



Ervin G Dobson

September 8, 1936 - February 22, 2019

Ervin G. Dobson, 82 of Apex died Friday, February 22, 2019. Details TBA.

Comments



“ 3 files added to the album Ervin



BARBARA - February 27, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ Ervin Dobson really did have an extraordinary impact on my life, especially when I was younger. As we know, Ervin had a quick sense of humor and was a very enthusiastic and sometimes rowdy guy. But he had a gentle side too. I've always loved dogs, but when I was a toddler, I had trouble being gentle and calm so that dogs would like me. One fond memory that I remember sharply, and which comes to mind often, was when Ervin and I were sitting in the living room, and Ervin had Aunt Cari's dog, Jackson, on his lap and showed me how to calmly approach him and scratch behind the dog's ears. Ervin was always patient and encouraging with me, and also used to read poetry and stories to me and quiz me on my vocabulary, which helped me discover my love for literature. He taught me a lot and will be greatly missed.

Rachel Lowry - February 27, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ Rachel Lowry lit a candle in memory of Ervin G Dobson



Rachel Lowry - February 27, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ Barbara lit a candle in memory of Ervin G Dobson



Barbara - February 26, 2019 at 09:25 PM



“ We are very sad to say goodbye to such a dear man. Ervin came into our lives through the Lowry family and was a welcomed addition to our cherished circle of friends and family. He and Lucy would come to our Christmas gathering each year. He always took a seat at the piano and from that point on, there were no age differences among the guests. Everyone sang and danced. He was a gifted entertainer. His devotion to Lucy and her family was heart warming. His heart overflowed with love. Ervin also had that dry sense of humor that would make some wonder if he was being serious or not. As a person who shares the same, I would know for sure and give him that knowing grin while others seemed perplexed. A special road was paved for him to his heavenly home. He will be missed but remains always alive in our hearts.

Barbara & Jim Cottrell



Barbara & Jim Cottrell - February 26, 2019 at 09:24 PM



“ My Uncle Ervin was a man of great musical talent and abundant wit. It heartens me that so many people got to enjoy his command of the piano and seemingly endless playlist of well known songs and pieces. He could honor any song request with ease. His humor was wry, dry, and quick. I also am heartened that Uncle Ervin had a special friend in Miss Lucy for so many years and found joy and warmth with her and her family.

Dee Dobson Harper - February 26, 2019 at 09:18 PM



“ Ervin will be dearly missed. He was generous, modest & had a quick wit! Ervin was like family, having a major influence for good on my 3 children, especially with encouraging them regarding their talents with music. He brought so much "life" to our family gatherings & enriched my dear mother-in-law Lucy's life to the end of her days. He will be sorely missed. Dena Lowry



Dena lowry - February 26, 2019 at 08:04 PM



“ I've known Ervin since 1990 when he met my mother Lucy. They remained friends until she passed this past October. To say he was a character is not an exaggeration! We always could relate thru UNC sports. We both loved the Tarheels! He was a very well rounded man. He seemed like a Renaissance man to me: music, teaching, history or politics he always had an insight or opinion. Though he went thru some hard times he lived a long life and had many adventures. Always ready to play the piano at all gatherings. He had a great spirit and I'll miss him

Steve Lowry - February 26, 2019 at 07:52 PM



“ Cari Whittington is following this tribute.

Cari Whittington - February 25, 2019 at 10:55 PM



“ Ervin Garrison Dobson of Beulaville was a good person and dear friend of my family for over 30 years. He was a devoted companion to my mother-Lucy Lowry-comforting her during her last years on this earth. While at Rex Rehab of Apex with Lucy, Ervin spent his final days there under Heartland Hospice care. He quickly earned the nickname "Our Piano Man". His natural talent on the piano brought joy and hope to so many patients and friends. He was well-loved and admired, yet the nurses feared and tolerated him. Earlier in life, Ervin received his Masters Degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and worked in state government for Community Development. Later, he dedicated his life to teaching in the Wake/Durham county school systems. As one school official shared, "he became a unique force to be reckoned with." His devotion to teaching Economics and Psychology was his focus and passion. Another colleague said "Ervin Dobson was a powerful, positive antidote to any school community. Students were his family, his life!" He was fearsome, entertaining, prepared, focused and positive. After his retirement, he spent his time playing music for the elderly at nursing homes and retirement communities throughout Wake, Durham and Orange counties. Ervin said "He always left a piece of his heart with each person." He loved his time with Mom at the beach, cheering on his Tarheels, reading books at Barnes & Noble, eating at Taco Bell & Boston Market, a good 7-11 coffee with his Camel cigarettes, and watching old movies and the History channel. He was a devoted civil rights activist and Democrat who believed in the best for our country. His creative spirit and good heart were a treasure. I miss you Ervin - and so does Lucy!

Love,
Cari Lowry Whittington



Cari Whittington - February 25, 2019 at 10:48 PM



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Dena lowry - February 26, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ I have fond memories of Ervin. He became my friend many years ago when Lucy had us all over for dinner and he played the piano. He blessed us with some nice music. He was part of our family and we all loved him. When I think of him, I think of all he did in life as a teacher and teacher of the year. He was nice to all our families. He sure made the patients at Apex Rehab happy when he played for them.

Mary Cummings (Bullard) Mashburn

