



Robert Howard Welly

January 11, 1951 - January 11, 2021

Robert (Bob) Howard Welly (age 70) of Toledo, OH passed away on his birthday, January 11. Bob was a member of the inaugural class of St. John's Jesuit High School (1969), and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1973) and The University of Toledo School of Law (J.D., 1977). Since 2014, Bob served as Vice President, Real Estate with the Historic South Initiative.

Bob was a huge supporter of the arts in Toledo and the surrounding communities. He served as an officer and on the boards of the Toledo Repertoire Theater, the Black Swamp Players, and the Ohio Community Theater Association (OCTA). A life-long actor, Bob's recent roles included Return Ward in Haunted Toledo's 2020 PBS/Amazon Prime documentary "Legends of the Heartland: The Life and Crimes of Return Ward, vol 1"; Santa in The Crosswell Opera House's "Elf" (2019); Dr. Chasable in The Village Players' "The importance of Being Earnest" (2019); Norman Thayer in The Black Swamp Players' "On Golden Pond" (2018); Tony Wendice in Tree City Playhouse's "Dial M for Murder" (2018); Henry Ford in The Village Players' "Camping with Henry and Tom" (2018); and Erronius in The Toledo Rep's "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum" (2017). In 2018, Bob was awarded an OCTA Regional Festival "Excellence in Acting" award for his role in "On Golden Pond." When he wasn't performing on stage, Bob could usually be found in attendance.

Outside the theater, Bob had embraced community development in South Toledo. In addition to his role with HSI, he served as President of the Board of Trustees for Mosaic Ministries and was particularly proud of Mosaic's Baby University, Pre-school, and food service programs.

Always a proud Irishman, Bob was a member of Notre Dame's Irish Guard during his junior and senior years of college. He continued to root for his beloved Fighting Irish and did his best to instill a love of Notre Dame football in his children and grandchildren.

Bob was predeceased by his parents Margaret (nee Howard) and Robert Welly. He is survived by his sons Nicholas (Emily), Burton (Kinley), and Timothy, and his six grandchildren Piper (10), Reagan (8), Catherine (7), Elizabeth (5), Caroline (4), and Conrad (3), and his ex-wife Lyn Naumann (Charles).

A Memorial Mass will be held on April 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Catholic Church. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Historic South Initiative <<http://www.historicsouth.org/>
<<https://historicsouthnetworkforgoodcom/projects/96153-donate-today>>, Mosaic Ministries <<https://www.mosaicministries.us/>> , or the Ohio Community Theater Association <<https://www.octa1953.org/>>.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Of Heatherdowns
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *It is with sadness that we hear of Bob's passing. Time passes by so quickly...it seems not that long ago that we shared family times and activites together. Our condolences to Lyn and the boys.*
Carol & Jim Abele

Carol & Jim Abele - January 21, 2021 at 06:58 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Bob's family. I met Bob during his work with Historic South Initiative and saw him in a production at the Village Players, prior to Covid19. May Bob Rest In the Peace of our dear Lord.*

Marie Irons - January 18, 2021 at 09:46 PM

MH

“ *My siblings and I are bereft. Our broken hearts go out to you all. As the youngest of six, I had the least interaction with Bob growing up, but he and I shared a connection via Facebook, where I always looked forward to his irreverent take on politics. I already miss that. The other thing I was always impressed by was his deep and abiding love for family. My deepest, heartfelt sympathies. Much love, Marcia Howard*

Marcia Howard - January 18, 2021 at 12:12 PM

CW

“ *Nick Burt Tim Lyn Charles sending 💕 love keep your fond memories Bob had many talents. I recently enjoyed his acting on ch 30 haunted Sylvania May you find the Peace To live lives to make him proud most Sincerely Cathey Hellrung West*

Catherine west - January 18, 2021 at 11:54 AM

AW

“ Bob will be terribly missed by many many people. RIP

Amy Wexler - January 18, 2021 at 06:26 AM

AD

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Our sympathies to Nick, Burt and Tim. We have many memories of fun times at St Pat's with your dad. God bless always.
Jim and Anne Domanowski



Anne Domanowski - January 17, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ Sending love and prayers for strength for all who loved Bob. I will miss him and I regret not being able to do more shows with him. He brought great joy to my students as Santa Claus in our Elflandia play last year. You can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/xBbulUawCCg>

Debra Nichols - January 17, 2021 at 09:24 AM

MP

“ Please accept our prayers and sympathies for the loss of your dad, Bob. He was much too young. May God rest his soul and comfort all who loved him.
Joe and Mary Pierce

mary Pierce - January 17, 2021 at 09:11 AM

E.

“ You will always be Mr. Fezziwig to me. Your presence, spirit, and a laugh that filled the room will be greatly missed.
With love and sympathy - Sarah Sobel-Poage



E.F. - January 17, 2021 at 02:59 AM

CM

“ We are so deeply saddened by Bob's untimely passing. We got to know Bob several years ago and thoroughly enjoyed seeing his dramatic performances in the Toledo area. We also knew Bob through his generous work with Mosaic Ministries and have made a donation in his memory. Please know he will be missed in this community.

Christine Manzey - January 16, 2021 at 08:49 PM