

## Robert E. Dudley Sr.

August 4, 1941 - June 8, 2021

Robert E. Dudley, Sr. was born August 4, 1941 in Johnson City, TN. The youngest son of six children born to Eugene Dudley, Sr. and Louise Smith Dudley, Robert was lovingly nicknamed Bobby. He was an athlete who loved football but also loved to learn. Upon graduating Langston High School, Bobby received a scholarship to attend Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, FL as an English Major. In his junior year, Robert was drafted to serve in the United States Army. As a result, he left his college studies to fight for our country in the Vietnam War, during which time he was injured.

Despite life's pivots, Bobby remained full of life, humor, intellectual curiosity and had a huge capacity to love – all wrapped in a big personality with rich, booming voices and a smile that lit every room. He loved jazz, football and could build or fix absolutely anything. He looked good, smelled good and never lost that charming Dudley smile.

Answering God's call, Bobby transitioned from this life into the presence of the Lord on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Johnson City, TN. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Eugene, Jr. and Charles, infant sister Pauluette and grandson, Tru.

He leaves to hold memories dear, his children: daughters, Cheryl Rhea, Aquila Dudley and Julie Dudley; son, Robert E. Dudley, Jr.; grandchildren,

Taleah Rogers, Anayah Cox and Travis Horne; great-granddaughter, Carah Taylor; brother, Henry Dudley (Margaret); sister, Delores Page, whom he lovingly called "Sister-Momma" (Thomas, Jr.); and an especially devoted cousin, Gladys Forney, who opened her heart and home like a sister to Bobby, whom she affectionately called "Pops", and her children: Neal, Diana, Missy and Jonathan for whom he held a special place in his heart. He also leaves to cherish fond memories his former wife, Tracy Dudley, beloved cousins, nephews, nieces and many friends.

Graveside services will be held on Friday June 25, 2021 at the Mountain Home National Cemetery at 1:00pm.

# Previous Events

## Interment

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert E. Dudley Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *We learn to love, appreciate, and cherish every moment, but never do we stop and forgive when life brings about trials and tribulations. I never had a chance to meet my aunt Tracy, cousins Julie, Aquila and Robert but heard great things about you all. I am sending my condolences, Cheryl Rhea, Robert Jr, Julie, Aquila and Aunt Tracy. I love you all dearly. Uncle Robert was a funny man, cool and layed back. I am honored to have met all my dad's siblings and shared great moments with them all.*



Miranda (Dudley) Byrd - July 29, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *Sarah Bell-Young lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



Sarah Bell-Young - June 26, 2021 at 12:06 PM

MT

“ God Bless The Dudley Family at this time of sorrow. Delores, Bobby and Julie, I know it's a tough time right now during the loss of your brother and father, just know that God is walking with you and He will comfort you. I remember meeting Bobby and his family at Delores home in Charlotte over 30 years ago. He was a fun loving person, very talkative and outspoken. I saw how much he loved and respected his sister. Delores shared fond memories with me of her taking care of Bobby at a such a young age and how close they were. I know he will be missed. Love, Peace and Blessings...  
Mozella Thompson

Mozella Thompson - June 24, 2021 at 11:16 AM

RS

“ May GOD be with you and your family Cheryl during this time



Regina Smith - June 23, 2021 at 06:34 PM

Mary Rollins

“ Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.



Mary Rollins - June 20, 2021 at 11:10 AM

EL

“ *Elbert And Frazier Lyons lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



Elbert and Frazier Lyons - June 17, 2021 at 02:40 PM

VR

“ *Van Rollins lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



Van Rollins - June 15, 2021 at 05:42 PM

LH

“ *Lorie A Harned lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



lorie a harned - June 15, 2021 at 04:19 PM

CB

“ *Charles Buford lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



Charles Buford - June 15, 2021 at 08:18 AM

JN

“ *Jean Neal lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*

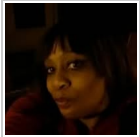


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**Jean Neal** - June 14, 2021 at 10:02 PM

JN

*RIP Bobby*

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**Jean Neal** - June 14, 2021 at 10:03 PM



“ *Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



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**Paulette Robinson** - June 14, 2021 at 11:57 AM

TR

“ *Tiffany Ryans lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



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**Tiffany Ryans** - June 14, 2021 at 07:24 AM



“ *Myra Jan Malone lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



Myra Jan Malone - June 14, 2021 at 06:58 AM



“ *Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



Carolyn Fain - June 13, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ *Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - June 13, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Raymond & Carol Oxendine lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



Raymond & Carol Oxendine - June 12, 2021 at 08:45 AM

AH

“ Alberta Harris lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.



Alberta Harris - June 12, 2021 at 01:31 AM

MD

“ Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.



Melvin Drumgoole - June 11, 2021 at 08:59 PM

VP

“ Viola Patton lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.



Viola Patton - June 11, 2021 at 06:59 PM

Mary Rollins

“ Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.



Mary Rollins - June 10, 2021 at 09:36 PM

SA

“ *Sandy.Sylvers sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



Sandy.Sylvers - June 10, 2021 at 09:32 PM

JA

“ *Jaymon, edna and adeline*



Jaymon - June 10, 2021 at 05:06 PM

CF

“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



Carla Forney - June 10, 2021 at 04:41 PM

EL

“ *Elaine lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



elaine - June 10, 2021 at 10:52 AM

NP

“ NANCY S. Posey lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.



NANCY S. Posey - June 09, 2021 at 11:45 AM

SW

“ Steve And Susan Wagner sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.



Steve and Susan Wagner - June 09, 2021 at 11:10 AM

SW

*Keeping you in our prayers*

Steve and Susan Wagner - June 09, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JW

“ Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.



Janice wells - June 09, 2021 at 09:16 AM

LA

“ *Prayers lifted for the family*



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**LAB** - June 09, 2021 at 07:34 AM

VR

“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert E. Dudley Sr.*



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**Van Rollins** - June 09, 2021 at 07:28 AM