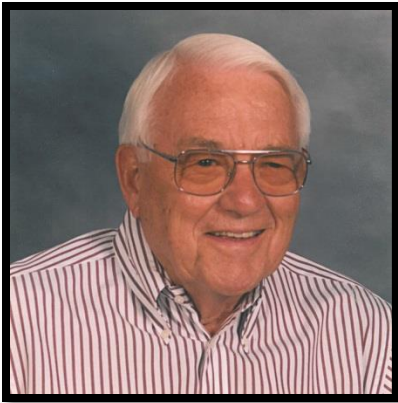


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DUNCAN ENTERPRISES ANNOUNCES PASSING OF ROBERT E. DUNCAN

Bob leaves behind a legacy of leadership, passion and kindness known throughout the world

June 18, 1921 – November 11, 2015



Fresno, Calif. November 12, 2015 Duncan Enterprises regrets to announce the passing of Robert Emory Duncan, the company's first President & Chief Executive Officer of a company that grew from a garage-based family hobby to become a worldwide leader in Ceramic Arts and Craft & Hobby products. Duncan passed away on November 11, 2015 at the age of 94.

Bob Duncan, as he's known throughout Fresno and the industries he supported for more than 30 years, was pivotal to the development of Duncan Ceramics, a dream of Erma Duncan, his mother. Bob, along with his father, Lee, and brother, Dick, shared Erma's passion to provide an easy means for people to experience the magic of Ceramic Arts via quality products and exceptional education. Duncan Ceramics was founded in 1946 with Bob as

President and Chief Executive Officer, a position he retained until 1983 when his son, Larry Duncan, took the helm with Bob continuing as Chairman of the Board.

"Dad was an amazing father and grandfather and contributed very positively to the lives of many," said Larry Duncan, Chairman of Duncan Enterprises. "He set an incredible example of how a business owner should live their life and run an ethical company by taking care of our family and team, providing great quality products and contributing to our community! Our entire family will miss him very much!"

In addition to building a successful business, Bob was a vibrant supporter of the Fresno community, specifically Fresno State and Boys & Girls Club. He was a devout Fresno State Bulldog supporter, known to many as, "Mr. Bulldog", and was instrumental to growing the athletics department, specifically Bulldog Stadium and Save Mart Center. He was also incredibly passionate about supporting the youth of Fresno to become strong pillars of the community and took special interest in the Boys & Girls Club of Fresno County, serving as a board member and actively engaging as an Honorary Life Director.

"Everything that my dad did was with absolute passion to make our community a better place to live" said Larry Duncan. "He loved Fresno and believed wholeheartedly that we live in an incredible city with so much opportunity and potential. He loved people and he always sought to share joy."

A biography about Bob Duncan can be found [here](#) that includes more detail on the evolution of Duncan Enterprises and Bob's passion projects. No biography will ever be able to fully encapsulate the entirety of Bob's work and the legacy he leaves behind – it's just too grand. His impact will be felt for many decades to come.

A memorial service will take place on Monday, November 16 at 10am at the Northwest Church sanctuary at 5415 N. West Ave. The family prefers that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Boys & Girls Club of Fresno or Fresno State Bulldog Foundation in honor of Bob.

Bob is survived by his wife, Linda; son, Larry Duncan, his wife, Sharon, and children, Hawk and Summer; daughter, Debra Kratzer, her husband Jim Kratzer, children, Kira and Maya, and step daughters, Devon Bleile-

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Kratzer and family and Anne Levenson and family; and extended family of in-laws, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Bob is preceded in death by his brother, Dick Duncan, his son, Gary Duncan, and stepson, Robert Joseph.

About Duncan Enterprises

Duncan Enterprises is a privately-held, family-owned, Fresno, California based company that has led the Ceramic Arts industry since 1946 with the Duncan brand, has been a major leader in the Crafts & DIY industries since 1988 with the Scribbles, Tulip, Aleene's and Puffy brands doing business as iLoveToCreate and has recently entered the DIY Farm & Garden market in 2014 with the launch of the SummerHawk Ranch brand. As a manufacturing, marketing, sourcing and distribution organization, Duncan Enterprises maintains a solid reputation for excellence in product development, quality, education and health & safety.

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