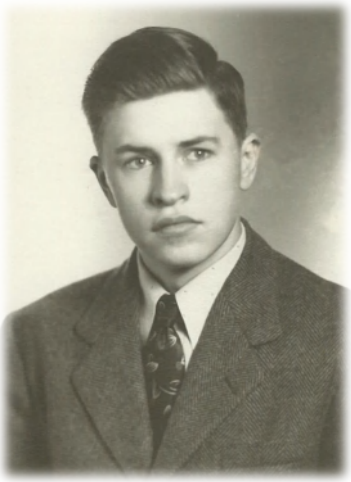


Robert "Bob" William Lange

October 29, 1925 – June 23, 2015

Robert "Bob" William Lange passed away on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, in Vancouver, BC, Canada, from complications after a fall. He was 89.



Born on a farm in Wecota, SD, on October 29, 1925, Bob attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf. Upon graduation, he attended Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. He played basketball for four years and football for one year. He was a member of the Kappa Gamma fraternity. While at Gallaudet, he fell in love with Geneva "Gee" Chambers and married her the year after he graduated.



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Standing L to R: Raymond Ellis, Leslie Bierly, Nick LeFors, Coach A.J. Krohn, Stanley Johnson, Arvin Massey and Alvin Harold.
Sitting L to R: Everett Ruedebusch, John Buckmaster, Co-Captain Robert Lange, Co-Captain John Schumacher, James Sweeney and Blaine Slovey.

He worked at the Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville for 19 years as a dean of boys, math/science teacher and a woodworking instructor. He then moved to St. Augustine, where he worked as a photography teacher for 21 years until his retirement from the Florida School for the Deaf.

Bob was a member of the South Dakota Association of the Deaf for many years.

Bob was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Gee; his parents, Ulrich and Hattie Lange; brother Keith Lange; and sisters Irene Brick and Lois Lange.

He is survived by his four children, Wendy (Karen), Camy (Muriel), Andy (Kelly) and Billy (Amy); four grandchildren, Eric (Eric's mother Sue), Brooke, Kyle and Katie; and a brother, Alan (Jan), as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A longtime resident of Anastasia Island, Bob loved St. Augustine. He loved to travel all over the world with his wife Gee and to visit family and friends. Bob and Gee loved to attend their children's and grandchildren's sporting events and other activities. Bob enjoyed science, space, working with wood in his garage, and debating on various topics with anyone brave enough to challenge him.

A Celebration of Life for Bob was held at Kirk Auditorium, followed by a social at Dragon's Lair at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind in St. Augustine, on July 11, 2015. Bob's favorite shirt design was plaid, so people were asked to wear a plaid shirt in his honor.

As much as Bob loved his family and friends, we love and miss him.

Bob: Husband. Dad. Grandpa. Uncle. Friend.