

# **ARTHUR MARVIN BLUM**

August 29, 1934 - January 1, 2025



A visionary educator, mentor and advocate for the arts, passed away, January 1, 2025, at age 90, in Cary, NC. Born in Brooklyn, NY, Arthur graduated from Stuyvesant High School and earned a BA in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and an MA in speech-language pathology from the University of Pittsburgh, completing the coursework for a PhD. He was awarded an honorary doctorate in

2018 from Point Park University.

Arthur's professional legacy was marked by leadership roles that bridged education and the arts, including at Point Park College, where he served in several roles and ultimately president from 1966 to 1973. At the time of his inauguration, he was the youngest college president in the US. During his tenure, he guided the institution's transition from a junior college to a four-year college. Art was instrumental in establishing performing arts programs at the college, including the founding of Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre.

Art was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Joanne Lee Blum (Finkelhor), a Pittsburgh native. He is survived by his children, Sherry (Don Becker) Blum, Laurie (Justin) Glodowski and Katie (Jon) Berryhill; and his grandchildren, Gregory (Ivey) Becker, Natalie Becker, Cherise, Lisette, and Jillienne Glodowski and Brian and Deanna Berryhill.

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