
James Robert Dorroh



James Robert Dorroh, known to family and friends as Bob, died at 6:12 p.m. on June 26, 2015 at home in Baton Rouge, surrounded by his family. Bob was born on April 20, 1937, in Marion, AL to Joe Lee Dorroh and Jaime Benson Dorroh, who preceded him in death. His brothers Edgar Joe and Raymond and nephew Jack Dorroh also preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Diana Jones Dorroh, daughter Rebecca Dorroh Hale (and husband Delbert), grandson Roberto Joseph Figueroa, great granddaughter Belen Munoz Morales, nephew Joe Beaver Dorroh, niece Beverly Dorroh and Diana's family members, including sons Joel Lindsey Jr., his wife Ellie and daughter Anjali, Jeffrey Lindsey, Huntley Lindsey, Huntley's sons Zachary Lindsey and Nicholas Lindsey and their mother Melissa Fisher. Bob graduated from high school in Kingsville, TX in 1955 and received his PhD in mathematics from the [University of Texas](#) in 1962. He joined the Department of Mathematics at [Louisiana State University](#) in 1962. At LSU he directed nine doctoral dissertations and seven masters theses. He authored 44 research publications in various areas of mathematics, publishing with 20 collaborators. He served as chair of the LSU Mathematics Department from 1984 to 1986 and was the first Hubert Butts Memorial Alumni Professor of Mathematics. He retired as Emeritus Professor of Mathematics in 2002. In the 1970's Bob discovered running and ran several marathons. His best time was 3 hours and 6 minutes. In 1997, he received the Bienville House Center for Peace and Justice Wade Mackie Peacemaking Award. After hurricane Katrina, he served as a volunteer caseworker at Renaissance Village in Baker, LA. and received the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge Volunteer of the Year Award. Bob was a member of the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge for 36 years, and served in numerous leadership positions, including serving twice as President of the Congregation and in the areas of worship, finance, stewardship, adult education, membership, welcoming, and social justice. A memorial service to celebrate Bob's life will be held at the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge on Saturday, July 18, at 2 p.m., officiated by the Reverend Dr. Steve Crump, Senior Minister. Donations may be made to the Bob Dorroh Memorial Fund, Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, 8470 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge 70806.

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