



# **Robert Howard (Bobby) Hudgens**

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**R**obert Howard (Bobby) Hudgens, SR, age 83, of Berryville, AR, passed away Friday, May 5, 2023. He was born February 1, 1940, in Fayetteville, AR, a son of the late Howard Hudgens and Madge Hudgens. Also preceding him in death was a sister, Janice Downey. Bobby was a graduate of Fayetteville High School and Arkansas Tech University. Following graduation, he coached football and track at Benton High School and then became a pharmaceutical representative for Johnson and Johnson. Bobby won many awards during his career including a distinguished service award, becoming an honorary member of the Doctor of Osteopathy Association and the state Arkansas Traveler award. Bobby played, coached, and mentored his way through life. Always the Razorback enthusiast, he never missed an Arkansas game. He filled his retirement with golf, fishing, and family. He was a lifelong learner, teacher, and prankster. He will be missed.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-two years Patricia Hudgens; his children, Holly Williams, Hal Hudgens, Heather Hudgens; a sister Margaret Hunt; his grandchildren, Jack Hudgens, Mary Michael Hudgens, Catherine Carter Hudgens; Chet Hudgens, Kaylee Williams, and Rachel Williams.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, May 10, at 1:00 p.m. at Nelson Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville. The family prefers floral or memorial donations to National Institute on Aging, Care of Dementia Research Activities Only, Budget Officer, Financial Management Branch, Building 31, Room 5C 35, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2292, Bethesda, MD, 20892-2540.





## Events


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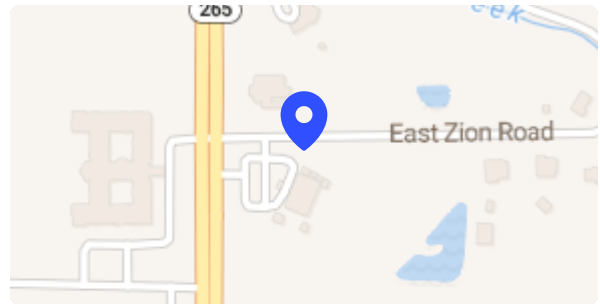
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### Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, May 10, 2023

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

 **Nelson-Berna of Fayetteville**  
4520 N. Crossover Rd., Fayetteville AR 72703





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**Rick Adkins** posted:

My most endearing memory from 54 years ago is surprisingly not his coaching - for which he was legendary. He also taught Drivers Education. He had a foolproof system for teaching you how to parallel park! I think of him every time I park. My wife and daughters have heard about Coach Hudgens many times. He was a good man.

May 14 at 10:18 AM



**Heather Hudgens** May 16 at 4:35 AM

Thank you, Rick! You were memorable to our Dad as well as he has mentioned you to our family too!



**Jenny Mitchell Adair** posted:

I am just seeing this news about dear Bobby Hudgens death...and a huge amount of wonderful memories has come pouring into my mind! Dear Patsy ..I am with you darling...in spirit! Bobby was such a leader in highschool. .and from reading his obituary...in his life as well ..He will be missed. . and I send my deepest condolences to his family....and his dear wife, Patsy, I love you dear friend.My thoughts and prayers are with you ❤️ All my love.. Jenny

May 12 at 5:20 AM



**Heather Hudgens** May 12 at 5:59 AM

Thank you, Jenny!



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Hudgens family.



May 9 at 6:56 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the Hudgens family.



May 9 at 6:59 AM



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**Jeff Kagy** posted:

Word reached me yesterday that Mr. Hudgens passed away - I'm truly grief stricken as he was "superman" to me growing up - Along with a ton of other Leawood Pool kids, I enjoyed many fun times at the Hudgens home in LR over the years (especially when Mrs Hudgens was cooking) Although much time has passed and I've lost touch with many of my neighborhood friends, I will always cherish the memories of growing up with Holly, Hal, and Heather and being taught many valuable lessons from Mr. Hudgens. Rest in Peace Mr. H !! Jeff Kagy

May 9 at 6:38 AM



**Heather Hudgens** May 9 at 7:56 AM

Jeff! We really enjoyed your kind and comforting comments. The Leawood pool days are some of our fondest memories with great friends like you. Thank you!



**Jim Holland** posted:

We knew him as 'Curly Bob" our Junior High coach and he followed us clear through our High School days. I always thought fondly of him. Ran into him years ago at Sam's. We had a good talk.

May 9 at 4:46 AM



**Heather Hudgens** May 9 at 5:22 AM

Thank you, Jim!



**Ken Necessary** posted:

I was a teammate of Bob's at TECH. Always friendly and always had a greeting for his friends. May God rest his soul and comfort his family. Ken Necessary

May 9 at 2:24 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hudgens family.



May 8 at 9:40 AM



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**David M Johnson** posted:

Bob was a friend with his job for many years Although had not seen him for several years i was saddened to learn of his passing He was a drug rep we enjoyed to see here at Searcy Medical Center He lived in Little Rock then. My deepest sympathy to all his family

May 8 at 4:21 AM



**Heather Hudgens** May 8 at 4:53 AM

Thank you, David. We appreciated hearing from you.



**Carhy Dawson** posted:

Coach Hudgens was a teacher of mine. We loved him at Benton High School. Prayers for his family. CRobinson

May 8 at 2:26 AM



**Heather Hudgens** May 8 at 4:01 AM

Thank you! I loved hearing from a student back in his teaching days!



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hudgens family.



May 7 at 2:50 PM



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DC

**Don Cope** posted:

Bob was one of my favorite colleagues during my career at JNJ. He always had a good joke to share, a smile to give and made life fun for those around him. He was a character and made my time in Little Rock such a joy.

May 7 at 12:37 PM

EH

**Elizabeth Polk Haman** June 10 at 7:51 PM

Heather, I was just asking about you today. I am so sad to learn of your dad's passing. I remember so many sleep overs at your house when we were kids. Please give your mom my best. Miss you.

HH

**Heather Hudgens** May 8 at 4:58 AM

Thank you, Jim!

JL

**Jim Logue** May 8 at 4:16 AM

This one hurts. Bob was a friend & high school teammate. Great all around athlete & quite a cut up. I really thought the world of him.

HH

**Heather Hudgens** May 8 at 4:13 AM

Thank you, Ken! It's great to hear about Dad during his college days.

KN

**Ken Necessary** May 8 at 3:31 AM

I was a teammate of Bob's at TECH. He was always friendly and always had a greeting for his teammates. May God rest his soul and comfort his family.

HH

**Heather Hudgens** May 7 at 1:51 PM

Thank you, Don. I remembered Dad speaking fondly of you as well.



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

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



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