



James "Bob" R. Breedlove

February 15, 1924 - July 30, 2014

Memorial services celebrating the life of James Robby "Bob" Breedlove will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 4:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Steve Breedlove officiating. Visitation will be held following the service. A private family burial will be held at Rose Lawn Cemetery.

James Robby (Bob) Breedlove passed peacefully into the arms of his Lord Jesus Christ on July 30, 2014, at The Heights of Tyler, surrounded by his loving family. Bob was born near Tyler to Leta and Jesse Breedlove on February 15, 1924. He was the fifth and last surviving of seven children—Bill, Gatha Brack, Jesse, Rosalie Eikner, Bob, Ray, and Charles. His childhood years were in rural Henderson County and his adult life in Tyler. Bob graduated from Tyler High School in 1941, where he met the love of his life, Paula Kent. They married March 7, 1942. An all district player, Bob attended East Texas State Teachers College where he was letterman on the 1941 football team, before enlisting in the Army Air Corps on February 14, 1942. Bob deeply loved his country and served faithfully throughout World War II as a reconnaissance photograph pilot in the Pacific. He returned from the war as a first lieutenant and joined the family business, Breedlove Nursery. Bob and Paula had four children: Jim, Mike, Jan Breedlove Smith, and Steve. After almost 20 years as co-owner of Breedlove Nursery, Bob left and founded Breedlove Insurance where he worked for 30 years serving the needs of families. He and Paula loved to travel around the world, and they especially

enjoyed the beautiful sights of North America on long road trips to visit their children and grandchildren.

It was Bob's lifelong mission to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, to love and serve his family, and to participate generously in the life of the Tyler community. He served for years on the boards of Young Life and Fifth Street Presbyterian Church. Bob was a founding board member for Tyler's Christian radio stations KVNE & KGLY and Pine Cove Conference Center. He was known for his commitment to helping and encouraging others. When Bob went jogging, he would take a litterbag so that he could pick up trash along the way. For years, he and Paula would set up a soft-drink stand in the back alley each Friday to host a short break for sanitation workers. The week of Thanksgiving, they would cook and serve a seated meal for these service workers. He delivered food for Meals on Wheels until he was no longer able to drive.

Bob manifested his loyalty and commitment to God in word and deed, bringing joy, kindness, and wisdom to everyone he met. He freely expressed gratitude and thankfulness, was kind and gentle, loved to laugh, sing and dance, and forever took pleasure in the beauty and wonder of God's earth. He particularly worked to strengthen marriages and families and loved teaching married couples' Sunday school classes.

Even though Bob's ability to speak declined over the last ten years of his life, he greeted everyone with a smile and a twinkle in his eye. Though speech failed, he still remembered and joined his family in singing the great hymns of the Christian faith. (They will always remember him singing "The Love of God" at the top of his lungs and his frequently-voiced dream to have a wonderful voice in heaven to sing the praises of his Lord and Savior.)

Above all, Bob loved and served his family and deeply treasured his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. After 72 years of marriage,

he still saw Paula through the eyes of a love-struck young man. ("Unforgettable" was his favorite love song.) As long as he had the capacity, Bob joined Paula in praying daily for his children and grandchildren. He was also a deeply loyal son and brother who cared for his parents, siblings, cousins, and their families in times of need.

Bob is survived by his wife Paula; son, Jim Breedlove and wife Sue of Orinda, California, their children, Emily Breedlove and Roy Moore of Austin, Carolyn Hawley and husband Steven and their children, Andrew, Emma and Owen of San Diego, and Katherine Breedlove and husband Josh Lanthier-Welch of Honolulu, Hawaii; son, Mike Breedlove and wife Kay of Tyler and their son, David Breedlove, Jr. and wife Kelly and children Kent, Isabella, and Paul of Ft. Worth and daughter Leslie Daly and husband Matt and children, Carter and Kate of Ft. Worth; son, Steve Breedlove and wife Sally of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with their sons and daughters, Kent and Melissa Breedlove and children Joseph, Maggie and Jesse of Calgary, Canada, Ellen and Tony Hopkins and daughter Amelia of Raleigh, North Carolina, Steven Breedlove and wife Courtney and their children, Steve, Sam, and Claire Elizabeth of Birmingham, Alabama, Millie Dasher and husband James and children, Elijah and Thaddeus of Chapel Hill North Carolina and Thomas Breedlove and wife Kate of Durham, North Carolina; daughter, Jan Smith and husband Jackson of Atlanta, Georgia, and Amelia Island, Florida, with her daughters, Sallie Compton and children, Trip, Kent, Harlin and Drew of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, Amy Frontier and husband Jeffrey of Jacksonville, Florida, Jenny Savage Sledge and husband Damon and children, Jannah and Sheppard, of Reno, Nevada, and Allison Harkey and husband Taylor and their children, Sophie and Ella of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida and brother-in-law, Bob Kent of Emerald Bay.

In the spirit of Bob's generous nature and commitment to Jesus Christ, the

family requests that in lieu of flowers, you consider a donation to The Educational Radio Foundation, Pine Cove Christian Conference Center, Lighthouse for Christ, P.O. Box 8525, Tyler, 75711, Young Life, Dallas Theological Seminary, or the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Mem. Service

AUG 2. 4:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

AUG 2. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ Dear Jan and Mike,
I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your families
are in my mom's and my prayers.
Carole Errett McCain

Carole Errett McCain - August 02, 2014 at 02:39 PM

CM

“ Share a memory of James "Bob" R. Breedlove, or send a
condolence to the family...

Carole Errett McCain - August 02, 2014 at 02:34 PM

LM

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your dad! We loved him and Paula
too! They were such a blessing to us as young marrieds. They
showed us what a Godly loving marriage was all about and taught
us the love of Jesus Christ too! Bob was a wonderful man and I
know he will be greatly missed by so many!

Chris and Linda Marshall

Linda Marshall - August 01, 2014 at 05:19 AM

DL

“ Jan, I'm so sorry for your loss. Just keep remembering all the fun
times. Don't let those go. You and all the family are in my prayers.
Fondly, Donna Lawler

Donna Lawler - July 31, 2014 at 08:53 PM



“ *Martha Lindblom lit a candle in memory of James "Bob" R. Breedlove*



Martha Lindblom - July 31, 2014 at 08:11 PM



Jan, I know you will miss your dad. Our prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Martha Kennedy Lindblom

Martha Lindblom - July 31, 2014 at 08:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Bob" R. Breedlove.*



July 31, 2014 at 12:56 PM