



Bob Lee Marshall, III

December 27, 1952 - December 28, 2021

Bob Lee Marshall III, "Bobby", of Mooresville, NC and formerly of Athens, TX, celebrated his 69th birthday on December 27, 2021. He went to sleep at home that night and awoke in heaven on the morning of December 28 in the presence of his Savior.

Bobby, the oldest of Bob and Doris Marshall's three children, was born in 1952 in Austin, TX where he lived until his 9th grade year when his family moved to Dallas, TX, where he would meet his one-true love, Sherry Spain. He was an outstanding baseball player, until switching gears at age 19 when he began racing sprint cars.

Bobby and Sherry, along with his family, race team and a few good buddies, towed the Blue Max No. 19 sprint car across the United States to race at dirt tracks all over the country. In 1979, Bobby became one of the original drivers in the World of Outlaws. One of the highlights of his successful racing career was finishing second to good friend Steve Kinser in the 1980 Knoxville Nationals. In 1982, he continued his success by winning the Inaugural Race of States, representing his home state of Texas. A recent World of Outlaws social media post described him as "an original Outlaw, a genuine, kind-hearted man, and one of the best storytellers with a passion for preserving the history of our sport."

In 1986, Bobby retired from full-time sprint car racing to help grow the family RV business, Marshall's RV Center. Bobby, along with his dad, mom, brother, and sister-in-law, built a successful RV dealership that they owned for more than 20 years. He never lost his love for racing, though. In recent years, he developed an online following and became an 'accidental' racing historian, known for his storytelling and for the massive collection of racing photos that he shared with 'Real Open Wheel Racers', a group of online friends around the world.

Bobby had another reason for retiring from the intense travel of the full-time racing circuit. By then, Bobby and Sherry had a young daughter. Allison was Bobby's Pride & Joy from the day she arrived in 1980. Just the mention of her name would bring an ear-to-ear grin. He was incredibly proud of his only child and loved supporting her dreams. In 2015, Bobby, Sherry and Sherry's mom, Jay Campana, moved to North Carolina to be closer to Allison, Ryan and their kids. Bobby loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids, Kendall and Colt. He could frequently be found at the baseball field cheering on Colt and his Copperheads teammates or at Millbridge Speedway watching Colt develop his love for racing like his Papa.

Through the decades, Bobby's love for the Lord Jesus Christ grew stronger and stronger. He lived out and shared his Faith every day. So many people will miss his daily Bible verse postings. He was the definition of a people person who interacted with every person he encountered. It didn't matter if they were a long-lost friend or a server at a restaurant, he treated every single person he encountered like they were his best friend. He was a shining example of what it means to be present. He will be greatly missed by all the people who were lucky enough to have him touch their lives.

His family was most important to him; he will forever be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and

friend. Bobby leaves a lasting legacy to be cherished by his survivors, his wife of 43 years, Sherry Marshall (although they dated for 8 years, so Sherry considers them 'married' for 51 years); mother-in-law, Jay Campana; daughter, Allison McKinney and husband, Ryan of Mooresville, NC; grandchildren, Kendall and Colt McKinney; sister, Toni Hartwell of Conroe, TX; niece, Hailey Piowaty, and nephew, Colin Hartwell; brother, Terry Marshall and wife, Tammy of Lindale, TX; brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, Andy and Linda Spain, Steve Campana, Chris and Betty Campana, James and Kate Campana Gladstone, Brent and Lisa Taber, Bob and Robin Campana, Mary Campana and Darrell VanHorn; nieces and nephews, Taylor Marshall, John and Amanda Spain Norton, Michael Taber, Melanie and Samantha Campana-Gladstone, Ben Campana, Roger and Justin Theis; aunt, Jane Marshall of Fredericksburg, TX; cousin, Richard Marshall and wife, Jennifer of Austin, TX; cousin, Misty Criswell and husband, Shane of Mason, TX, and countless racing friends who've become family.

A Celebration of life service will be held by the family on Tuesday, January 4 at 2:00 p.m. at the Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville, NC. Visitation will be prior to the service from 1-2:00 p.m.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to all his beloved racing family, friends, and fans for their unwavering compassionate support over the years. Your kindness will never be forgotten, and your numerous comments and messages will be cherished.

In lieu of flowers, Bobby's wife and daughter would like you to consider making a memorial donation to either Image Church in support of Bobby and Heather Conway's ministry (www.ImageChurchLive.ChurchCenter.com/giving) or to the Bobby Marshall/Motorsports Medical Registry Fund managed by Motor Racing Outreach. Please reference the fund when donating at www.go2

mro.com/donate.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory
494 East Plaza Drive
Hwy 150
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Bob Lee Marshall, III*



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - January 03, 2022 at 05:54 PM

CH

“ *I loved talking Jesus with him. I will miss him until we meet again.*

Casey Holman - January 06, 2022 at 04:50 PM

LR

“ *WILL MISS MY FINE FRIEND, GOD SPEED BOBBY.*

LARRY ROSE - January 05, 2022 at 04:06 PM

MR

“ *A great man and even a better driver*

Michael T Reynolds - January 05, 2022 at 10:55 AM

DK

“ *RIP my good friend and Wonderful Person*

Dave Kurtz - January 04, 2022 at 08:26 PM

DS

“ Remember Bobby towing to Knoxville for the weekly show in the late 70's. My wife being a native of Dallas immediately became his fan. Loved the Texas flag into his rear bumper. I met Bobby at the Devils Bowl in 2014 at the reunion of the running of the first WOO race. Had a great visit with him that weekend and certainly enjoyed his contributions on the racers website. He will certainly be missed here on earth, but he is seated at the right hand of God and his life should certainly be celebrated for the way he lived. My condolences to his family, but know that he is living in the ultimate glory of god.

Dennis Goad Sr. - January 04, 2022 at 06:04 PM

DT

A good man all around and knowing he's with Jesus makes it ok.

Doc Tyler - January 06, 2022 at 01:35 AM

WW

I just recently learned of Bobby's passing. I only knew him from the internet page but felt I had known him forever. My condolences to the family. All of us lost something with his passing, but are better for having shared something with him.

William "Woody" Woods - January 07, 2022 at 11:08 AM

AH

“ Thank you Bobby. Prayers to you and family.

Andy Hillenburg - January 04, 2022 at 03:52 PM

GR

“ Our ole friend Bobby Marshall, what a great man and a real racer, i am really going to miss your pics, stories and most of all your daily scriptures..RIP Bobby ..😭.. What a life well lived..

Greg Rudd - January 04, 2022 at 03:46 PM

CC

“ We are going to miss his photo s and his history of racing....but I will not forget and pass along the best....R.I.P. Bobby...see you on the other side.

Chris Christensen - January 04, 2022 at 02:27 PM

JC

“ Many memory's with Bobby and Sherry. My husband and I went to a lot of sprint car races. Rest in Peace Bobby.

Jean Chris - January 04, 2022 at 02:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bob Lee Marshall, III.



January 04, 2022 at 01:43 PM

BB

“ Way too many memories to list.... But the two favorite racing adventures was when I rode with the Marshall family to the '73 Indy 500....because of the Marshall's and the McElreath's I got too live out a racing fantasy
Also the '80 Knoxville National's ... What a week !!! Bobby my friend, “the memories will last forever”. Till we meet again in Heaven.
Barry

Barry Burleson - January 04, 2022 at 01:18 PM

RU

“ Nothing specific but many memories over the course of 46 years that I've know Bobby and Sherry and loved them like family. RIP Brother!
Wishing Peace, Love and good health to the entire Marshall family.

Rick Ungar

Rick Ungar - January 04, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Bob Lee Marshall, III.



January 03, 2022 at 04:29 PM