

Robert L. Burns Sr.

*RL Burns, Inc.
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Bob was born and raised in North Philadelphia, PA., where he attended Thomas Edison High, an all boys school. Upon Graduation Bob enlisted in the US Air Force where he, his wife Deborah and their young son Robert Jr. traveled while living on many air force bases throughout the U.S. and internationally.

Bob has always had a knack for the arts and developed a hobby of photography, which he used to pass the time in the military. After four years of service in the Air Force, Bob returned to Philadelphia. While trying to make ends meet he began to make his own furniture for use in his home with the skills in wood working which he'd began developing through school and part time jobs. With photos taken of his furniture, Bob created a portfolio which gained him acceptance to the Philadelphia College of Art (PCA) where he spent four years as a Furniture/Industrial Design major with a minor in structures & construction.

At PCA Bob further developed a love for wood working. After school Bob went on to work for David LaPenta Inc. as a General Superintendent, following he worked for Interior space finishers and Ray Moore Contractors as a Project Manager. Bob then decided to use his independent thinking and leadership skills to start his own business, Burns Construction Company which he started in 1987. After three years he found that starting his own business was much tougher than he thought. While evaluating the decision to continue with his own business, he was offered a position as Project Manager in Florida.

Bob moved his family to Florida and began working as a Project Manager for Wade Development. He gained experience working with the owner of the company during his first major project back in Philadelphia. After four years working as a Project Manager in Corporate America he felt as if he had reached the glass ceiling. Hoping for the opportunity to advance in his leadership and creativity Bob decided give Entrepreneurship another try. He opened R L Burns Inc. a general construction/ construction management firm in 1994. He founded this company on the mission to provide quality construction for his clients and end-users.

March 2008, R L Burns Inc. celebrated its 14th Anniversary with the Grand Opening of their new Corporate Office. This long time dream was a project designed and built by Bob and allowed him to revisit his first love of wood working and furniture design.

Today, Bob is an active board member of the Executive Board of The Central Florida Council for Boy Scouts of America, and the Selective Service Board.