



Bobby Chambliss

June 16, 1932 - April 26, 2011

Bobby Franklin Chambliss was born in Tyler, Texas on June 16th, 1932 to his loving parents, Pansy Lee (Moshier) and Henry Clay Chambliss. Bob was raised in Tyler, attending Calvary Baptist Church and graduating from Tyler High School in 1949. He was on the football and track team in high school. He had a beautiful singing voice and sang at church and with the high school acapella singing group that traveled and performed throughout East Texas. Throughout his life Bob stayed close to many of his friends from those high school years. He loved attending his High School reunions. He spent many happy moments in his final days looking through his high school yearbooks and telling tales about the friends he'd grown up with. He said he'd never have guessed how valuable those old yearbooks would be to him. It was a joy to watch his face and listen to his happy memories of days gone by. Bob accepted Jesus Christ at the age of 15 and remained a devout Christian his entire life. He was involved with Young Life for many years and remained close to friends he made during his time with the Young Life organization and at the Young Life Camp in Colorado. He attended Gardner -Webb University in North Carolina and played on the football team. He was drafted into the Army in 1954 and it was then that Bob met the love of his life, Yvonne, on a double date 57 years ago. Unfortunately she wasn't even his date, but Bob quickly rectified the situation by asking her out a few days later. Bob and Yvonne fell in love and married a (scandalous) three months later on Feb 5, 1955. At the time of their marriage, he was serving in the U.S. Army in San

Antonio. He later served in Germany where Yvonne soon joined him. It was there they welcomed their only son, Clay, in May 1956. After his Army service, Bob graduated from college and his daughters Dee and Dot were born. Bob worked for the American Cancer Society for 15 years and lived and traveled all over the U.S. Eventually, Tyler beckoned him home where he worked in the oil business for the last 10 years of his career before retiring in 1995. For the past 30 years, Bob lived at his beloved "Triple Ten" property just outside of Tyler with Yvonne at his side. Bob continued to enjoy his very special lifelong friendships with Charles White, Bill Vickery, Buddy Carswell, Kenneth Bennett and Dr. J. Pat Evans to name a few. Bob will be forever remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, his clever story-telling abilities and for being a champion prankster. He spent many a day dreaming up his next prank or regaling us with stories of past pranks. He had a love of the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing throughout his life. He taught each of his five grandsons how to fish at the ponds on the Triple Ten. Bob was the fisherman behind many lucky kids' 'first catch' and nothing made him happier than seeing a child pull in their first fish. Bob spent many contented hours working on his property, riding his 1941 tractor, and feeding his catfish. He loved watching birds and kept a detailed list of the birds he'd seen on his property. He kept a close eye on the squirrels, birds and hummingbirds that visited the feeders he'd rigged up so he could watch them from his breakfast table.

Bobby Chambless, 78, passed away peacefully in the early morning of April 26th, 2011. He lived a Christian life and never wavered in his faith. He told us he was not afraid of death and knew exactly where he was going when he passed. His confidence in Christ helped lay the foundation of our own faith and gave us strength during his final days. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Dorothy Chambless and his children; Clay Chambless and his wife Tina, Dee Chambless and her husband Bill Carver, Dot Walker and her husband Mack. Grandchildren are Chris Chambless, Drew Chambless, Lee Carver, Austin Carver and, last but certainly not least, Gibson Walker (master fisherman). Pallbearers are: Buddy Carswell, Phil Barrett, Chris Chambless, Drew

Chambless, Lee Carver, and Austin Carver. Honorary pallbearers are members of Tyler High Class of 1949. The family will receive visitors at Stewart Family Funeral Home on Thursday, April 28th from 6-8 p.m. Services will be held Friday, April 29th at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Sam DeVille officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice of East Texas or The American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Dear Yvonne and Family:

Lives sometimes come together and separate never to be connected again, but that doesn't mean they are forgotten. I was an employee of Bob's in California and actually met all of you while Fran and I were with the American Cancer Society in Modesto, CA.

Bob and you too Yvonne have always been symbols of what is right in the world and who we want to be like. I have always held both of you up as those symbols. While our time together in Modesto was brief it didn't take Fran and me long to realize the special nature of your relationship and of how you were raising Clay, Dee and Dot. We had just had our first child (eventually 3, Neil, Alyson and Leslie) and you helped us to see how a child should be raised. You never told us how to raise a child, we saw it through your actions. We have managed to go through life almost unscathed by using you as examples. My only disappointment is that I never got to tell you this.

Not only did we use your example in family life but I many, many times used Bob as my example for my business life and as I near retirement I hope I can look back on my life and see only half of what Bob saw. If I can I know I will have been successful.

May God remain with you forever.

Carl D and Fran Jones

Carl D Jones - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Dot:*
We are so sad to hear this news! Although we did not know your Father - we can tell he was an awesome man from not only his description herer, but the way you turned our as an adult! You were very lucky to have a Father like him for so many years and Gibson was lucky to have such wonderful memories of his Grandfather! Let us know if there is anything we can do for you and your family?

