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"WE'LL REMEMBER ALWAYS - GRADUATION DAY By Neil and Sara Lou Lantz

On a beautiful Spring day in Indianapolis, Ross and Bob became Dr. Ross Barbour and Dr. Bob Flanigan at the Commencement ceremony of Butler University on May 10, 2008. It was, indeed, a grand event as Butler President Bobby Fong and the Butler University Board of Trustees presented Ross and Bob with honorary Doctor of Arts degrees in the presence of 9,000 friends and families of the nearly 900 graduates.

President Fong acknowledged Bob, Ross, the late Don Barbour and Hal Kratzsch, and the Freshmen beginnings at the beginnings at the Jordan Conservatory of Butler University where the guys were music majors in 1948. He went on to express Butler's appreciation for the group's acknowledgement of their roots in their performance travels throughout the world. Along with Bob and Ross, the only other recipient of an honorary degree at Butler in 2008 was Dr. Susan Solomon, a world leader in the field of atmospheric science and co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with former Vice President Al Gore. Obviously, Ross and Bob were in distinguished company on this wonderful occasion!

The weekend began with a private dinner Friday evening at the beautiful home of President and Mrs. Fong. In attendance were Bob and Mary Flanigan, Ross and Sue Barbour, FFS President Dick Baldwin and wife Carolyn, David Bentley, Bob Davis, Joyce Sommers, Greg and Nancy Lewis, and Neil and Sara Lou Lantz. It was followed Saturday morning by a pre-commencement breakfast at the Fong's with Butler trustees, faculty, and the FFS representatives.

Following the dramatic Commencement ceremony, Sara Lou, Neil, and Bob Davis hosted President and Mrs. Fong, Executive Assistant to the President Ellen Clark and husband Dennis, Dean Judith Morrel, and other Butler representatives, and Dr. Soloman at a luncheon reception in honor of Bob and Ross. Additional Society members who joined us for Commencement and the reception were Tom Purvis, Mel and Barbara Meyers, Jim and Candy Bell, and Hal and Henrietta Fryar. Relatives of both Ross and Bob from Columbus and Greencastle, Indiana, respectively also made it to Indianapolis for this wonderful weekend.



Dr. Ross, Dr. Bobby Fong, Dr. Bob

So, Dr. Barbour and Dr. Flanigan, congratulations on your "graduation"! Butler University is proud to have been a part of your beginnings, and we in the Society are equally proud of the wonderful entertainment and friendship you have brought to us over the past six decades!

**"No matter where our paths may wind,
we'll remember always, always _ graduation day."**