



# Bob L. Gaddy

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**B**ob L. Gaddy, 68, of Fayetteville entered his Heavenly home on Sunday, September 21. He was born in Bolivar, MO to Lowell H. and Violet Newcomb Gaddy. He graduated from Carthage High School with the class of 1958 and served as president of the student body and Cadet Colonel of ROTC that same year. He graduated in 1963 with a degree in business administration from Pittsburg State College and later in life was given the Meritorious Achievement Award from his Alma Mater. Even though he worked hard to pay his own way through college, he graduated with high scholastic achievement.

Bob was well-known for his giftedness in the world of business, which included many successful endeavors that were a blessing to those around him. His accounting skills coupled with his passion for leadership led him to a brilliant entrepreneurial career that in turn fostered the professional and personal successes of many others. Thanks to Bob's gift of encouragement, he was an esteemed mentor; he never failed to recognize the potential of others and acknowledged the support of those who helped him get his start. Throughout his illustrious career and many accomplishments, Bob's integrity and moral fiber were unwavering. He earned and maintained the respect and admiration of business leaders, his family and community members alike.

Despite his unrelenting work ethic, he never failed to appreciate the simple pleasures, such as walks on his farm with his family and his devoted Labradoodle, Henry Higgins. Even amidst his great professional efforts, laughter was ever-present. Everyone who met Bob during his life was touched by his intelligence, his empathy and his endless compassion. The sum of Bob's virtues and his strong faith in God challenged those around him to be better people.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jim and his parents.

His legacy lives on through his family he leaves behind. Beloved wife of 25 years,



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Linda; his children, Jeff and his wife, Lisa, Deanie and her husband, Gunnar Broberg, Teddy, Lauren and Chelsea. His nephews, Kent and Kraig. His grandchildren Michael Gaddy and his wife Amy, Drew and Tyler Gaddy; Kennon, Addison, Adrienne, and Joey Largent, Hakon Broberg.

Bob will always be remembered for his tenacity and integrity but most of all for the love he showed his family and friends.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 23, 2008 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at University Baptist Church in Fayetteville with DR. H.D. McCarty officiating. Private burial will follow at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes memorial contributions be made to University Baptist Church 333 West Maple Street Fayetteville, AR 72701, Humane Society of The Ozarks 413 North College Ave Fayetteville, AR 72701, Washington Regional Medical Foundation P.O. Box 356 Fayetteville, AR 72702, or to the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation 877 South California Fayetteville, AR 72701.

To sign the online guest book please visit [www.nelsonberna.com](http://www.nelsonberna.com)

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville.

Visitation Date Time Tuesday, September 23, 2008 6:00 PM until 8:00 Pm Visitation Location

Nelson-Berna Funeral Home Service Date Time Wednesday, September 24, 2008 2:00 PM

Service Location University Baptist Church in Fayetteville, AR



DS

**Debbie Gaddy Gepford (Not Sure.)** posted:

This obituary was just forwarded to me as we have been doing geneology and making connections. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Bob sounds like an awesome man. I wish I could have met him. I am the daughter of John L. Gaddy Sr. (son of Sterling Price Gaddy). I wanted to send my condolences to the family along with my thoughts and prayers at this time of your great loss.

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CW

**Christy (Nay) Reeves (Former Employee/Co-Worker)** posted:

Dear Linda, Jeff and Families, I was so saddened to hear of Mr. Gaddy's passing. In case you don't remember me, I used to work at Pace Industries/LPAG (Jeff, I miss your smiling face!). I worked there from 1990-1993 and then from 1996-2003. I started as the receptionist and then moved into marketing, working under Toni Foster, Scott Bull, and most recently, as John McCutcheon's assistant. I still keep in close contact with lots of folks there. I will remember Mr. Gaddy as a brilliant man, exceptional business leader, and most importantly, as a kind and decent person. He led by example and assisted/enabled the development of the careers of many successful men and women. I learned a lot from him myself. Please accept my sincere condolences and know that I will be praying for you and your families during this most difficult time. With God's Blessings, Christy (Nay) Reeves

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KD

**Karen Weddle Graybill (Friend Of Deanie)** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss.

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JB

**Jack & Carolyn Beck** posted:

Linda & Family, We would like to express our sympathy at your loss of Bob. We both went to Carthage High School with Bob. Jack graduated in 1957 and Carolyn (Perry) with Bob in 1958. Bob was a "nice guy" and will be missed. We were looking forward to seeing him at the reunion.