Dave Gaines - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Although I never knew him personally, I know through my friendship with Dot that he was a wonderful father & grandfather and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May the Lord Jesus Christ bring your family peace and comfort knowing that your beloved is living eternal life side by side with our Lord and Savior in heaven.*

Veronica Willingham - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob was one of the wittiest, naturally funny people I ever met. And, certainly the best fisherman. You could bet that he had his fishing gear "at the ready" and could find a way to drop a hook at a moment's notice. He was a fine man--true to his friends and family always. It was a privilege to know him.*

April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *My every contact with Bob was rewarding, warm and honorable. He added to my life and I am grateful to have been an associate.*

Don Henry - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *What an awesome legacy Mr. Chambless bestowed upon his family. It was my privelege to be able to care for him & his family throughout the end of his lifes journey. May the peace of God sustain them through this difficult time.*

Lynne Cates, RN - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *I guess there just aren't enough words in existence to express how much we are going to miss Bob. I am so very happy and fortunate to have had many wonderful Dads in my life and Bob was certainly one of the best Dads I ever met. I cherish the memories of his quick smile, deep comforting voice, and twinkling sparkle in his eyes. He never once ever failed to ask me how I was doing and never once failed to make me feel right at home. He and my own father were both born in 1932 and both graduated high school in 1949. My own Dad always looked forward to going on one of the hunting or fishing trips we all attended back in the early to mid 1990s and he was very fond of Bob. They really reminded me a lot of one another in their senses of humor and story telling abilities. We learned at the feet of the masters but at the end of the day we are all rank amateurs by comparison. God bless Bob and I know there is considerable comfort in knowing we will all meet again without the pain and fragile bodies we leave behind here. He who so ever believeth in Christ shall never die but shall have life everlasting. Bob awaits us there and is having a ball with those who have gone on before him, including my own father nearly 16 years ago. God bless you all and laugh, don't cry. Bob would certainly want us to remember him that way.*

Brett and Kelly Finley

Brett and Kelly Finley - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I have many happy memories of time we spent together that I will cherish. Bob was an Uncle to me and was always there with a big hug and a smile. He will always be in my heart as will you all! I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers, Love, Kerrie

Kerrie Evans - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We first met Bob when he was walking down East Side Drive with a big stick in his hand. He had gone to show an old truck that he said ran really good. Evidently he ran out of gas and was walking back home. We knew he must be in trouble because of the stick in his hand ...bad dogs on the country roads. We stopped and introduced ourselves and took him to his drive. We didn't know he was a prankster. Bet he got some laughs out of that. Know he will be missed. We Pray that our heavenly Father will hold you close in his comfort and love.

John and Teresa Byers - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our hearts go out to you all. Bob was a kind, wonderful man. Melissa and I have such great memories of visiting Triple Ten when we were young. Bob shared his love of his family and land with us and we will always cherish those memories. Our children have heard countless stories of our childhood trips to Tyler Texas. . . fishing for the first time in the pond, watching deers eat from the feeder, chasing the cows, bird watching, using a metal detector, making natural rootbeer. Our visits were not often but made a lasting positive impression on both of our lives.

Beth Folkmann - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I never had the honor of meeting Mr Chambless. However I have met all 3 of his children. A family man's legacy is his children. Mr. Chambless has a great legacy and he will be missed by many, however his teachings and his life will live on through Clay, Dee and Dot.

Mark Ludwig - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I met Bob at Fort Dix NJ prior to going to Germany. How a true Texan and an Okie remained friends is a testimony to Bob's open and nonjudgemental character. We bonded by our love for the outdoors, southwestern lifestyle and Texas - OU football. For the first time in my life, I'll say for Bob "Hookem Horns."
We will all miss Bob but are secure in the one truth, if we have given our life to Christ when we cross over the river to rest in the shade of the trees, Bob will be waiting there.
Don and Judy

Don Ford - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Bob always added some sparkle to the day when we worked together in earlier days in the homebuilding field. I've thought of Bob often since, smiling inside at a suddenly remembered tale of his, or just recalling his fine spirit.

My condolences to Yvonne, Scott, Dee, and Dot. Jackie, Steve, Sondra, and I had some fine times when our families got together-- not often enough, regreably, with work too often taking precedence back then. John Browning

John Browning - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Yvonne, Clay, Dee, and Dot,

I was shocked and saddened to hear this morning about Bob. I am on my way out of town this afternoon, and regret I will not be there to see you in person. I did want to let you know how special Bob always was to me, and that I grieve with you all. The many stories of his life and travels kept us entertained for hours. I will always treasure the many hunting trips with Clay and Bob.

Love,

Jay Roberts

Jay Roberts - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you and your family. Your friend, Dave

David Smith - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ Tina is a dear friend of mine who has shared Bob's journey with me. I have been a prayer partner for her and your family in these tough times. I never met Bob but felt as though I knew him.

It is a joy to know that Bob was a Christian and is with our Heavenly Father. I pray for God to give you peace in the upcoming days ahead and please know that prayers are being sent your way. God bless you, Vickie Herring

Vickie Herring - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *This was a beautiful tribute to an amazing man. Even though I didn't know him personally, Dee has shared so much that I feel like I do.*

Continued prayers to the Chambless family.

Remember the good times and look to God in the moments of weakness.

We all know that he is resting in a place that God had prepared for him from conception and that he makes no mistakes...he is exactly where he needs to be.

Hansel & Carol Fitzgerald

Hansel & Carol Fitzgerald - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Dear Dot and Family: How sorry we are about your dear Daddy. What a wonderful tribute you have paid to him. Wish we could have known him. Much love and sympathy to you and all.*

Bill and Jane Pollock - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM