



## Bobby Lewis Tidwell

September 20, 1937 - January 25, 2021

Bobby Lewis Tidwell, age 83, of Harriman, passed away on Monday, January 25, 2021, at Springhill Baptist Hospital in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He was a member of the Harriman United Methodist Church. Bobby was retired from ORNL in 1982 after 25 years of service and later the City of Harriman. He spent years in the government sector including Public Works at Rockwood, the Harriman City School System, Grant Coordinator for the City of Harriman, and at retirement was the Harriman City Coordinator.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Dora Kate Tidwell.

Bobby is survived by his wife of 65 years, Barbara Austin Tidwell; children, Debbie Polovino (Harry), Bear Tidwell (Sharon), and Mary Robin Pitt (Al); grandchildren, Sean Kidwell, Nick Polovino, Ryan Pitt, Jolene Pitt and Reed Pitt; six great-grandchildren; and brother, Claudie Marvin Tidwell.

No services will be held at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Donations may be made in memory of Bobby to St. Jude Hospital. An on-line register book is available at [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall

CT

“ I would like to say a few things about my brother. First and foremost, he was a good guy. He was married to the same woman for 65 years, raised a family and was never in any trouble; quite the opposite from me.

We had our ups-&-downs, as all siblings do, but there was a bond there (sometimes unseen). An example is that after his health went down, I was once helping him get dressed and he said he wanted to wear a grey shirt. So I looked in his closet and there were several grey shirts hanging there (I had to smile). If one will look in my closet I also have several grey shirts. I never knew he liked grey; it must be something in the DNA. But in some ways we were opposites. He was great with numbers & I'm terrible with them. We were once reporting some elections returns and at times he was faster adding totals in his head than the people using calculators. At the end of the broadcast I turned to him and said, "Bob you've got a calculator for a brain," he just smiled. I remember the ballgames we broadcast together on Big WOFE Radio and I'm thankful for each & every one I did with him.

Did Bob have his faults? Of course he did, like all people. As far as I know only one perfect man has ever walked on this earth; and we should all try to be more like Jesus. But I can say that Bob had more good traits than bad ones; again an area where we were opposites.

He is gone and I will miss him, as will others. The last time we sat and talked it was a good conversation. I wish I had more time with him and more conversations. I'll finish this as I started, "He was a good guy."

God Bless, John 3:16  
Professor C. M. Tidwell

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C.M. Tidwell - February 03, 2021 at 07:34 PM

RP

*Memorial for my Daddy from his brother Claudie Marvin Tidwell. Very touching*

**Robin pitt** - February 12, 2021 at 07:38 PM

GM

*“ I was so sorry to hear about the loss of my friend, Bob. He was my supervisor for many years. My wife is from Rockwood where he announced the Friday night football games. After she retired, we made many trips to Rockwood, and I was always trying to see if anyone knew where he lived so I could find him and talk to him. I was never able to run into him down there. He was a really good friend to me. I am sorry for your loss.*

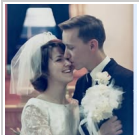
*George Mellon, Knoxville, TN.*

**George Mellon** - January 30, 2021 at 03:42 PM

HT

*“ Bobby Tidwell was always good to me good Man in my book friend of mine*

**hugh tate** - January 29, 2021 at 10:44 PM



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**Eddie Parish** - January 29, 2021 at 08:56 PM

MW

“ *Loved Bobby. Great cousin! Loved babysitting the kids. Bobby and Barbara were so much fun! I've missed him over the years. My thoughts are with family at this sad time.*

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**Marty Stewart (Martha Whitson)** - January 29, 2021 at 06:36 PM

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“ *Bobby was a great guy who could always find humor in things He was my moms Irene Whitson's nephew My older sisters spent a lot of time at his home babysitting his and Barbara's kids. I've always heard good stories from them and know they were all fond of him as so was I. He will be missed Thinking of all of you. So sorry Wendy Early*

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**wendy early** - January 29, 2021 at 05:07 PM