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OU

**Obert M.Undem** posted:

Bob was always one of my favorite friends and the CPA I always had in mind when measuring the professional abilities and creativity of financial, accounting and tax professionals. He was one in a million and memories of our shared times and experiences will freshen my days forever. Learning of his death was a real shock. He will be widely missed and long remembered. May God give those of you lucky enough to be his family, and all of his dependent friends, the strength to cope with the painful void he leaves in your lives. Sincerely, Obert

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HU

**Homer & Willa Newcomb (Uncle)** posted:

Very sorry. Words alone cannot expree our sorrow and pain. So sorry.

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LF

**Lois And (Friends)** posted:

We consider ourselves privileged to have known this extraordinarily kind,considerate, generous and all round wonderful man.We extend our love and sympathy toLinda and all her extended family

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CU

**Charles A Newcomb & Annette (Uncle)** posted:

I am so sorry. I am at A loss for words. SORRY

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PC

**Patricia Beard (Cousin)** posted:

I will always remember that family was important to Bob - because of the way he interacted with others at family reunions, the way he cared for his mother when she lived across the street from us when I was growing up and later on in her life, the way he sponsored our family reunions for many years (and always attended) and the way he let us know he was willing to help family members if the need should ever arise. I can personally attest to most of what is in his obituary and believe it's all true even though it sounds "too good" for any one person to have accomplished all that is mentioned. Bob's presence and influence will be sorely missed. I'm thankful to have been able to claim him as my cousin. Sorry I couldn't make it to the funeral.

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DA

**Dee Davenport (Former Work Associate)** posted:

I wanted the family know to know that I am thinking of you and sending condolences for your loss. Since, we left Fayetteville, I became a banker and have been working with families for many years to handle trusts and settle estates. If there is anything I can do to assist you now, please let me know. Bob was a brilliant and interesting man. May he be free and at peace. Dee Davenport (Ball)

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BF

**Brian Banister (Friend)** posted:

Family, I am sorry for the loss on this earth of Bob. However, he is in a place now that he no longer has to endure the pain and suffering of cancer. I will always remember the enjoyment of working with Bob as well as playing golf. One fond memory is when we stayed and played in Oklahoma - Bob just loved the buffalo steak that they had; so much that he had it two days in a row! May God bless the family in this period of grieving. Know that my prayers are with you. Regards, Brian Banister

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LF

**Lynette McClelland (Friend)** posted:

Dearest Linda - Jeff & Lisa and Deanie ... Our thoughts and prayers are being lifted up today for your peace, comfort and strength. I especially have counted it a huge privilege to have had the opportunity to observe Bob as the Vice Chairman of our Board at Ventures For Christ. What a man! He will truly be missed by all - and our prayer is that the treasured memories of your lives with Bob will fill the void that his loss has created. Our love and blessings to you all.

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NJ

**Nancy Jack** posted:

Linda, I had the pleasure of sitting with Bob during one of your performances at the Horse Festival. He was so very proud of you. I am very proud of you too. You continue to prove that you have grit and stamina. Hang in there.

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LA

**Linda Wagner (Community Service Associate)** posted:

Dear Linda & Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you in this saddest of times. Bob's dedication to and passion for community service set an extraordinary example for us all to try and follow. His passing leaves us all with a deep sense of loss and, even though it was for only a short time, I am grateful for having had the privilege of working with him as a member of the Symphony board. My deepest condolences to your family in this time of loss. Linda Wagner

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SN

**Scott Winchester (Board Member Naso)** posted:

Bob was a great guy. I only knew him for about 2 years as a member of the board at NASO. I enjoyed the board meetings, because it was an opportunity to hear Bob speak and listen to his strategic plan for the symphony. He had a great combination of intelligence, wisdom, and humor. I really wanted to get to know Bob better because he was inspiring to me. I will miss him!

