



## Robert Huber

August 5, 1965 - January 19, 2024

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Robert Huber, 58, died at 9:36 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2024 at his residence. He was born August 5, 1965 in St. Louis, MO the son of the late John and Helen (Horn) Huber. He was a retired Professor from Blackburn College in Carlinville, IL.

On March 30, 2006 in Carlinville, he married Angela Hung Huber and she survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, John Huber, William Huber and three sisters, Helen Burke, Katherine Uptergrove and Mary Nussbaum. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by two sisters, Carol Huber and JoAnn Abeln. A Memorial mass will be on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Father Chris Uhl, OMV will officiate. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4th and Henry Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ As a colleague of Bob at Blackburn, I recall his calm and intelligent comments during faculty discussions. Bob encouraged communication between different disciplines, so I often brought literature and writing classes to gallery exhibits. He always welcomed our visits and took time to read students' reactions to the sculptures, drawings, and creative installations.

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**Ren Draya** - February 02, 2024 at 11:09 PM

TF

“ Teresa F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Huber.

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**Teresa F.** - February 02, 2024 at 06:07 PM

DH

“ In 2003-04 I was finishing my Bachelor’s degree at Blackburn and having struggled with some of the accreditation of my transcripts I found I was short on credits. I was now “forced” to take more classes so I thought some art classes... I had no real interest in art but thought an appreciation class would help fill the gaps...little did I know that it would do more than just provide college credits...

The Professor was newly hired and trying to navigate his new position and he was my age...and I was trying to get my degree finished...over the course of three and a half years he and I became very good friends...he and I had some deep conversations about life, Salvador Dali, various beliefs, Michelangelo, Family, Death, color wheels, photography, pottery and so much more...including when he was contemplating asking Angela his now wife to marry him...

Because of Bob I even taught a pottery class at St. Isidore and had Bob come show the class his pottery abilities. Bob had so many talents and such a huge view of the Arts...I ended up taking 5 more classes from him that included 2 pottery classes, a painting class and 2 Drawing classes....and even took his classes after I graduated..I gained so much knowledge from him...I never would have expected that from what began as one art class would have provided me with so much more than 3 credits... I developed a genuine and sincere admiration for art. I am truly thankful for Bob, had it not been for him, the way he encouraged me to finish my degree...had it not been for him I am not sure I would have finished my degree.

I am sure that our sunset are going to have a little more color... Thank you Bob for sharing your thoughts and talents and your insights with me and so many others.

Note: The photo of the jug on the shelf is one that he made and sits in our home... he gave me that when I graduated and I will continue to cherish it





**Dan Hough** - February 02, 2024 at 03:35 PM

JG

*Dan, you and I were in the same class for two years. I too remember him being a newly employed Art director. I envied him and envied his desire. I didn't fully realize how talented I was (and that's hard for me to say) until we were doing a nude, still-life with Amy Bachmans boyfriend at the time, and Bob came over to me and said "You understand the golden ratio don't you?" Without any knowledge of what he meant, I said yes. Later to find out I understood the correlation of Phi, or body composition. He could see that in me, when I didn't even see that in myself. I'm incredibly saddened to hear of his passing, and I'm not sure how he passed. I can only speculate that he passed of cancer, considering how this article read, but this brought me to my knees. What a legacy that has been lost. It sickens me that I didn't pursue something in this field, because I owe it to him to spread his legacy. Maybe some day. I feel for his parents and wife. What a traumatic loss. I will forever be changed by his words of wisdom, and his ungodly talent. Omg the talent! What an inspiration. Praying for everyone who had the pleasure to meet him and work with him and be inspired by him.*

**Jill Grant** - August 15, 2024 at 10:43 PM

BH

*“ Bob and I went to grad school together. He was very talented. I was talking to one of my ceramics students yesterday about his work and did a search to find him and examples. I came upon this.... I'm very sorry for your loss Angela and family! May his memory be a blessing!*

**Brad Heinemann** - February 02, 2024 at 10:06 AM

CH

“ *Cyndi & Danny Hebenstreit & Patty Hughes purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert Huber.*



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**Cyndi & Danny Hebenstreit & Patty Hughes** - February 01, 2024 at 07:49 PM

JE

“ *John, Jing, Ethan & Evan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Huber.*



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**John, Jing, Ethan & Evan** - February 01, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Huber.*



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February 01, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Huber.*



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February 01, 2024 at 09:45 AM

CJ

“ Craig Newsom and Kara Jansson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Huber.

Craig Newsom and Kara Jansson - February 01, 2024 at 09:45 AM

A2

“ Ashlee Rodden - Blackburn class of 2009 purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Robert Huber.



Ashlee Rodden - Blackburn class of 2009 - February 01, 2024 at 09:27 AM

A2

“ Ashlee Rodden - Blackburn class of 2009 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Huber.

