



Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr.

May 26, 1935 - June 13, 2025

Dr. Bobby Gene Roberts, Sr., 90, passed away on June 13, 2025, in Tyler, Texas after long and successful service as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2025, with Rev. Ken Brumley, Rev. Ian Gillett, Rev. Mark Moore and Dr. Bob Roberts, Jr., officiating. A family graveside service, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on June 19, 2025, at Rose Lawn Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home will precede the memorial service. The family will receive friends at Stewart Family Funeral Home, on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bob was born on May 26, 1935, in San Augustine, Texas to Clyde Floyd Roberts and Johnnie Mae Davis and spent his early years in Camp Ruby, Texas and later Voth, Texas. Bob went to Beaumont High School and attended Lamar University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a graduate of Baylor University and attended Luther Rice Seminary from which he earned Master of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity degrees in the early 1980's. The consuming passion of Bob's life was spreading the Gospel and winning people to the Lord. He was saved at a young age and felt God's call to the ministry while only a young teen. After surrendering to preach, Bob was licensed in 1953 and later ordained as a Southern Baptist minister in 1955. While earning his degree from Baylor, Bob began preaching at small

churches in or near the Waco area while also holding down numerous part-time jobs to put himself through college. His first full time pastoral posting was to Woodrow Baptist Church in Silsbee. From there, Bob was successively called to First Baptist Church Winnie, Texas, Westside Baptist Church in Corsicana, Texas, Trinity Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, First Baptist Church in Port Acres, Texas and First Baptist Church in Lindale, Texas where he spearheaded the effort to build a new sanctuary and education building. Wherever he pastored, Bob left his churches with improved facilities, sound finances, and a growing and committed membership.

Responding to the call to make a wider impact for the Kingdom, Bob left the pastorate in 1979 to devote himself to evangelism and mission work. He was greatly encouraged to make this transition by Reverend David Wilkerson, who had established nearby Twin Oaks Ranch while Bob was pastoring at Lindale. Rev. Wilkerson later introduced him to Leonard Ravenhill, a spiritual hero and mentor to Bob, who exerted a profound influence on his life and ministry. Bob started Christian Foundations of Faith, Inc. shortly after moving into full-time evangelism and through this organization Bob was able to carry on his mission work preaching, teaching and leading people to faith in Christ at churches and revival meetings in the United States and abroad for the last 45 plus years. Bob was famous for his "Sixty Second Sermons" books, devotionals, newsletters and television broadcasts which touched the lives of countless people in North and Central America.

Bob first traveled to Belize, Central America in 1980 on a mission trip organized by Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler. While there, Bob fell in love with both the country and its people. While Bob evangelized in many other countries, his primary mission field (and his heart) was always centered in Belize. For many years, Bob headed up mission teams traveling to Belize to build or refurbish churches and Christian Foundations of Faith sponsored and financially supported many local pastors and ministries, including a Care

Kitchen in Belize City that provides regular meals to many needy inner-city residents. Throughout the years, Bob developed a large volume of study materials and sermon outlines that he shared with numerous Belizean pastors who did not have either the resources or the opportunity to attend a traditional theological seminary and he served as a mentor and teacher to an overwhelming number of Belizean preachers, church staff and lay persons who were seeking a greater knowledge and understanding of the Word of God. Over time, Bob became one of the most well-known and recognizable persons in Belize due to his long running "Sixty Second Sermon" devotions that aired during the evening newscast on Channel 5 in Belize. While pastoring at First Baptist Lindale, Bob had started a closed circuit television ministry that was later broadcast on Tyler's local cable channel. This early experience with television led Bob to eventually broaden his outreach to the entire country of Belize through the medium of his Sixty Second Sermon television spots. Bob was well-loved and much respected by the Belizean people because of his faithful and longstanding commitment to them, by his honesty and integrity, and by the passion and intensity he brought to proclaiming the Gospel and leading men and women to faith in Jesus Christ. Bob was a born again believer, sold out to Jesus, and that fact was displayed in every aspect of his ministry.

Bob is survived by his wife of 71 years, Gay O'Keefe Roberts; his daughter Sandra Tindel and husband Andy Tindel of Tyler, Texas; son Dr. Bob Roberts, Jr. and wife Nikki of Keller, Texas; son Mark Roberts of Houston, Texas; and daughter Sheila Germany and husband Bobby of Lindale, Texas. Also granddaughter Bethany Sanghani (Nirav) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; grandson Samuel Germany of Tyler, Texas; grandson Benjamin Roberts (Sarah) of Keller; granddaughter Jill Hunter (Chase) of Fort Worth, Texas; granddaughter Grace Roberts of San Antonio, Texas; and granddaughter Clara Thomas (Jonathan) of Dallas, Texas; great-grandchildren Moses

Roberts, Esther Roberts, Luke King, Naomi Hunter, Zelda Sanghani, and Ronen Sanghani; sister Linda White (Max) of Beaumont, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews. Bob was predeceased by his parents and sister Billie Lewis.

Pallbearers will be Benjamin Roberts, Samuel Germany, Jonathan Thomas, Kenneth Bibby, Gary Camp, Jason White, Matthew Connor and Robert Parks. Honorary pallbearers are Thomas Arrington, Dr. Royal Becker and Robbie Poteet. The family would also like to express their profound thanks to the physicians, nurses and staff of Hospice of East Texas for the excellent care Bob received during his final days. If desired, memorials in remembrance of Dr. Bob Roberts, Sr. may be made to Hospice of East Texas (4111 University Blvd. Tyler, Texas 75701, www.hospiceofeasttexas.org) or Bethesda Health Clinic (409 W. Ferguson St. Tyler, Texas 75702, www.bethesdaclinic.org) or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Private Burial - Rose Lawn Cemetery

Tyler, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



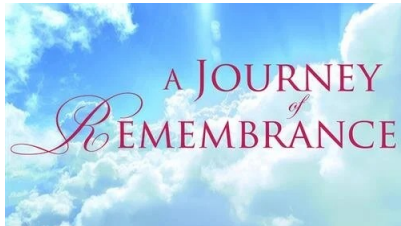
“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 19, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 18, 2025 at 11:24 AM

CT

On behalf of the board of leaders in the Institute of Ethnicity and Religions, Ho Chi Minh National Political Academy , Vietnam. I would like to send our deepest condolences to your family. Your life was a story of courage and inspiration.