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WE

**Wayne & Patricia (Tricia) Story (Church Brother & Employer/Employee)** posted:

Bob and I never spent very much time one-on-one together but I always considered him to be a Christian brother that I could call on if needed. He was willing to give me my first job as a professional accountant after I finished my masters program and accounting school and for that I will forever be grateful as it allowed my family to stay in NW Arkansas. Bob's support of his Lord and UBC in the many different ways with his time and finances provided a tremendous atmosphere for growing up my family in that allowed us to home educate all of our children until college. Travis, our oldest, learned all of the fundamentals of the audio/video industry at UBC under some great mentors, including Jeff Gaddy, as part of his home education and now volunteers as the weekly live television/video producer for the Church at Pinnacle Hills(Rogers) each week, having a college degree, law degree from Liberty University, just passing the Bar Exam, and now a licensed attorney hoping to settle in the area. Heather now has a college degree and a wonderful Christian family living in the area with Zachary, our first grandchild(8 mos),weekly teaching about 50 young girls the fundamentals of spiritualized ballet/dance at First Baptist, Springdale. Julie, our youngest, received her college degree this year and is contemplating a physical therapy career wanting to stay in the area. She joins her sister in teaching dance fundamentals each week also.I say all this not to brag but to praise God and to say that the Gaddy family played a large part in the encouragement and success in all of my family's spiritual heritage thus far... by their example, time, encouragement of Tricia and I, and resources. Thank you, thank you! The AWANA bible memory program being available at UBC allowed all of our children to memorize over 400 scripture verses each and thus contribute mightily and immeasurably to their adult character and success. Bob's life, along with many other serving Christians, was instrumental helping provide that success.So to the Gaddy family we pray God's best for this difficult time and for your future. Know that we will always love you for your care, encouragement and love. From our family's standpoint Bob has a great reward he's to receive in Heaven as he continues to praise God, now in His presence, and to be satisfied in Him forever with now CONTINUOUS overflowing joy (that the Trinity has and is always experiencing). As it was with our Lord ..."the sufferings are but for a time... but the glories are forever." And Paul says that those sufferings of this present time are NOT EVEN WORTHY to be compared to the glories that will follow. (1Pet 1:10-11,1Pet 1:6-7, 1Pet 4:12-13,Rom 8:16-18)May God be Praised!!!

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BR

**Bob Daugherty (Business Related)** posted:

Bob, was a favorite customer of mine when I had the equipment dealership in Fayetteville, and I had great respect for Bob as a business person and an individual of high integrity. This community will certain miss a gentleman of his stature.

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MB

**Marty Goff Burggraf** posted:

I have known Bob for a long time and he will be sorely missed.

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B1

**Brenda Faires & Albert Blaha (Family Friend Since 1973)** posted:

Dear Jeff, Lisa, and family...Life is a book in volumes three- The past, the present, and the yet-to-be. The past is written and laid away, The present we're writing every day, And the last and best of volumes three is locked from sight - God keeps the key. You are in our thoughts and prayers...may God comfort and bless you during this sorrowful time in your lives. Lovingly...Brenda and Albert

