

BOB BIANCO

Bob Bianco, a Georgist of long standing and teacher at the Henry George School for many years, died in his sleep on December 21st, 1991.

In addition to teaching for the School on Long Island and in New York City, which earned him many admiring students, Bob was an accomplished jazz musician, pianist and singer. In this field he was also a teacher and mentor. Many younger musicians whom he has coached have gone on to establish major international careers, including the group, Manhattan Transfer.

At the Henry George School Bob taught Fundamental Economics. He began in the 1960s when the School was on East 69th Street, continuing at the East 44th Street building, and during the School's first year, 1988-89, at 121 East 30th Street. Over these years he developed his own distinctive style and approach in explaining the science of economics and concepts of the Georgist philosophy to his students. He taped every session in order to perfect his technique. His wife Ann accompanied Bob and attended all his classes.

Although he had not led classes at the School in his last two years, Bob remained ever the teacher, espousing the primacy of community collection of land rent as the basis of freedom and economic justice, in his personal contacts.