

Bob Watson Maupin

December 7, 1932 - January 9, 2023

Bob Watson Maupin, age 90, was called home by his Lord on January 9, 2023. He was a generous and kind husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, and friend.

Bob Maupin was born at home on December 7, 1932 to Temple and Esther Maupin in Nacogdoches, Texas. He spent his early days riding bikes, swimming, playing cowboys and Indians, and finding mischief with neighborhood friends. In junior high, he began what became a lifelong passion, playing the clarinet. He also loved to tinker and designed, built, and fixed whatever could be repaired or redesigned.

After graduating from high school, he attended Stephen F. Austin until a few buddies talked him into transferring to Rice University where he earned a degree in Physics. After graduation, he was hired as a Jr. Engineer at Temco Aircraft Co. in Dallas where he worked on optical, radar, and guidance systems. It was a perfect career choice for someone who loved airplanes, had an understanding of electronics, and a knack for solving problems. He took graduate classes at SMU in Electrical Engineering. While at Temco, he met the love of his life, Barbara Ash. They married on December 1, 1956. After Temco, Bob worked at two other defense contractors and in 1968 left to help start UTL (United Technology Laboratories). He spent 24 years there building his career and earning the position of Executive Vice-President of Engineering

and Special Projects.

Bob and Barbara enjoyed 64 years of a marriage filled with travel, friends, sports cars, raising two daughters, serving as a deacon and later an elder, dinners out, cheering for the Dallas Cowboys, camping and fishing trips, and annual family reunion July 4th celebrations. In 1993, Bob retired from UTL and they moved to Lake Palestine where he now had time to devote to an active church life at the Frankston Methodist Church. He taught Sunday School, played the clarinet, sang in the choir, maintained the electronic church chimes and marquee, and multiple other building projects. He found a circle of friends at the church who just celebrated his 90th birthday with him in December. Bob was a man of deep faith and trust in God. He was a grateful man who so often referred to how blessed he was or his daily Bible reading. His sincerity was evident in his emotions when he prayed out loud.

Bob is survived by his two daughters Nancy Bates (son-in-law Michael), Patricia Riggs (son-in-law Robert) and, five grandsons: Ian (wife Heather), Aaron (wife Beth), Ben, Brian, and Peter, his sister Mary Duncan (brother-in-law Sammy), his niece Dina, nephew Clint (wife Evelyn), great niece and nephew, Fiona and Oliver.

Services for Bob will be held on January 16, 2023 at 10AM at the Stewart Family Funeral Home (7525 Old Jackson Highway, Tyler). A brief graveside service will follow his memorial service at the Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery (Tyler). In lieu of flowers, we invite you to make a donation in Bob's name to: Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone NC 28607 (www.samaritanspurse.org) or your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Service

JAN 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bob Watson Maupin



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“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bob Watson Maupin



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Beautiful life filled with love. My husband and I got acquainted with Bob when Bob wanted to play clarinet in our Christ the King ensemble. My husband Larry enjoyed meeting with him and was impressed with his jazz interest as my husband loves jazz and is a retired high school choir director. Bob always greeted us with a smile. Wish we could've known him longer as he truly is a testament of a life well lived and one that counted for God. Blessings on his children and grandchildren. He has left quite a legacy. Larry and Linda Hand

LindaHand - January 16, 2023 at 06:19 PM

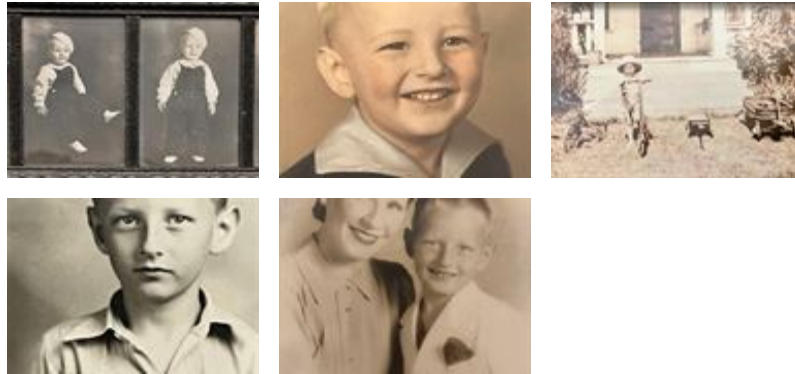
KW

“ I am sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I only got to know him in his later years as he attended our church on a regular basis. He was a gentle soul and his faithful presence among us, and that sparkle in his eye was a real blessing. I know you will miss him much, as will we! May the Lord comfort you in your loss. Kelly Walter

Kelly Walter - January 17, 2023 at 09:27 AM



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“ Bob was my Sunday School teacher for years and a real friend and inspiration. Barbara was also a special friend and a true treasure. I am honored to have known them both.

Pat Johnston - January 13, 2023 at 08:18 PM