Ashlee Rodden - Blackburn class of 2009 - February 01, 2024 at 09:27 AM

TR

“ We both had the privilege of working with Bob at Blackburn College. He had a marvelous sense of humor and he was a great colleague. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Terri Reid - January 31, 2024 at 03:40 PM

YS

“ *Your brothers and sisters. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Robert Huber.*



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**Your brothers and sisters.** - January 30, 2024 at 07:47 PM

DH

“ *David Lareina Leonie Derian Donovan Hung purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Huber.*



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**David Lareina Leonie Derian Donovan Hung** - January 30, 2024 at 03:58 PM

JV

“ *Jeff and Mary Vaughn purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert Huber.*



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**Jeff and Mary Vaughn** - January 29, 2024 at 12:27 PM

BS

“ *My sister and me met Bob by chance in the nineties, he was working with pottery and we took some beginner lessons, he was so patient! He visited us in Spain several times and we consider him part of the family! He ll always be remembered. We are so grateful we have met him, we send our deepest condolences to Angela and family. May he rest in peace 🙏*

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**Belen Santon** - January 29, 2024 at 02:34 AM

AM

“ Grit and grog! Work ethic and living one's passion. Pushing through physical pain til the work is done. Hard to write about someone who is the voice in your head every time you create art or stack wood. Bob you've sculpted a world you now have left behind. A sacred number of us who toil with silently working in paint, clay and pencil and when we want to stop we think of your hilarious stories or your inspirational spiritual teachings. You'll be there when we wonder if our art is trite or if we've stayed up long enough tending the fire. You'll be there when we step outside of our studios to look up at the sky and walk back in to continue working. You're there when I can't mix a color right, asking me what is missing. Humbling me like when you told me Michelangelo had already painted the Sistine Chapel at my age. Angela, I send you so much love. I have a feeling your love is what changed the sculptor more than anything he ever made.

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**Anna Kristine Mocerri** - January 26, 2024 at 05:20 PM

JA

“ Bob was a dear colleague and friend. I will always cherish the memories of our work together and the countless hours we spent in animated discussion of just about every topic that came to mind. He was an immensely talented, dedicated man of endless intellectual curiosity. I know that he is at rest and beyond all pain, but find myself thinking of Plato's words at the death of his friend Socrates - "I covered my face and wept, not for him, but at the thought of my own calamity in having to part from such a friend."

Condolences and sympathy to Angela and all of Bob's family. He was a wonderful and unique presence in the world and will be missed so very much.

Jeff Aper

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**Jeff Aper** - January 26, 2024 at 04:34 PM

JC

“ Bob is one of the pillars of my memories of my education at Blackburn College. I was honored to consider him not just a professor, and mentor in The Arts, but also a friend. I have indelible memories of kiln builds and firings that went well into the early morning hours, watching him in sheer awe work on 5+ foot beautiful wheel-thrown vases, and sometimes working right at his side on an adjacent wheel while we listened to Beethoven or Led Zeppelin - just a couple dudes with blobs of mud between our hands and meandering conversation.  
Angela, you have all my best thoughts and energy as I know how much he cherished not just your love, but your partnership as well.

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**Joel D Clark** - January 26, 2024 at 02:44 PM

JH

“ He was my pottery teacher at lccc way back when . Such a kind patient man . Every one In the class respected him . He made it fun . It was such a cool class . Deepest Sympathies to family an friend's. 🙏🕊️

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**Jana Hellrung** - January 26, 2024 at 09:03 AM

ML

“ Dear Angela and family, I am so sadden to hear of Bob’s passing! I was honored to come visit and do a workshop at Blackburn and to meet you both. Bob was unique and special and will always be remembered for his exceptional teaching and his dedication to his students. My niece Alina was one of his students. Her funny story is that she kept telling Bob that her Aunt did ceramics and Bob would always answer “ oh that nice”! She finally brought a ceramic text book in and said this is my Aunt and Bob said something to her like ,”holy ..... this is your Aunt?” He contacted me and I came out and had a wonderful time with you and Bob and will always remember your kindness and caring! Sending love and condolences to you and the family. Marilyn Lysohir

Marilyn Lysohir - January 26, 2024 at 12:48 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Huber.



January 26, 2024 at 12:39 AM

KL

“ I took an oil painting class with him spring semester 2018 at Blackburn. I learned so much about using oil paints as a medium in way that has left a lasting impact on my artistic side. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to take his class and I wish I could’ve taken more. My deepest sympathies to all 🎨❤️ .