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TB

**Terry And June Bellora** posted:

Linda and the Gaddy Family We are so sorry to learn about Bob and the loss to you and your family. It is so tragic at time, Bob still had so much to offer to his family and friends that will now be missed. June and I offer our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Bob's friends and associates have also suffered a loss, his friendship, humor and generosity. We have had so many good times together. June and I were just reminiscing about some of the trips that we have made with you and Bob to New York, New England and others. We always loved the way Bob questioned you of every little detail of the trip, (he was one for details) and the banter that ensued between the two of you. We had so much fun laughing at you two, you were both so witty--- and yet loving of each other. The trips were always great. Thank-you No question, Bob was a major influence in my life, from the we played touch football in Joplin in the 70's, to the many trips and businesses he eventually involved me with in the 80's and 90's. So many stories, relationships, fun and successes from those days. For me and many others. Bob Gaddy was a builder, and a very good one. All of the people associated with Bob benefited from this skill, his mentoring, humor and generosity. He impacted many peoples lives for the better, and I am surely one of those. June and I are so happy that we were able to spend sometime with you and Bob last year in the RazorBack Box talking and reminiscing, there are so many memories. We and many, many others are blessed to have had Bob in our life. God Bless you and your family. Terry and June

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HA

**Highlands Radiation Therapy Staff (Acquaintance)** posted:

The Gaddy Family You are in our thoughts and prayers and we pray God will keep you strong. Mr Gaddy was a trooper and he will be missed immensely by those that knew him. God Bless  
Highlands Staff

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GF

**Gregory Taylor (Friend)** posted:

My condolences on the loss of Bob. He was a good friend and mentor. He was a kind man who influenced the lives of many people. I will be keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.

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LB

**Larry Olson (Professional/Business)** posted:

My sympathies to the family. I admired Bob as a friend and customer of the bank. He was instrumental in recruiting me to the NASO Board of Directors which he supported generously. He was also a friend of the Humane Society for which I served on the Board for many years. He was a kind and intelligent person who lived by the Golden Rule. He will be missed in our community.

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JS

**John P. Brown (Friend From High School)** posted:

We had some great times together--sang in a quartet together--shared an apartment at one time. May God comfort those loved ones who survive.

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PF

**Philip And Peggy Knight (Friends)** posted:

Bob and Linda have always been very dear to us. We have so many fond memories that will be with us forever. Bob's kindness and generosity was amazing. It is hard to believe that Bob is no longer with us here on Earth but he is, without a doubt, with our Heavenly Father and we will all meet again one glorious day and we will truly rejoice when we reunite in Heaven. In His Love, Philip and Peggy

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BB

**Belinda Booth** posted:

We are all so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts...Sincerely, Salon Blais

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KF

**Ken & Vi Perkin (Friend)** posted:

Happy memories and fun times with the Gaddy family during our 20 years in Fayetteville. Bob will surly be missed by all who came in contact with himVi, Ken, Larry and Mark Perkin

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SF

**Scot Thurman (Friend)** posted:

Jeff and Lisa,We love you and will be praying for all of your family in the days to come. Scot Thurman

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SA

**Scott & Carol Kilgore & Dalton (Acquaintance)** posted:

Linda, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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TF

**Tracy & Rebecca Hutchens (Friend Of Jeff Gaddy And Family)** posted:

I didn't know Bob Gaddy personally, but from speaking to his son Jeff I know he was a wonderful, beautiful, gracious and generous man. My deepest sympathies to Jeff and his wife Lisa, their three sons and daughter-in-law, the rest of Mr. Bob Gaddy's family and to all who knew and loved him. I'm sure it's an indescribable loss. May peace be with you all.

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DA

**Davin Reichard (Acquaintance)** posted:

I enjoyed his input and working with him on the PSU Foundation Investment Committee. You have my condolence.Sincerely,Davin Reichard

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AA

**Alan & Paula Doan (Acquaintance)** posted:

Alan & I are so sorry to hear about Bob. He was so nice to let us come to his sky box for the Razorback games. We appreciate all the generosity and kindness. We are Jay McLelland's aunt and uncle. Our thoughts are with you. Sincerely, Alan & Paula Doan

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SR

**Scarlett Ray** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the Gaddy family and friends during this difficult time. May beautiful memories give you strength. Sincerely, Scarlett Ray Meadors Adams & Lee, Inc.

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JD

**John Horne & Candace Dixon** posted:

We are so saddened, and send the entire Gaddy family our thoughts & prayers. Bob was a wonderful mentor and we considered him a dear friend with a heart of gold. He will be dearly missed by many.

