



Robert "Bob" Reeves Willingham

December 23, 1931 - September 7, 2017

Robert "Bob" Reeves Willingham, 85, of Cleveland, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on Thursday afternoon September 7th at home with his wife and niece beside him. Bob was a traditional "southern gentleman", kind, patient, soft spoken and always willing to help a friend in need. After college, he began a successful career with Unijax which spanned 37 years to retirement. He was a devoted husband and father and always put his family first. Upon retirement, he was an active participant with Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County and Hospice Veterans Hospital in Salisbury. He loved football and enjoyed games and tailgating with friends and family. Bob enjoyed working as a part time vehicle transporter and developed close friendships with several driving buddies who continued their "monthly lunch meetings" long after they retired. He was a resident of the Durham/Chapel Hill area prior to moving to Mooresville 17 years ago. While in Chapel Hill, Bob attended University United Methodist Church where he served on the usher committee. He was also a member of Toastmasters International and the Kiwanis Club International where he served as Past President for three years. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Ozzie W. Willingham and Lona Ione Reeves Willingham and siblings, Mozelle, Ozzie, Jim and Esther. Bob is survived by his wife, Patricia Horton Willingham; children, Tracy Willingham Doubts and husband, James, Robert Wesley Willingham and Jeffrey Reeves Willingham and wife, Shannon; grandchildren, Parker Reding Cannady and wife, Samantha, Laney Brook Copley, Brittney

Ferrell Willingham and Austin Reeves Willingham; great grandson, Shepherd Reding Cannady and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 2 PM, Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at Amity Lutheran Church, Cleveland, with Rev. Gene Bruce and Chaplain Stephen Vance officiating. Full military honors to follow. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. The family would like to thank Hospice & Palliative Care Of Iredell County for their amazing support during this last year, especially the teams of Laura, Maurica, Joanne, Stephen and Cassie as well as the many years of support from Teresa. We also wish to thank Debbie and Lisa for all their help and care so Bob could finish his earthly journey at home. Memorials may be made to Amity Lutheran Church, 1367 Ostwalt Amity Rd., Cleveland, NC 27013 or Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Rd., Statesville, NC 28625. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Willingham. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Reeves Willingham*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Robert "Bob" Reeves Willingham*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Robert "Bob" Reeves Willingham*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Happy Fathers day Dad! I miss you and love you very much!*

Your Son,

Rob

Rob Willingham - June 21, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ *Dear Pat & Family, So sad to hear about Bob's passing. Did not hear until Wednesday. He was a real Southern Gentlemen. I enjoyed our conversations the past year. He was one of my favorites & Was very helpful in helping me to get started in my career at Unijax. I will always hold him in the highest regard! Prayers & thoughts are with you and the family. Jerry & Julia Singletary*

Jerry Singletary - September 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I will always remember how kind Bob was visiting my husband Jim for so many months during his illness. Bob was such a nice man and meant so much to my husband.

September 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob was a great friend & a true gentleman, I enjoyed working with him at Unijax. He was a top salesman and respected by his customers and co-workers.

Mike Stevens - September 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Willingham Family, Bob was such a joy to work with at Unijax. All his clients loved him, he was an amazing man. I can just picture him now with his Ray Ban sunglasses. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Anna Bridges - September 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Willingham Family: My prayers are with you during this difficult time. I worked with Bob at Unijax and always had the utmost respect for him. May God comfort you and strengthen you as you celebrate Bob going home rest with our Heavenly Father.

Delores Stimpson - September 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers are with Jeff. Shannon, Brittany and Austin. Love Aunt Ellen

September 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted (Matthew 5:4).

The Listecki's - September 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Pat and Willingham family . sorry for you loss , My uncle Bob and I would talk a few times a year and share the memory's. John Robert Belashek Son of Ester Willingham Belashek , sister of Bob

John Belashek - September 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to learn Bob passed away. I worked with him at Unijax in Raleigh and he was a true southern gentleman. Susan CumminsCharlotte, NC

September 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM