



Bobby L. Collier

May 19, 1943 - September 30, 2015

Bobby L. Collier, age 72, of Kingston passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at U.T. Hospital. He was retired from Bechtel Jacobs after a 30-year career at the Oak Ridge facilities. He was a member of Kingston First Baptist Church where he served as an usher and worked with the meals delivery program. He was an Air Force Veteran and a graduate of Tennessee Technological University. He served on the Roane County Commission for 17 years, representing the 6th District, where he also served as president of the Tennessee County Services Association, the statewide organization of commissioners, county mayors and county executives, and county road supervisors. He was heavily involved in his community where he served as president of the Kingston Babe Ruth League; Cherokee Middle School Booster Club where he was instrumental in starting the middle school football program; Kingston Yellow Jacket Century Club, where he was instrumental in construction of the Roane County High School Field House and Weight Room; Kingston Jaycees (state president of the year); Tennessee Jaycees International; American Society of Safety Engineers; Leadership Roane County where he recently received the Paul Goldberg Leadership Award; member of American Legion Post 110; member of Masonic Lodge Union 38, Scottish Rite of Knoxville, and Shriner Temple of Knoxville. Through his involvement with the Jaycees, he founded the Operation REACH (Roane Enriches Another Child's Holiday) Program of which he was very proud. This program uses donations and volunteers to provide funds to allow needy

children to shop for Christmas gifts for family members and themselves.

Bobby was a loving son, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather (Pops), brother, uncle, and a dear friend to all who knew him. He was loved and will be missed. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert L. Collier and mother, Willie Mae Patterson Collier. He is survived by wife, Peggy Eggert Collier; son, Robert L. Collier II and wife, Shelley and four granddaughters, Katie, Sydney, Casey, and Britney of Knoxville; sisters, Carolyn Granger and Linda Townsend of Kingston; nephew, Ryan Townsend, of Kingston; and niece, Buffie Fletcher, of Chattanooga.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 4, at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston. The service will follow at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Gary Alley and Rev. Jody McLoud officiating. Followed by a Masonic Memorial Service conducted by Union Lodge #38 F. & A.M. The burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 5, at Kingston Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Operation REACH, P. O. Box 981, Kingston, TN 37763 or First Baptist Church Building Fund, 215 N. Kentucky Street, Kingston, TN 37763-2742.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes
OUR KINGSTON CHAPEL
PO Box 69, 350 W Race St
Kingston, TN 37763
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Service

OCT 4. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Masonic Memorial Service

OCT 4. 8:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JP

“ Met Bobby when I was real young. He always was an inspiration to me. Spent some time with him later in life when the place that I worked cleaned his home. He was always so respectful, kind, funny. I miss Bob I know he's with Jesus. Prayers for his family.

Joni Poland - March 17, 2023 at 11:24 AM

PT

“ Lit a candle in memory of Bobby L. Collier



Patricia Ann Timmerman Thomas - October 05, 2015 at 03:51 PM

PT

“ A true generous and participating member of the Kingston community!!
Rest in Peace, Bobby.



Patricia Ann Timmerman Thomas - October 05, 2015 at 03:50 PM

KT

“ Share a memory of Bobby L. Collier or send condolences to the family.



Kim Turner - October 05, 2015 at 02:24 PM

HF

“ *Haley Eddie And Family lit a candle in memory of Bobby L. Collier*



Haley Eddie and Family - October 05, 2015 at 08:41 AM

BH

“ *To the family of Bobby L. Collier, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of a long time friend and co-worker. Bobby was a good man who tried to help everyone he had contact with in some way or another, especially the less fortunate and children. We've lost a real icon and a genuine pillar of the community and Bobby will be greatly missed by so many. Please accept my deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences for your loss.*

Bobby Hodge



Bobby Hodge - October 04, 2015 at 03:03 PM

SF

“ Bobby was a caring loving man to his family and friends. He always praised his family for his success, he never missed an opportunity to tell me how important his wife Peggy was to his wonderful life. I am very thankful for his support and guidance he gave my husband Dooley. They worked together for years but even after Bobby retired from DOE Oak Ridge they remained friends. Even when Bobby was busy with his own life's trials he found time to have concerned of others and be supportive to them. When Bobby called and offer help it was not just empty words, if he could not do it himself he would find a way to get it done. He is a man that truly made this world a better place for the people that knew him and the ones that did not. Bobby would always give the praise to others. He did things that will go on to help others for many years but most of all he uplifted others to go on and continue his work. Bobby IS a man that will continue to make the world a better place because of all his work and great things he instilled in others. He will be missed but not forgotten A true Hero in my eyes and in others. I feel very privileged to call him my friend and he and his family will be in my heart forever.
Susan Free-Buckner

Susan Free-Buckner - October 04, 2015 at 10:34 AM

JB

“ We were so sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time . It was such a pleasure meeting you and Bobby this summer at our farm , and the memories of you both will remain in our hearts. With caring thoughts , Jan and Curt Berglof .

Jan and Curt Berglof - October 03, 2015 at 05:23 PM

JM

“ Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Bobby was a good man and will be missed by many.

James & Rosemary Greene & Misty - October 03, 2015 at 10:14 AM

LY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will miss seeing our neighbor.

Les and Brenda Yutzy

Leslie Yutzy - October 03, 2015 at 08:00 AM

RM

“ We are So sorry to hear about Bobby. I will miss his smile and Rodney and I have always appreciated his Love and devotion for our county. When we think of Bobby we always think of all the children he has helped directly and indirectly in many, many ways. God bless your family during this sad time.

Robin and Rodney McMillin

robin mcmillin - October 02, 2015 at 04:04 PM

LL

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Bobby. He was a long time work associate and a good friend. I've not seen Bobby a lot since we retired but I have always been proud to read about his many efforts in the community. He was just a good guy and he will be greatly missed.

Larry Long - October 02, 2015 at 02:24 PM

AN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of yall. Clayton and I have such great memories of Uncle Bobby. He will be dearly missed.

Love, Angelyn, Dale and Clayton

Angelyn - October 02, 2015 at 02:22 PM

MM

“ Sorry for your loss. Praying for all of the family. We all lost a good man.



Melba Marshall - October 02, 2015 at 01:54 PM

KR

“ Ken & Sharon Richardson lit a candle in memory of Bobby L. Collier



Ken & Sharon Richardson - October 02, 2015 at 10:49 AM

JE

“ Sorry for loss of a special friend and baseball coach who taught me not just baseball fundamentals but lessons in life thoughts and prayers ! Jeff Abbott#10

jeff - October 01, 2015 at 10:38 PM

SK

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of a great friend and classmate

Sue Kelly - October 01, 2015 at 04:11 PM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss

David&Bernice Hennessee - October 01, 2015 at 03:12 PM