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CA

**Claressa Wood (Acquaintance)** posted:

To The Family, I am sorry to hear about the death of Mr. Gaddy. He was truly a wonderful person professionally and personally. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. With warmest regards, Claressa Wood previous employee

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RA

**Richard C. Dearth (Acquaintance)** posted:

Sorry for your loss.

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CA

**Carmen A. Alessi (Acquaintance)** posted:

My heartfelt sympathies go out to the Gaddy family. I know each of you will take comfort in the Lord and know that He will provide you strength. Lisa and Jeff, please let me know if there is anything I may do for you at this time. I love you both and will keep you in my prayers.

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KA

**Keith And Rosemary Lusby (Acquaintance)** posted:

On behalf of the Department of Animal Science and the King Equine Program, please accept our deepest sympathies and prayers. Bob was a great friend of our program and our students. We will miss him.

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BA

**Ben B. Israel (Acquaintance)** posted:

I have always admired Bob's abilities and energy. His faith in God and His son Jesus Christ have always been evident anytime you visited with him particularly when asking his advice on business issues. We will all miss him. Ben Israel

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FF

**Fayette Mong (Family)** posted:

Bob was like a father to me, especially the years after my own father passed. There are no words which can convey what your family has meant to me. Love Always, Faye

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JB

**Jeff Utecht (Business)** posted:

Bob's compassion, goodness and devotion will always be remembered by those that were fortunate enough to know him. On this sad day, comfort can be found knowing that he is in a better place - one with no pain or troubles. God bless all of you that are affected by this loss.

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**RY**

**Roger D Gladden (Friend Of 40 Years)** posted:

To the Family and Friends of Bob:I have been a close friend of Bob since1968 when we worked together in publicaccounting. I was the contact to bringBob to Leggett when we merged Pace withour company. In recent years we remainedclose as Board members of the PSU Foundation. In all of my years of association with Bob, he was always the"Gentleman", very proud of his family,generous in giving, a brilliant businessman, friendly to all and so muchfun to visit with on all subjects.May the Lord Bless his SOUL, Roger

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**DF**

**Dick & Jacquie Patterson (Friend)** posted:

Bob always had a way to make you laughand feel good about your self. We werearound when Jeff and Deanie were young.Bob will be missed.

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**CA**

**Connie Hendrix-Kral (Acquaintance)** posted:

Bob Gaddy was a selfless community leader. Numerous organizations benefitted from both his expertise and generosity. He will be missed.

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**DF**

**David Fortenberry (Friend)** posted:

Jeff, Bob was one of the most friendly people I have ever done business with in a 31 year period of time. He was simply a great guy. I'm so sorry he is gone but you and I know he is in a better place now. I will tell my wife Karen he is gone and I know she will be sad as I have talked to her on many occasions about Bob. Our thoughts are with you and your family.JDF

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**SB**

**Shelia T. Baker (Metropolitan National Bank)** posted:

I became acquainted with excellence, patience; kindness, understanding and hardworking about 10 years ago and I called him Mr. Gaddy. Complain was not in his vocabulary, he will truly be missed.

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**Anonymous** posted:

Bob was a truly great man. He will be missed by so many, and remembered by all.

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**Roberto Dal? (Non)** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Bob was an extraordinary man, and his passing is such a loss. We wish you hope and grace and faith during this time and in the future. Jennifer Hansen

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**Gary & Athina Mclendon (Friends)** posted:

Bob was a great person and a wonderful man and friend. He was willing to go to bat for others when no one else would step up and acknowledge them. He had a great love for God and shared it with all those that he came in contact with. Undoubtedly he is with Him now. He will be sorely missed by us all and his memories will last for years and years to come. Thank you for your friendship, Bob. We love you and will always remember you.

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**Telma And John Largent (Friend)** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Carrie Davis (Acquaintance)** posted:

We owe Mr. Gaddy for the best memories our children will never forget. The river house represented a place of wonder and fun that every child who experienced it, will remember forever. God has another Guardian Angel! Carrie and Larry Davis

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Bob by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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