



Following graduation from Liberty, Bob attended Kutztown University (formally known as Kutztown State College). An outstanding member of Liberty's football team, he continued to play football for Kutztown. Nicknamed "Bethlehem Bobby", he played every game of his collegiate career and was voted the most valuable player "MVP" following his sophomore, junior, and senior years. From 1962 to 1964, Bob led the team in rushing and was selected as the starting fullback in the Gem Bowl, a small college all-star game for players from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York. In 2009 Bob was elected to the Kutztown University Hall of Fame.

Football was not Bob's only forte; he was also a member of the "Statesmen", the Kutztown University Dance Band, the Resident Men's Association and the Freshman Customs Committee.

Of course, football and other extra-curricular activities did not pay the total cost of college, so to supplement his expenses he worked as a dishwasher and janitor.

In 1965, Bob married Beverly Cacciacarne, a Kutztown University art major and they started their married life in Carlisle, PA. Bob's first teaching and coaching experience was at Boiling Springs High School, located near Carlisle. He was an elementary special education teacher and the lead backfield coach for the school's football team. The Boiling Springs mascot, known as "Bubbler", was named after the local water spring, Bubble. Bob's father, Ben, who never missed a game, jokingly asked Bob how it felt going from being a "Hurricane" to being a "Bubbler".

Bob and Beverly moved back to Kutztown so Beverly could complete her college courses and earn her degree as an art teacher. Bob, in the meantime, contacted the Bethlehem School District's Special Education Director and accepted a job teaching 9th grade Special Education at the Fountain Hill Middle School. He was also named an assistant football coach, assisting a friend and former Liberty teammate, Dick Bedics. Their team went undefeated and their outstanding player, Tommy Donchez, went on to play at Penn State. Bob also needed to supplement his income. Frank Banko, owner of Banko Beverages and a former neighbor of the Muschlitz family, said to Bob, "anytime you need a job just give me a call." He kept his word and in the summers when Beverly was in classes at Kutztown University, Bob was driving a Schaefer Beer truck. That was an awe-inspiring experience!

When Beverly graduated from Kutztown University, Bob was being pursued to be a backfield coach at Solanco High School in Quarryville, PA. He was also told that Solanco had a job opening for an art teacher, so he and Beverly drove to Quarryville. The Supervising Principal interviewed Beverly first. When the interview was over, he said Beverly would not sign a contract unless Bob was offered one also. Bob received his contract and the rest is history.

During his 31 years in the Solanco School District, Bob was a Special Education teacher and coached football, JV basketball, track (which he knew nothing about), and golf. In the “old” days only a teacher could be a coach. Today, anyone who passes the clearance tests can be hired as a coach.

After three years of Bob's teaching Special Education, the government declared that students with an 85 IQ could no longer be considered mentally retarded; they were labeled as “slow learners”, “underachievers”, and later, “at risk”. The principal at Bob's school asked him if he would continue teaching these students. He consented and taught English, Reading and Social Studies.

Bob coached football at Solanco High School for three years as an assistant coach and three years as a head coach. Bob and Beverly also had their two wonderful children, Rob and Leslie during this time. Shortly after retiring as head football coach at Solanco, Bob was invited to become a linebacker coach at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster. Working under head coach, Bob Curtis, was a very rewarding experience. Franklin & Marshall won a fourth and fifth consecutive Middle Atlantic Conference Southern Division Championship. In his second year at Franklin & Marshall, Bob coached the offensive backs.

After the two successful years at Franklin & Marshall, Bob left the coaching field to begin working toward a Master's Degree at Temple University. Bob was encouraged to do this by his friend and assistant principal, Tom Regan. In a curriculum development course, Bob designed what was called an “open classroom”. Students were taught decision making skills and were then encouraged to make responsible decisions about their own learning.

Bob shared a number of his strategies in a book entitled, “Personalizing Education”, authored in 1975 by Dr. Leland Howe, of Temple University, and his wife Martha Howe. Bob developed a contract where the students set goals for themselves and then worked to achieve those goals. The rewards for reaching these academic goals were many. While continuing to teach and with the full support of the Solanco administration, Bob developed for his “at risk” students an inter-generational program called “Generations Together”. Students were given weekly contract goals and those who achieved their goals were invited to participate in the inter-generational activities at local hospitals, nursing homes, and the senior center. This program earned Bob invitations to teach classes as an adjunct instructor at Marywood College. He also presented many inservice programs and made two presentations at the national A.S.C.D.

(Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) Conference. "Generations Together" was highly regarded and was awarded the first "Pennsylvania Service Learning Award" for rural districts. Bob, also a member of the Pennsylvania state "At Risk" committee, participated in writing a guide to be used for "At Risk" programs. He also made many presentations at "At Risk" conferences nationwide.

Beverly, while continuing to teach in Lancaster elementary schools, started teaching educational workshops for kindergarten through 8th grade teachers. She developed a close relationship with Dorothy Michener, an assistant superintendent for the North Belmore, New York school district and an author of education books. Together they wrote eight books for teachers, the most popular being "Teacher's Goldmine", a collection of ideas for creative teaching.

Toward the end of Bob's career as an educator, Beverly, his wife of 32 years, died on October 22, 1997 of lung cancer (she was a non smoker). She died in Hospice of Lancaster County after 18 months of putting up a very courageous fight, which included several surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation, and numerous other treatments. After Beverly's passing, Bob retired at the end of the school year (1998) but continued driving a Solanco School District school bus for sports teams and field trips. He also volunteered at the Hospice of Lancaster County. In the year 2000, Bob met a hospice nurse named Elaine and after a short courtship they married. Elaine brought her three children and three grandchildren into the Muschlitz family.

Bob and Elaine now live in Millersville, PA., and are fortunate to have most of their family nearby. Bob's son, Rob, graduated from Lancaster Catholic High School and California University of Pennsylvania. He is employed as a scheduler for Mount Joy Wire Co. and is a volunteer fire company chief for the past 10 years. Leslie has become a "stay at home" and a "stay involved with your growing children mom". She and her husband, Dennis Francis live in Lititz, PA., and have two daughters. Leslie and Dennis took Bob and Elaine to Italy for a 10 day vacation.

Elaine's oldest son, Derek served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years and then earned a business degree from Albright College. He is employed by the Kellogg's Company. Derek and his family live in Adamstown, PA which is only 30 minutes away from Bob and Elaine. Dustin, Elaine's middle son, lives in Lancaster and works as a chef at the Lancaster Country Club. Lindy, Elaine's youngest, lives in St. Petersburg, FL. She is a graduate of West Chester University and is currently working as a business consultant for TriNet and HR Management Company.



Bob and Elaine travel to their timeshares in Orlando and Myrtle Beach every March and August. They also enjoy visiting Maine and New England during August. They have visited Italy, Maui, Seattle, the Bahamas, Napa Valley, San Francisco, Saint Martin, and enjoy taking yearly trips to the wineries in New York State. Bob also attends the yearly Indy500 which he has done for the last twenty two years, a tradition started by his dad, Ben. The Memorial Day race was always broadcast on the radio and the whole family gathered to listen to it. Ben designated Bob to keep track of all the cars and drivers involved in the race; who crashed, who broke down, who was leading at the end of every ten laps. Ben was employed by Bethlehem Steel and when business was slow, worked for the Banko Beverage Company. One of his customers was Eddie Sachs, the famous race car driver, who lived in Center Valley. Sachs was killed in an Indy500 accident in 1964 and although Ben was not related to Sachs, it was almost like a family member died.



Obtaining tickets to attend an Indy500 race was quite challenging. Bob, through a friend of a friend who lived in Indianapolis, was able to acquire three tickets. He invited his Dad, along with a coaching friend, to attend the race with him. Bob decided to give “Pop”, a long-time Indy500 enthusiast, the ticket as a Christmas present. This was, of course, an emotional time for Ben. Attending the race together was an awesome experience for father and son, an experience that neither one will ever forget.

Bob, who is living the autumn years of his life, loves to play golf with his friends, many who are former coaches, visit breathtaking Maryland areas such as Chesapeake City and Port Deposit, marvel at the boats, eat copious amounts of seafood, and spend time with his family, especially Elaine.