



Robert Mullin

June 19, 1930 - March 20, 2025

Robert (Bob) Mullin, a longtime resident of Arden Hills, passed away March 20, 2025 at the age of 94. Preceded in death by his wife, Betty, and survived by sons Mark (Ann), Mike (Susan) and Chris, 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He was a U.S. Marine, square dancer, gardener, fisherman, lifelong Boy Scout, and Professor of Horticulture at The University of Minnesota. He founded the Mullin Woods on the St. Paul campus and led volunteer efforts at Floral Park in Arden Hills. Visitation at 10am, memorial 11am April 11, 2025, at Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Ave NE, St. Anthony Minnesota. The family kindly requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Northern Star Scouting.

Tribute Wall

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“ *He was there for me when no one else could be. His love, generosity, compassion, humor, gentleness, creativity, and kindness were beyond measure. I owe so much to him that it could never be repaid, only paid forward. He lived the Scout motto his entire life and the world is a sadder place without him. I would not be here today without him, and I will always try to live to his example.* ”

Ted Hong - April 11, 2025 at 08:40 AM

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“ *The Department of Horticultural Science purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Robert Mullin.* ”



The Department of Horticultural Science - April 08, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ *Bob and Betty were my next door neighbors for over 20 years. They were both amazing people. I remember Bob always brought us vegetables from the garden - he was a wonderful neighbor. Bob made so many contributions in his life and he will be missed. Kristin Leonard* ”

Kristin Leonard - March 31, 2025 at 06:05 PM

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“ I was sad to see Bob’s obit in the paper today. I knew him thru Betty who was one of my U of M nursing school teachers and then we worked together on Masonic 2. She taught Helping Relationships- the basis of being a good nurse. She demonstrated it well - in her care of patients and as a good co worker. We came to Betty and Bobs house for a party. I remember stories of their love of square dancing and Bobs dedication to scouting and appreciating nature and the outdoors. My thoughts and sympathy are with you all. I hope u have many great memories of them that will bring peace and smiles. Sincerely Heather Rykhus

Heather Rykhus - March 30, 2025 at 03:09 PM

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Mr. Mullin was a leader of my son's boy scout troop. He was an inspiration to many of the boys and leaders in the troop. His patience and generosity will not soon be forgotten. He was so helpful in my son becoming an Eagle scout.

Richard Kurtz - March 31, 2025 at 12:50 AM

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I will never forget the day that I met Bob. I was riding bike with my wife through Floral Park when I spotted someone working in the flower beds. I noticed plants that would work at our cabin so I asked the gentlemen if I could have some seeds. He replied: "absolutely, come back and you can have as many seeds as you wish."

I came back and worked most Tuesday afternoons with Bob in Floral Park Spring, Summer and Fall for the next three years. Bob was an excellent teacher and mentor with his vast knowledge of horticulture and wonderful life experiences. I was always amazed of his physical abilities during his senior years. He expected copious amounts of work out me, but he always kept pace when digging to enlarge the garden beds or pulling out "one more patch" of buckthorn. His ability to load his bike up with shovels and tools (add a gallon of milk from the store to his Boy Scout backpack) and ride five miles home was astounding. I really enjoyed our time conversing while taking a break on our park bench eating a sandwich and the ever-present apples. Bob really knew his apples and we liked sharing them together. Bob enjoyed conveying his stories as much as I liked to listen.

My wife and I were even fortunate enough to have Bob invite us into his beautiful home for dinners and conversation.

George Kruse (a long-time volunteer) and I have continued working on Tuesdays (even weekends during the Winter) in Floral Park often talking about Bob and his legacy. What would Bob do? I like to think we are getting it right.

It has all come full circle now that I have seeds from plants growing at our cabin that can replace Floral Park plants that are gone due to overcrowding.

One happenstance encounter led to a truly life enriching friendship.

Dan Dietz

Dan Dietz - April 07, 2025 at 07:37 AM