Chi Tran - June 20, 2025 at 09:05 PM

JJ

Thank you

Jo Jones - January 14 at 12:19 AM

UT

“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr. On Behalf of GVI Board of Directors.

Uyen ,Kathy, Lea ,Donnie, and Tan - June 20, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr..



June 18, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr..

June 18, 2025 at 04:18 PM

AD

“ Amaarah D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr..

Amaarah D. - June 18, 2025 at 03:33 PM

AD

“ Amaarah D. purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr..



Amaarah D. - June 18, 2025 at 03:33 PM

EK

“ *Deepest sympathy.*

Evelyn Kleeburg - June 18, 2025 at 02:10 PM

PR

“ ***A True Evangelist to the Word***

Dr. Bob was a man without inhibition when it came to speaking what God placed on his heart. He said it as it was—boldly, truthfully, and always in alignment with God's Word. In his sessions with our pastors, he consistently dropped nugget after nugget of wisdom, each one relevant and timely for the days we were facing.

Our sermons became deeper, richer, and more significant because of his influence. Time and time again, we found ourselves quoting him or sharing examples we had learned from him. His inspiration lives on, beyond time, and continues to shape our journey in ministry.

Rest in peace, my dear brother. I rejoice with you in your final and greatest accomplishment—entering into the reward promised by our Lord. To the family: know that you have not lost Dr. Bob. He has simply gone ahead of us, and we will one day catch up with him.

May the comfort of the Lord be your covering during this time. He alone gives the peace that surpasses understanding. Blessings and strength to you all.

*Pastor Ashley A Rocke
President
Baptist Association of Belize.*

Pastor Ashley A Rocke - June 18, 2025 at 12:47 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 18, 2025 at 12:47 PM



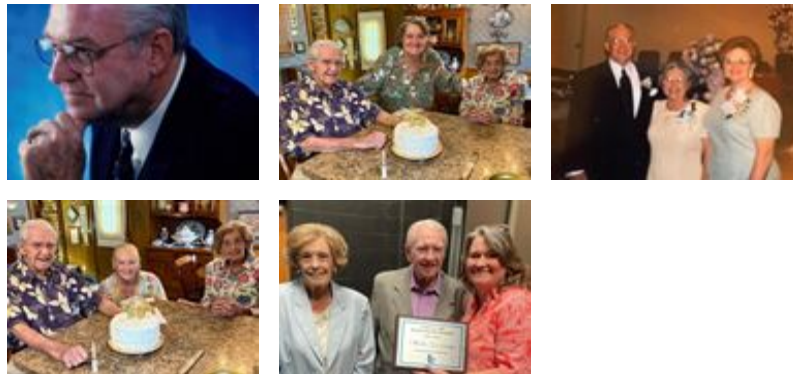
“ Maldonado Family purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr..



Maldonado Family - June 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ 137 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 18, 2025 at 10:41 AM

KP

“ Gay and family, Bob was so loved and instrumental in the many lives he touched. I'm so glad I had a few moments with Dr Bob and you too Gay during our Tyler days. Heaven just gained a man of fire and love. Bless you all and comfort as you grieve your loss. Thank you Jesus for letting us have Bob for a snippet of time. God's Best, Kenny and Brenda Pope

Kenny Pope - June 18, 2025 at 04:39 AM

BY

“ It is with sadness and gratitude that I comment on Bro Bob's life and ministry. His tireless commitment to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and his unwavering faith left a profound impact on my family, as well as countless others abroad in Belize . His firm and steadfast walk with the Lord was marked by humility and perseverance in preaching the whole Word of God, unapologetically! Standing faithfully beside him was his wife Gay, the ideal example of Proverbs 12:4: “an excellent wife is the crown of her husband”. Together they exemplified the meaning of lives totally surrendered to God's calling and planted countless seeds that will bear fruit into eternity! It has been my joy and privilege to know and love them both these many years!

Bev Yarbrough - June 16, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr..

June 16, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr..*



June 16, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ *Janet, Miller, and Marcus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr..*

Janet, Miller, and Marcus - June 16, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ *Janet, Miller, and Marcus purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr..*



Janet, Miller, and Marcus - June 16, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ *Robbie & Janice Poteet purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr..*



Robbie & Janice Poteet - June 16, 2025 at 12:44 PM

MB

“ *Mitzi and Jonathan Bjork purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr..*



Mitzi and Jonathan Bjork - June 16, 2025 at 10:43 AM

OC

“ *Bob is a long time friend of 58 plus years, I was his Timothy , he is my mentor. We prayed much together, fellow shipped around and with the word of God, visited the sick, cared for the dying, feed the poor, built buildings, led the lost to Christ and loved each other company in the Lord. I feel like I helped in raising his and Gay's 4 children whom i loved very much, Gay is the most beautiful wife Bob could have ever had. They both represent Victory in Jesus. Only eternity will reveal the many ways God has allowed Bob Roberts to be used to the glory of God. My two children loved Bob and Gay Roberts very much.*

Otis Conner - June 15, 2025 at 03:08 PM

KD

“ *Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of Bobby "Bob" Gene Roberts Sr.*



Karen Damon - June 14, 2025 at 06:14 PM