



R. Rodman Ludlow

June 4, 1926 - January 25, 2011

Dr. R. Rodman Ludlow, 84, passed away at Bloomington Hospital on Tuesday, January 25. He was born June 4, 1926, in Sebring, Florida. A graduate of Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis and Purdue University, he co-owned Ludlow's Modern Furniture with his father until 1971 when he returned to school to earn an MBA from IU and a PhD from Purdue. He then spent the last fifteen years of his professional life as a Marketing Professor at Eastern Michigan University. He retired with his wife, Dot, to Seven Lakes, North Carolina, where they resided until her death in 1995. Rod then relocated to Meadowood in Bloomington, Indiana. He was active in Meadowood activities taking art lessons, traveling to many locations within Indiana, the United States and internationally, organizing the annual Meadowood Follies and contributing an original act of his own.

He was also very active in Bloomington donating his time to SCORE, a partner of the Small Business Administration, providing his business expertise to entrepreneurs trying to start or expand their business. He was well known on the Bloomington music scene dancing two or three nights a week at local establishments and contributing time and resources to the Jazz 4 Bloomington organization. He also loved sports rooting equally for Purdue and IU.

He is survived by his son, Mark and daughter-in-law, Pam, Houston, Texas; his son Mike, Noblesville, Indiana; six grandchildren, Brent, Matt, Angel, Gram, Morgan, and Maggie; and four great grandchildren. He was preceded by his wife, Dorothy, his sister, Barbara Mitchell, and his son, Randy.

A celebration of his life will be held for family and friends on Saturday, January 29, from 12:00 noon until 2:00PM at Players Pub, 424 South Walnut Street, Bloomington, IN. Please make donations to your favorite charity in Rod's name in lieu of flowers. Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *To Rod's family.*

My name is Kim Cook. My father was Lud Miller, a fellow resident at Meadowood who passed away in Nov of 2009. I am sure that you have heard of the coincidence of my father's given name and your family name being the same. Dad and Rod had a good time seeing if your family was related to the Robert Fulton Ludlow for whom my grandfather and father were named. (I think they thought not). I traveled to St. Martin with my father and yours three years ago and was enchanted by your dad. We enjoyed listening to music during the group dinners, and he enjoyed dancing with anyone who would dance with him! It was fun getting to know him.

I know that my father enjoyed his friendship with your dad and I know that Rod will be greatly missed by everyone at Meadowood. I always looked forward to seeing him when I went there (I was there just last month dining with Shirley Anderson). Please accept my condolences for your loss.

Kim Cook

Kim Cook - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

KA

“ *I am sorry to hear about Rodman. I spoke with him on the phone many times regarding his reimbursements at EMU as a retiree. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.*

Karyn Jones - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MI

“ *stay strong everyone! you all have my heart. Rod was by far the most interesting person I have ever met. love you all!!*

mike robinson - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

DA

“ I got to know Rod while living in Meadowood from 2004 thru 2006. We shared a common love for jazz, and Rod introduced me to the Bloomington Jazz scene. Rod was a leader, a great guy, and fun to be with. He will be missed. I'm making a donation to Doctors Without Borders in Rod's name. My sincere condolences to his family.

Daniel Ebling - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

TC

“ Our heartfelt condolences on your loss. Rod's life was a life well-lived. He was a light and an inspiration to all of us who knew and loved him.

Tim & Carolyn Haas - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MI

“ Dear Maggie and the Ludlow family,

I am so, so sorry for your loss.

Even though I never got to meet him, I heard how incredible a person Rod was, and I so appreciate how he generously donated his time to help a small business in Minneapolis get started. I could tell by how much he meant to Maggie that he was a really special person.

*You're in my thoughts,
Michelle*

Michelle Lee - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM