



Bobby Compton

September 27, 1956 - June 4, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Robert "Bobby" Buford Compton, a beloved member of our community, who departed this life on June 4, 2025, at the age of 68. Bobby was surrounded by the love of his family at his home in Mooresville, NC, where he had deep roots and made a lasting impact throughout his lifetime.

Born on September 27, 1956, to the late Dorothy Moore Compton and Paul Kelly Compton, Sr., Bobby chose Mooresville as his lifelong home. He graduated from Mooresville High School in 1974 and dedicated his life to serving his community. Starting his journey as a firefighter and EMT with the Mooresville Fire Department in December 1974, Bobby lived a life of courage and sacrifice. He rose to the position of Fire Marshal in 1988, where he served with passion and dedication until his retirement in May 2005.

A true advocate for his beloved town, Bobby was elected as a commissioner at-large to the Town Board of Commissioners in 2011, serving until 2023. During this time, he also selflessly served on many local and statewide agencies including: North Carolina Firemen's Association, North Carolina Fire Marshal's Association, North Carolina Fire & Life Safety Educators Association, International Association of Arson Investigators, North Carolina League of Municipalities, National League of Cities, Centralina Regional Council Mooresville's Historic Preservation Committee, Public Art Committee, Pedal Mooresville Bicycle Committee and the Mooresville Downtown Commission.

For his dedication and advocacy of downtown Mooresville, Bobby was honored as a NC Main Street Champion by the Mooresville Downtown Commission and the North Carolina Main Street Program in 2022.

Bobby's love for life extended beyond his professional endeavors; he was an avid fan of the Carolina Tar Heels and the LA Dodgers. His zeal for his teams, rolled over into his attire and he regularly sported his Carolina Blue clothing. The Mooresville Spinners baseball was another favorite pastime and Bobby regularly attended games and threw out the first pitch.

Bobby was always quick to smile, share a joke, help and neighbor, or lend a hand. His smile and charisma was infectious and he so enjoyed engaging with his fellow Mooresvillians and also meeting new people and proudly sharing stories of his hometown. What Bobby gave back to his community was done quietly, compassionately and selflessly. He was a true servant leader.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving fiancée, Ronda Roberts; his daughters, Ashley and Brandy; his caring siblings-Paulette Culbreth (Don), Lou Ann Isenhour (Jack Church), and Kelly Compton (Hulene); his adored grandchildren, Gabe, Sydney, Trent, Tristan, Trevor, Kingston, and Kalio; as well as his cherished nieces and nephews, Amy, Erin, Kaycee, Nick and Brian.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, June 13, at 4:00 PM at Glenwood Memorial Park Columbarium, where friends and family will gather to honor Bobby's life. The service will be officiated by Chaplain Eddie Karriker, a testament to the bonds Bobby forged throughout his journey. Following this, a Celebration of Life will take place from 5:30 to 8:00 PM at the Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, where stories, laughter, and cherished memories will be shared in remembrance of a remarkable man.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that memorial contributions be made to The Mooresville Education Foundation, 305 N. Main Street Mooresville, NC 28115 for the Bobby Compton scholarship fund.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting Bobby's family during this time of sorrow. Condolences can be expressed at www.cavin-cook.com.

As we celebrate Bobby's life, let us carry forward his legacy of service and

love, remembering the joy and warmth he brought into the lives of all who knew him.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 13. 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM (ET)

Glenwood Memorial Park
273 Glenwood Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Celebration of Life

JUN 13. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

RU

“ 1 file added to the album photos and videos



Russ - June 16, 2025 at 03:15 PM

SC

“ Mooresville will not be the same with out you. Sure will miss you and your smile, Shawnelle, Red :)

Shawnelle Cherry - June 13, 2025 at 10:43 PM

JG

“ Love you, Cuz.

Joel Goodman - June 13, 2025 at 01:19 PM

TM

“ My best memory is Bobby making my sister laugh when she was in the nursing home ! He would tell her she was beautiful and she would laugh and smile the biggest smile ! Also he made my niece so happy and loved ! He's the best ! I will miss him !

Terry Wilhelm Miller - June 12, 2025 at 10:10 PM

ZK

“ *Zsuzsi Kadar lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Zsuzsi Kadar - June 12, 2025 at 07:17 PM

MS

“ *Molly Stith lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Molly Stith - June 12, 2025 at 02:22 PM

MF

“ *My Condolences to Booby's family. He was a great friend to Mooresville and I had the pleasure of serving with him on the Downtown Commission. He will be missed.*

Mark W. Fowler - June 12, 2025 at 07:53 AM

MS

“ *Mike Smith lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Mike Smith - June 11, 2025 at 03:54 PM

MS

Knew Bobby for many years. Back in the day we would sit in my old Chevy and listen to music on the record player. Even made a couple laps around the block on the bicycle built for two. Sympathy to all the family..

Mike Smith - June 11, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bobby Compton.*



June 10, 2025 at 07:36 PM

JG

“ *Jennifer Greene lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Jennifer Greene - June 10, 2025 at 12:07 PM

TS

“ *Terry Shinn lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Terry Shinn - June 09, 2025 at 02:24 PM

KR

“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss,*

Kenny Rimmer - June 09, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DC

“ very sorry to hear of bobbys passing.been friends with bobby for many many years.he will be missed by all who knew him.ever time we talked he was always happy and most time laughed at my jokes. rip,and enjoy heaven!!!

dave cook - June 07, 2025 at 11:51 PM

KD

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all of the Family! I've know Bobby for many years. I always enjoyed seeing and speaking with him when we would see each other around town.



Kyle DeSalvo - June 07, 2025 at 11:46 PM

VC

“ With Caring thoughts and Prayers
“A pillar of the community “



Vanessa Campbell - June 07, 2025 at 07:39 PM

SH

“ I did not know Bobby Compton and his only relative I know is his sister Lou Ann...so my heart goes out to her and his entire family... He must have been a wonderful man! Shirley & Mel Harris

Shirley Harris - June 07, 2025 at 05:35 PM

WB

“ I don't know how I missed the passing of Bobby, but I send my belated sympathy to all his Family. God bless you all.

Willie Beaver

Willie Beaver - June 07, 2025 at 04:26 PM

JM

“ Jeffrey McKnight lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton



Jeffrey McKnight - June 07, 2025 at 01:26 PM

JM

Rest In Peace brother firefighter / Jeffrey "Big Jeff" McKnight former Captain Centenary Fire Dept. (now West Rowan Fire Protection District

Jeffrey McKnight - June 07, 2025 at 01:28 PM

RO

“ Bobby always greeted you with a smile. A servant of our community for sure. Prayers for comfort for his family.

Ritchie Oliphant - June 07, 2025 at 11:46 AM

DC

“ Love you, brother.



Dennis Cowardin - June 07, 2025 at 06:00 AM

BT

“ To say Bobby was a dedicated public servant is truly an understatement. His love for Mooresville, our region and North Carolina was expressed in everything he did. My deepest sympathy for the family.

Bill Thunberg - June 06, 2025 at 09:37 PM

SL

“ Sharon Rogers Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton



Sharon Rogers Lloyd - June 06, 2025 at 09:09 PM

CM

“ Cynthia McLaurin lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton



Cynthia McLaurin - June 06, 2025 at 09:02 PM

JH

“ Jeff Hinson lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton




Jeff Hinson - June 06, 2025 at 08:31 PM

LC

“ *Lisa C. lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Lisa C. - June 06, 2025 at 07:57 PM

 Leila Hobbs

“ *Leila Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Leila Hobbs - June 06, 2025 at 06:46 PM

CR

“ *Very unexpected. Got to know Bobby as a fellow Department Head and employee with the Town of Mooresville since 1993. Many thanks for his support of the golf course and our friendship.*

Charlie Roberts - June 06, 2025 at 02:50 PM

KB

“ *Kim Burrell lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Kim Burrell - June 06, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ Bobby was a member of our ARP church and so well loved. He served God and others well. God bless the family.

Jane Jordan - June 06, 2025 at 08:48 AM

W.

“ Prayers and condolences for all!

W.D.Bumgarner - June 06, 2025 at 08:13 AM

TB

“ Terri Brannon lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton



Terri Brannon - June 06, 2025 at 07:12 AM

CH

“ Charles lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton



Charles - June 05, 2025 at 10:17 PM

KP

“ Karen Rogers Patterson lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton



Karen Rogers Patterson - June 05, 2025 at 09:41 PM

DD

“ *Dennis Deaton lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Dennis Deaton - June 05, 2025 at 09:05 PM

SS

“ *Sherry Shook lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Sherry Shook - June 05, 2025 at 08:04 PM

ER

“ *Eric lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



eric - June 05, 2025 at 06:48 PM

MK

“ Thoughts, Love and Prayers go out to the family. Bobby was a friend to all who knew him. Kindness and thoughtless reined in his heart. He never met a stranger. May God bring comfort to each of you today and in the days ahead.

From the Class of 1974 - he was an amazing friend and classmate. He will be missed and remembered forever. In deepest Sympathy - Love and Prayers

Marsha Keener and The Class of 1974 -     



Marsha Keener - June 05, 2025 at 06:10 PM

CJ

“ Cindy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton



Cindy Jacobs - June 05, 2025 at 04:41 PM

DM

“ Donna Mcdaniels lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton



Donna Mcdaniels - June 05, 2025 at 04:16 PM

TN

“ Served and loved Mooresville. Praying for all.

Tom Nixon - June 05, 2025 at 04:14 PM

KR

“ *Kim And Melvin Rogers lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Kim and Melvin Rogers - June 05, 2025 at 04:03 PM

DE

“ *Debbie lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Debbie - June 05, 2025 at 03:56 PM

DG

“ *Debbie & Cory Gabriel lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Debbie & Cory Gabriel - June 05, 2025 at 03:53 PM

EJ

“ *Emma Jane lit a candle in memory of Bobby Compton*



Emma Jane - June 05, 2025 at 03:39 PM