

Baldwin School Board, Vice-chair of The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore, and Chair of The University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center Board of Advisors. For a number of years, he co-chaired The Individual Gifts Committee of the Southeastern Pennsylvania United Way with his wife, Barbara.

He served his Princeton alma mater as Class Treasurer and Class President, a governor of The Princeton Club of Philadelphia, and as a Charter Trustee of The University, finishing his term as Vice Chair of the Executive Committee. He also served as President of The Harvard Business School Club of Philadelphia.

Bob was a member of The Merion Cricket Club, The Philadelphia Country Club and The Johns Island Club in Vero Beach, Florida and previously Pine Valley Golf Club and The Union League of Philadelphia and The Skytop Club. At Johns Island, he served as vice president of the John's Island Foundation, was on the Forum Committee and was a member of the Johns Island Singers. Bob enjoyed traveling and took his family to many interesting places, often to ski both in the USA and abroad. Sports were a big part of his life – football and basketball in high school and college, as well as squash, paddle and golf in later years.

Over the years, Bob and Barbara enjoyed catching up with friends from Penn Charter, Princeton and Harvard Business School at major and mini reunions. Recently, Bob celebrated two major milestones; his 50th wedding anniversary in May, and in June, his 60th reunion at Princeton.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA, on September 7th at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, you may make a contribution to Princeton University, Robert Hauptfuhrer '53 Memorial Fund, Princeton University; Alumni and Donor Records, Attn: Helen Hardy P.O. Box 5357 Princeton, NJ 08540; The Heart Center at Lankenau Hospital, 100 East Lancaster Avenue, Wynnewood, PA., 19096; Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn

Mawr, PA, 19010; The William Penn Charter School, 300 School House Lane, Philadelphia, PA, 19144 or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA