



Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard

April 27, 2023

Mr. Robert "Bobby" Hayward Goddard was born February 22, 1944, to Mr. William L. Goddard, Sr., and Mrs. Ruth S. (Young) Goddard, Johnson City, Tennessee. Bobby made his final earthly transition on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, Tennessee, after a brief illness.

Bobby was an exceptional athlete while attending Langston High School, where he played football and basketball. He and his brother William were a dynamic duo, playing basketball together, they were referred to as "Rat and Roach". Bobby also earned the nickname "Lovely" based on his ability to shoot the ball and his skills on the court. During his senior year in 1962, the basketball team reached the state tournament, which was the school's highest accomplishment in the sport. Bobby was a graduate of the 1962 class and shortly after graduation, he left Johnson City to join the Army. He served until 1965, also participating in sports during his time in the military, and then returned home.

Bobby lived in several different places and worked his entire life, until his health would no longer allow it. He lived in Massachusetts, Michigan, California, and Washington, DC. In his youth, he worked for the Mason Dixon trucking company in Kingsport as well as for Good Humor, driving ice cream trucks in Washington, and for the Tennessee Valley Authority at Phipps Bend

Nuclear Plant in Surgoinsville. He worked at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Johnson City for several years as well as the Specialty Hospital. His last place of employment was Doubletree Hotel. He also worked as a floor fitter and carpet installer for over thirty years.

Bobby was warm-hearted with an easygoing nature. He believed in helping his fellow man or anyone who was down or having a hard time. He was well-known in Johnson City and had a special way of greeting everyone he knew. He always appreciated the chance to enjoy a home-cooked meal or spend time with family and friends. He was a fishing enthusiast as well. While relaxing, he would enjoy watching a college basketball game or any good Western. He was also a dedicated member of West Market Street United Methodist Church.

Bobby was preceded in death by his father, William L. Goddard Sr.; mother, Ruth S. Goddard; wife, Delores Lynn Goddard; sister, Annetta Sue Goddard; brother, William L. Goddard, Jr.; son, Calvin H. Goddard; and grandson, Michael K. Gamble.

To cherish his memory, he leaves his daughter, Leslie (fiancé, Jerome Gamble) Goddard, Windsor Mill, MD; sons: Juan Carpenter of Johnson City, John Young of Elizabethton, and Sherman (Tasha) Eury of Bristol; as well as stepdaughter Harriet (Lenny) Jordan-Rand, Huntsville, AL; his siblings Veral Jean (Robert) Neal of Johnson City, Billie Evans of Jonesborough, Frank M. Goddard of Leavenworth, KS, and Linda Treadwell of Knoxville; his former wife, Karen W. Goddard of Johnson City; special friend and cousin Charles Yett; siblings-in-law Gwendolyn (James) Cowan, Lois Hicks, Gloria Stines, Betty Reynolds, and Thomas Reynolds; 11 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and several nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

The family would like to recognize the staff of the Veteran Affairs Medical

Center, where Bobby received lifelong medical care, as well as DaVita Tennessee Valley Dialysis Center, Johnson City Medical Center, Quillen Rehabilitation Hospital, and Lakebridge Healthcare Center, all in Johnson City, for their care of Bobby during his illness and the last months of his life. A special thank you is given to the Palliative Care team at JCMC for the extra consideration they gave to Bobby and his family. Bobby's warmth was appreciated by those who cared for him, and he was consistently thanked for serving his country.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Birchette Mortuary & Cremation Service, Inc.
219 E Millard St
Johnson City, TN 37601
(423) 926-6013
mitchell@birchettemortuary.com
<https://birchettemortuary.com/>

Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Interment

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mountain Home National Cemetery
53 Memorial Ave
Mountain Home, TN 37684

Tribute Wall



“ Deborah Simmons-Grey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Deborah Simmons-Grey - June 02, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard.



May 15, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ Will Miss My Brother Very Much..RIP Bobb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Will miss my brother very much..RIP Bobb - May 08, 2023 at 06:30 PM



Sister Jean

Will miss my brother very much..RIP Bobb - May 08, 2023 at 06:31 PM



RIP

Will miss my brother very much..RIP Bobb - May 08, 2023 at 06:32 PM

WJ

“ William H Hill Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



William H Hill Jr - May 06, 2023 at 12:39 AM

WJ

“ William H Hill Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



William H Hill Jr - May 06, 2023 at 12:39 AM

TR

“ Tiffany Ryans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Tiffany Ryans - May 05, 2023 at 01:22 PM

JW

“ Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Janice Wells - May 05, 2023 at 08:05 AM

KM

“ Katherine Madison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Katherine Madison - May 04, 2023 at 12:35 PM

CG

“ Claudial Goines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Claudial Goines - May 04, 2023 at 08:25 AM

AC

“ Anne Carpenter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Anne Carpenter - May 04, 2023 at 03:51 AM

AC

“ Anne Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Anne Carpenter - May 04, 2023 at 03:50 AM

TE

“ Teresa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Teresa - May 03, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Carolyn Fain - May 03, 2023 at 08:07 PM

RS

“ Praying for GOD to comfort you during this time.



Ron & Gwen Smith - May 03, 2023 at 08:05 PM

RL

“ I still remember the first time that I had the opportunity to meet Uncle Bobby. Stephanie and I were dating at the time, and we were at Mr. William and Mrs. Ruth's house. I was immediately impressed by his demeanor and stature. He was always Uncle Bobby, and I was blessed by the times that we prayed together. He will be missed, but we will meet again in God's appointed time. Rest in His Presence Uncle Bobby.
Rev. Lester D. Lattany

Rev. Lester D. Lattany - May 03, 2023 at 05:09 PM

CA

“ Crystal Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



crystal anderson - May 02, 2023 at 07:29 PM

SG

“ Susan Gerhardt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



susan gerhardt - May 02, 2023 at 11:26 AM

BD

“ *Brenda (Hodge) Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Brenda (Hodge) Davis - May 02, 2023 at 10:36 AM

JL

“ *Jacqueline Leeper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Jacqueline Leeper - May 02, 2023 at 10:05 AM

LB

“ *To my Goddard family, prayers for strength and comfort as you remember Bobby, what a great person and former VA co-worker*
LAB



L A B - May 02, 2023 at 09:47 AM

EB

“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Elaine Brady - May 02, 2023 at 09:25 AM

RO

“ Raymond & Carol Oxendine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Raymond & Carol Oxendine - May 02, 2023 at 02:30 AM

AH

“ Adrian Hammonds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Adrian Hammonds - May 02, 2023 at 02:19 AM

SS

“ Sandra Sylvers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Sandra Sylvers - May 01, 2023 at 03:29 PM

MR

“ Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Mary Rollins - May 01, 2023 at 03:34 AM

FL

“ *Frazier Lyons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Frazier Lyons - April 30, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ *Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Carolyn Fain - April 30, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Linda Workman - April 30, 2023 at 06:08 PM

ER

“ *Eugene Russaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Eugene Russaw - April 30, 2023 at 01:10 PM

JP

“ *Janice Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Janice Phillips - April 30, 2023 at 01:04 PM

RH

“ *Renea Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Renea Hall - April 30, 2023 at 12:32 PM

VP

“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Viola patton - April 30, 2023 at 08:40 AM

JJ

“ *Jaymon, edna and Adeline*



Jaymon Johnson - April 29, 2023 at 09:05 PM

KM

“ Karen L Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Karen L Morrison - April 29, 2023 at 08:21 PM

JW

“ Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Janice Wells - April 29, 2023 at 08:10 PM

NP

“ NANCY AKINS POSEY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



NANCY AKINS POSEY - April 29, 2023 at 06:27 PM

LJ

“ Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard



Louis locke Jr - April 29, 2023 at 03:10 PM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Melvin Drumgoole - April 29, 2023 at 11:21 AM

MD

Peace Be With The Family ❤️

Melvin Drumgoole - April 29, 2023 at 11:22 AM

ML

“ *Mary Latham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Mary Latham - April 29, 2023 at 10:12 AM

RN

“ *Ricky A Nobleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Ricky A Nobleton - April 29, 2023 at 10:11 AM

SA

“ *Sidney Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Sidney Adams - April 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM

SI

“ *Susie Inman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" H. Goddard*



Susie Inman - April 29, 2023 at 07:58 AM

GL

“ *Had the opportunity to work with Bobby (Lovely) At yett interprise. Lol.
He was a funny person when you get to know him.
He always looked out for me.*

GL - April 28, 2023 at 09:50 PM

JH

I met Bobby for the first time at his wife Lynn funeral he such a sweet man . Rip Bobby .Judy and Tim hegesi

Judy and Tim hegesi - April 29, 2023 at 11:59 AM

WS

One of the best basketball players of his time. He is now shooting hoops with his brother William.

Walter Sawyers - May 01, 2023 at 03:35 PM

NH

Remembering Robert "Bobby" Goddard as a friend who always greeted us with a warm smile and kind words. During his high school years, he was a very good basketball player who always contributed to the success of the Langston Golden Tigers. As a young man, being a friend of Bill Goines (deceased), he would periodically visit Bill's home. Often, he would ask Bill's mother, Ms. Ginny, for a few of her "delicious home-made rolls" along with some "pinto beans" to have with them. Eating Ms. Ginny's rolls would always put a big smile on Bobby's face. In addition to his radiant smile, he had a "big heart." Bobby will be missed by all who knew him. We share our sorrow and friendship with his family. May he rest in God's loving arms,

Nancy & Norman Howard and The Goines Family

Nancy Howard - May 02, 2023 at 03:17 PM