

## Curtis Boddie

September 13, 1945 – December 12, 2008



Loving Husband, Father, Brother and Friend, Curtis Boddie past away on Friday December 12, 2008 shortly after being diagnosed with advanced cancer in his nervous system. Born in Columbus, GA / Phenix City, AL metropolitan area, he graduated from Spring Hill College in 1967 as a math major and earned his master's degree in Education from Hofstra University. He met his beloved wife, RoseLynn in Chicago, IL, where they married in 1968. While he began his teaching career as a reading/English teacher in Chicago, Boddie soon found his real home as a math teacher, where he spent more than 30 years in the Manhasset, NY public schools.

A mathematics enthusiast and educator, Boddie served as a member or officer of the following math organizations: Nassau County Interscholastic Mathematics League; Mathematics Olympiads for Elementary/Middle Schools (Board Member); the Goudreau Museum of Mathematics in New Hyde Park, NY; Chairperson, Long Island Mathematics Educators Hall of Fame Committee and President (emeritus) the New York State Mathematics League, where the board has recently re-named the student award for *Top Mathlete* in his honor.

He was honored in 1993 as the High School Math Teacher of the Year by Nassau County Mathematics Teachers Association, in 2001 received the Educational Leadership Award from the Goudreau Museum of Mathematics, in 2002 received the National Teacher presented by RadioShack Corporation, and in 2003 was a finalist for the New York State Presidential Award for Excellence in Math Teaching.

Mr. Boddie was also involved as a presenter for the Nassau County Math Teachers Associations, as a reader for Advanced Placement Calculus, as an instructor for the Gifted and Creative Problem-Solving Institute at SUNY Old Westbury, as a Committee Member in the NYS Teacher Certification Committee, and as an enrichment instructor at the Goudreau Museum of Mathematics. Over the years, he also presented and was a keynote speaker at several math related conferences and conventions.

With an incredible love of words and literature, one of Curt's favorite past times was reading the classics (including Shakespeare), contemporary literature, religious texts, philosophy etc. He was a participant and discussion leader for Great Books as a member in several locations, Port Washington, NY; Mount Pocono, PA; East Stroudsburg, PA and a discussion leader for Colby College Great Books Summer Institute in Maine for over 25 years. He was also a political activist, most recently campaigning for Barack Obama in Pennsylvania. He was also an avid theater-goer, as a performer and singer himself, he supported his students and colleagues by attending his school's plays and was a proud audience member at his youngest daughter's school and professional performances, after instilling a love of theater in his family. Boddie was a the cantor and lectern at Lady of Fatima Church in Port Washington, NY and at St. Mary's in Mount Pocono, PA.

An incredibly warm, witty, humorous, dare devil of a man, he will be deeply missed by his loving wife, RoseLynn, his daughters, Jennifer and Courtney, his brothers, Tyrone, Jerome, Michael and Ronnie, sister, LaBatha, cousin, Christina Abron, closest friend, Rich Kalman and numerous extended family and friends.

At the request of his family, in lieu of flowers, please make donations in his honor to the American Cancer Society. Monroe Business 209, RR 13 Box 2138 Stroudsburg, PA 18360 Phone: (888) 227-5445 Fax: (570) 421-8891

***I hold the world but as the world, a stage where every man must play a part. And mine is a happy one.***