Kayla Lammy - January 25, 2024 at 11:36 PM

BC

“ I was privileged to call Bob a colleague and a friend at Blackburn College. His passion for art and his dedication to his students was beyond compare. Angela, you brought such joy to his life. You have my prayers and those of my husband Larry at this difficult time. May God rest easy the beautiful soul of Bob Huber.

barbara clark - January 25, 2024 at 11:27 PM

AM

“ My condolences to Angela and family. I had the pleasure of having Bob as a professor all 4 of my undergrad years at Blackburn College, as well as working for him as a student worker in Art Department. I have such a passion and appreciation for art due to all he taught us as students. Always made time to sit and talk with students and shared many stories. Blackburn College Art Department and his former students will forever be grateful for his dedication, knowledge and love for art. Gone but never forgotten.

Aziza Masseke Morrison - January 25, 2024 at 02:19 PM

CH

“ Bob was such an amazing artist and person! I am so saddened to hear of his death and offer my deepest condolences to Angela and his family. Bob had such a big heart! I visited his classes often over the years at Blackburn as a visiting artist and he was so gracious. He was so supportive of all our area artists. I know his students adored him. This is such a loss for our whole community. With sympathy, Christine Ilewski Huelsmann

Christine Ilewski Huelsmann - January 25, 2024 at 11:53 AM

AK

“ Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a big part of my Blackburn education. My thoughts are with his loved ones.

Amelia K - January 25, 2024 at 10:31 AM

BW

“ *My condolences are with Angela and the family. Bob was a huge mentor to me as a young adult. He was an excellent instructor, artist and friend. He is the reason I am a potter today. He will be missed. May he rest in peace. Sending prayers.*

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**Brittney Weber** - January 25, 2024 at 09:58 AM

JF

“ *Rest in peace, Bob.*

*Angela, my heart breaks for you. I wish you peace and comfort as you navigate this loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jessica Forys-Cameron** - January 24, 2024 at 08:54 PM

JH

“ *just want to share my condolences to angela. she always talked so lovingly about Bob over the years that i've known her. i know they will miss each other greatly and i hope angela will be able to find solace as she remembers the special love they had for each other.*

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**jared hennings** - January 24, 2024 at 04:31 PM

DS

“ Bob and I first crossed paths during our art classes at SMSU in the mid-1980s. At that time, I was pursuing a BFA in drawing and graphic design, and Bob's exceptional talent in pottery left a lasting impression on me. Beyond his artistic skills, his soft-spoken demeanor and sharp wit quickly created an enduring friendship between us.

During those days, we spent a lot of time together, sharing laughter and creating memories. However, as life unfolded, we lost touch after college.

It wasn't until about 10 years ago that we reconnected through social media—a surprising turn of events considering his feelings toward social media 🥹.

I always looked forward to our monthly phone calls where we discussed a variety of topics. His intelligence, thoughtfulness, and wisdom beyond his years always impressed me.

In 2022, Bob and Angela visited Springfield, providing us with the opportunity to meet Angela and spend a memorable evening together. During that time, we reminisced and laughed for hours.

I had been looking forward to our monthly check-in over the last week, hoping to chat with Bob, but unfortunately, I missed that opportunity. The news of his passing saddens me, but I am grateful for our friendship and the memories that will stay with me forever.

Bob was one of a kind and he will be greatly missed. — Dan and Linda Stewart

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Daniel Stewart - January 24, 2024 at 12:13 PM

RG

“ I had the honor of getting to know Bob while I was attending Blackburn, 20 years later the lessons I learned from him continue to make an impact on my life.



Rodney G. - January 24, 2024 at 02:34 AM

RG

“ Rodney G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Huber.

Rodney G. - January 24, 2024 at 02:24 AM

PB

“ I met Bob in art class at SMSU in Springfield, MO in the 1980's. We'd often ride together between St. Louis and Springfield and enjoyed long conversations about art, design, music and how we would've been friends had we met as young boys. His amazing talent, incredible work ethic and kindness continue to inspire me. Rest in peace, dear friend. Peace and love to Bob's family.

Paul Boston - January 23, 2024 at 08:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Huber.



January 23, 2024 at 08:15 PM

JW

“ My husband Jon and I will always love Bob! He brought so much talent, humor, and laughter to our pottery studio! He worked with us for several years, beginning in the late 1990's. We will never forget his hilarious stories, or his incredible skills as an artist. We called him Michelangelo, because, yes, he was that good! The indelible memories that he left with all who knew him are a lasting legacy, as are the exquisite masterpieces that he created during his time on this earth. We will forever be blessed by the many wonderful moments we shared over these long years!  
~Jan & Jon Wright

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Jan Wright - January 23, 2024 at 07:22 PM



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January 23, 2024 at 06:37 PM

KH

“ Ken and Natalie Hoernschemeyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Huber.

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Ken and Natalie Hoernschemeyer - January 23, 2024 at 06:37 PM