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A SPECIAL TRIBUTE ZINE IN MEMORY OF

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cover photo from the Internet. I don't know who took this wonderful picture, but it is so perfect that it warrants no description.

I am sitting here on the evening of October 8, 2006, trying to write something about our old friend. It has taken me nearly seven hours to digest and comprehend the news from the e-mail notification from trufen.net: we've lost Bob Tucker.

It is impossible to condense into a few paragraphs how I feel about Bob, and what he has meant to the universe of science fiction. On Trufen, Mike Glicksohn and Ken Keller have only just begun to plumb the depth of our loss. And to think that I had just finished proofing the final draft of *And Furthermore #18* in order to e-mail it over to Bill Burns for posting. After sitting here, thinking and remembering, here's what I have decided to do:

- 1) renumber the completed issue as #19, and redate it to the 12th; it had said the 8th, but I want to get this out immediately.
- 2) The editorial already written for the October issue of *In A Prior Lifetime #16* will be removed and shoved back a month; a new editorial needs to be completed.
- 3) Bob would want me to pub. He was a great loccer back when I first pubbed zines, and even provided wonderful critical comments on a short story I had written.

Even though I've been expecting this news, it is still a shocker. I keep remembering today how Jim Young had introduced Bob back when Minicons still numbered in the single digits: Jim said that we fans are all Tucker's children. Those words now attain deeper meaning, so that all I feel that I can say right now is this:

Goodbye, Dad. We all love you so much, and we will miss you.

John Purcell