



Robert (Bob) Franklin Hardiman

January 1, 1938 - June 20, 2023

Robert (Bob) Franklin Hardiman, 85, was welcomed into the hands of the Lord on June 20th, 2023. He was brought into this world on New Years Day, 1938, to his parents, Frank and Dorothy Hardiman in Witcher, West Virginia.

Bob attended Dupont High School in Belle, West Virginia, graduating in the class of 1955. While in high school, he was involved in the National Honor Society and the Dupont High School Band where he was an excellent saxophone player. After graduating, he moved on to Morgantown to attend West Virginia University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Upon his graduation, he began his career in the steel mills working for Bethlehem Steel Mill. Shortly after, he married his first wife, Barbara Hare Hardiman. He began his journey with Morton Salt in 1963 and started a family. His journeys took he and his family to stops in Rittman, Ohio, New Iberia, LA, Hutchinson, KS and got to Texas as quick as he could. With a wife and two young boys, he called Texas his home and Grand Saline would be his last move. Bob's strength got him through the death of his wife Barbara, and he devoted his time to his boys and Morton Salt. He then met Carolyn on a blind date, and the "Hardiman Bunch" was formed and we began a lifetime of love, laughter and tears.

Bob had many hobbies. He loved cars, RC airplanes, working on cars, enjoyed a good glass of wine, driving fast cars, lunch and dinner get-togethers with family and friends (Bernard's being his favorite), reading...car magazines, learning Spanish, watching Dicky work on his cars, and searching the internet looking for his next car purchase. Did we mention that he loved cars? He also loved to share stories and give advice to anyone who would listen. Bob took full advantage enjoying his hobbies and spending more time with family and friends after his retirement from Morton Salt in 2002 after 39 years.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Dorothy Hardiman, wife, Barbara Hare Hardiman (1971) wife, Carolyn V. Hardiman (2018) and son, Kevin Hardiman (2014). He is survived by his loving family including his sons, Dan and wife, Sandra Hardiman of Tyler, David and wife, Michele Hardiman of Tyler and daughter, Lisa and husband, Jeff McDaniel of Whitehouse. He will be deeply missed by his grandchildren, Braden and wife, Amber McDaniel, of Kansas City, MO, Toni Robinson of Tyler, Brennan McDaniel and fiancé, Mallory Moss of Dallas, Brooke and husband, Jeffrey Davis of Ft. Smith AR, Julia Hardiman of Dallas, Brandon Hardiman and Christina Hardiman, both of College Station. Bob also became a great-grandfather with the arrival of Evelyn Ann Davis two months ago. He will also be missed by his brothers, Larry and wife, Vickie Hardiman of York, PA and Charlie and wife, Carol Lee of Jamison, PA and sister-in-law, Dianne Vandergriff of Tyler. Bob's many nephews and nieces will surely miss his laughter and wisdom.

The family will have a memorial service in celebration of his life on Saturday, July 8th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Lanny Bridges officiating in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel. A private entombment will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery Mausoleum.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff of Hospice of East

Texas Homeplace for the compassionate care given to our dad during his last week of his life. If desired, memorials may be made to the Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Private Family Graveside Service

JUL 8 (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery
2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



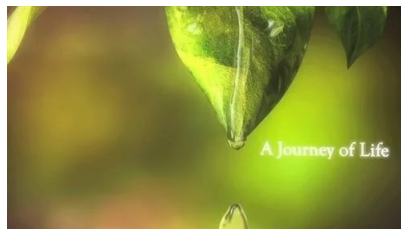
“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Robert (Bob) Franklin Hardiman



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 11, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert (Bob) Franklin Hardiman



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 27, 2023 at 05:12 PM

LI

Bob is in all our hearts today as we come together with love and share stories to honor this very special man who gave love and happiness to so many

Lora Ingalsbee - July 08, 2023 at 01:05 PM

MB

“ Bob and Carolyn were such dear friends to my parents. They are truly wonderful people. I know they will be missed.
God bless,
Mark Bryant

Mark Bryant - August 22, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Franklin Hardiman.



July 06, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Franklin Hardiman.



July 05, 2023 at 11:18 AM

MC

“ Robert lived beside my grandparents in Witcher and I grew up with him. He was a year ahead of me in school but because of marching band our lives were very busy. The last time I talked to him was at a high school reunion. Prayers for your family during your loss. Maralu King White Craven

Maralu King White Craven - June 28, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ 89 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 27, 2023 at 05:09 PM

JC

“ *Bob has always been a dear friend to our family. We have enjoyed many years of meeting for dinner on Friday nights. He came to birthday celebrations and other special events. Our daughter will miss him as he became a grandfather figure to her after her Papa passed away. Our love to Bob's family and a huge thank you sent to Bob in Heaven for being our friend.*

Jim, Amy & Aspen Cunningham

jim Cunningham - June 26, 2023 at 10:24 PM

KM

“ Missing him so badly. Bob thank you for everything. You were one person who always encouraged me to follow my dreams, even if they weren't very reasonable. You always told me I could do anything I wanted too. Thank you for constantly reminding me to never settle for anything less than I deserve. You were always so quick to make anyone feel better. You're so funny, so kind, sooo caring, and like I always told you, you're my family to me. I can't believe I'm never gonna see you walk in to dinner, or the nail salon, or into the house again. I miss you so much ❤️ Thank you for being the most incredible human being to look up to. You truly are one of a kind.

Kenedi Morris - June 26, 2023 at 05:35 PM

RM

“ To know Mr. Bob, was to love Bob. Although he wasn't family by blood, he was most certainly considered family to me. Mr. Bob is one of the most incredible people I have ever been blessed to know. He was, and is by far the most optimistic, most selfless, and most loving person in my life. I will never forget all of his jokes (the ones I laughed at because he was already laughing before he even told it), his unmatched storytelling (even if he told it more than once), and his encouragement (even if I thought I couldn't do something). My favorite thing about Mr. Bob was he always wanted to know what was going on in my life, and what I was doing next. And everytime I gave him an answer (I was usually doubting myself) and he always said “You can do anything you put your mind to, gal”. One of the many special things about Mr. Bob is, he had a love so deep for every single person in his life, which is why anyone who knew him adored him. I've never met someone who cares so deeply for others like Bob did. I will miss hearing our garage door open every Sunday and hearing Bob's voice yell, “Hello! It's me, Bob”. I will miss celebrating every occasion because Bob was the life of the party. I will miss hearing Bob said, “well gal, did you have a good day?”. I will miss Bob cheering me on. I will miss laughing at him sliding his wine glass around in a figure eight. I know he is up there with our God, and his new life is greater than it ever was on earth. I am so honored, and blessed to have been apart of Bob's life; and I am eternally thankful that he was apart of mine. I can't wait for my next chapter in life, and to hear Bob's voice in the back of my head, “You've got it gal”. Thank you Jesus for Mr. Bob. He was the most troublemaking angel that ever walked the earth (I can hear him laughing at that sentence because he knows it's true). I love you Mr. Bob, you were the BEST company in the entire world. □ - Reagan Morris

Reagan Morris - June 26, 2023 at 05:33 PM

PB

“ I am sure going to miss you Bob. You were a great friend and an even better person. Now you are where you wanted to be these past few years, with your beloved wife. Vaya Con Dios my friend.

Pete Birdwell - June 23, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert (Bob) Franklin Hardiman.



June 23, 2023 at 10:40 AM