



Mr. Robert George Werth

April 28, 1929 - February 22, 2010

Founder of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College's Culinary Program, Chef Robert G. Werth, C.E.C., C.C.F., A.C.C., H.D.G.T, died on Monday, February 22, 2010, at Grace Health Care in Asheville. He was 80 years old.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Jeanne; two sons, Christopher and Steven and his wife, Jackie; brother, John; and sister, Marlise.

Chef Werth was hired by Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (A.B. Tech) in 1968 to design and teach the Culinary Curriculum, the first such program in North Carolina. During his tenure of 28 years, he obtained numerous professional honors including being named as a Fellow to the American Academy of Chefs. Chef Werth's extraordinary efforts helped bring National attention to the Culinary Program which at one time, was one of the best such programs, for a two year college, in the nation.

Prior to moving to Asheville, Chef Werth had an extensive career working as a chef in such fine hotels as the Plaza, the Waldorf Astoria and the Greenbrier of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to The St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Eugene's Catholic Church, Asheville, or the Salvation

Army.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is assisting the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Eugene's Catholic Church Columbarium

72 Culvern Street
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Service

FEB 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Eugene Catholic Church
72 Culvern St.
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.steugene.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert George Werth*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am very sad to hear of Chef Werth passing. Chef Werth was very supportive of so many people in the culinary industry long after he retired from teaching. I had the privilege (and challenge to fill his shoes) to follow in his footsteps teaching at AB Tech. Chef Werth was so supportive me personally as I learned his trade of teaching and he continued to be a rock of culinary inspiration to the entire Asheville region. Above all his wonderful professional attributes was one of the sweetest caring men I have known. He always was genuinely interested in how you were doing personally, not just professionally. Chef Werth will be missed in so many ways.*

Brian McDonald - March 04, 2010 at 09:14 AM



“ *Chef Werth was a true giant of a man and chef. His guidance put me on the right path for life that I follow today. Thank you Chef, Thank you!*

Jim Ferguson - March 01, 2010 at 03:21 AM



“ *Candle lit by*



Mike Browne - February 27, 2010 at 10:01 AM

FD

“ *Candle lit by*



Freddie Dance - February 26, 2010 at 01:08 PM

FD

“ *God places special people in everyones life. God does this to teach us, and to prepare us for the curve balls that life will throw us. Robert and I stayed close friends even after A-B Tech. He was my Teacher, my Mentor, my Colleague, my "FRIEND". not just any friend, but for life.*

To the family my thoughts and prayers go out to you. Bob is in good hands now.

It hurts me deeply that my friend is gone but his spirit lives on in the hearts of everyone he has worked with and became friends with.

Freddie Dance

A-B Tech Class 1976

Freddie Dance - February 26, 2010 at 01:05 PM

WT

“ *Candle lit by*



Winona Thompson - February 25, 2010 at 07:39 PM

EW

“ *To the Family of Chef Werth,
I wish to extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Robert Werth. I am a former student of AB Tech (79-81). Since graduation I have had many opportunities to travel the country and meet with many of Chef Werth's friends and colleagues. I shall forever be grateful to Chef Werth for inspiring me through the certifications of the ACF and being honored as a fellow American Academy Inductee. Once again, I just wish to express my deepest sympathies and your family will be in my prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Eddie Walker CEC;AAC*

Eddie Walker - February 24, 2010 at 06:49 PM

JC

“ *We are deeply saddened about the passing of Chef Werth, and we extend our sympathies to the family. Through the A-B Tech Community College's Foundation, colleagues of Chef Werth have established an endowment to honor his memory.*

Jimmie Cochran-Pratt - February 24, 2010 at 06:46 PM

PP

“ Dear Family of Robert Werth,
It is with sadness and regret that I read of the death of Chef Werth. To me he will always be "Chef" and he was a blessing in many ways. He was first and foremost my teacher, even after I became a colleague. I learned much from him both in and out of the kitchen. He was one of those characters who enriched the lives of those around him. He was a striver and an achiever of much. I am very thankful for the opportunity to have known him.
I know of no words with which to temper and heal the loss which you, his family, must be feeling now. It is my earnest prayer that you are comforted by God and I do hope that you find joy and laughter in the memories of the good man who was Bob Werth.
Yours,
Paul Parce

Paul Parce - February 24, 2010 at 02:55 PM

KS

“ Candle lit by



Karen Spradley - February 24, 2010 at 12:15 PM

KG

“ I developed my passion for cooking through the hospitality program at A-B Tech back in 1985. Although I was in the management track and not strictly the culinary track, my first year at the school was immersed in the classic techniques of French cuisine and Chef Worth was always there to encourage us. I owe my never ending love of cooking to Chef Worth's influence. Rest in peace, chef.

Kelly Giezentanner - February 24, 2010 at 10:45 AM

RK

“*Jeanie--My prayers and thoughts are with you and the family--I have moved to Wilmington NC--but have not forgotten my friends in Asheville--Bob was a great guy--May he rest and peace--and God watch over your family*
rosetta”

Rosetta Debevec Kopper - February 24, 2010 at 10:01 AM



“*I was a student of his back in 1990. I think of him everytime I "smash the garlic" . He was a great teacher of the art. His memory will live on in all of his students. Thanks Chef for all that you taught me.*”

Dwayne Davis

Dwayne Davis - February 23, 2010 at 10:38 PM

KH

“*Candle lit by*”



Kathy Henson - February 23, 2010 at 07:04 PM

KH

“*I remember Chef Werth with fond memories. He made the first year of culinary school both a challenge and fun. I was helping him as a student aid, his last year at AB Tech and when he left he signed one of is favorite cooking books for me. He will be greatly missed. Kathy Henson*”

Kathy Henson - February 23, 2010 at 07:04 PM