

at 4 Richmond Avenue. The house, which had a unique rolled roof and brown stucco exterior, is pictured above. They bought the home from the Reuben family, one of which (Paul Reuben aka Pee Wee Herman) would later achieve a modicum of Hollywood fame. The house, which cost them about \$14,000 (a large commitment in 1960), was to be their home until their deaths 35 years later.

In Oneonta, they had two more children:

Philip Keith (born April 6, 1963)  
Mary Beth (born May 10, 1966)



*Bob in around 1960*

The tumultuous 60's had their impact on the Solano family. Bob became involved in both the anti-war and civil rights efforts. He also changed his appearance from the short-haired, clean shaven person in the photo at the right. He grew a goatee, and began to adopt some of the clothing styles that were common among his students. He had his first heart attack in the early spring of 1968, when he was only 45. He was, in fact, in the hospital when Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. Such were his strong feelings of admiration toward the civil rights leader that they had to keep the news from him in fear that he would have a second heart attack.

During their years in Oneonta, Bob and Arlene took an active interest in the

### *The Solano Gang*



*The photo on the lefts shows Lynn, Laurie front, Scott back, Alan front, Mark back, and Phil on the shoulders.*

*The middle photo shows Carl, while youngest Mary is portrayed with brother Phil after completing a snowman in the backyard at 4 Richmond.*