



James Robert "Bob" Crawford

June 21, 1936 - November 14, 2015

June 21, 1936 was an exciting day for Dr. James M. Crawford and his wife Mattie, as they welcomed the birth of a son, James Robert Crawford into their family. As a young man, Bobby, as he came to be known to all, excelled in his youthful endeavors. He was well-known in his hometown as a high school basketball star, a competent debate team member, an excellent student and a mainstay in the dramatic arts. He was proud that his favorite high school teacher was also his teacher at Sunday school. Following high school graduation he attended Armstrong College, where he received a scholarship to play basketball. He later matriculated to and graduated from The University of Georgia and The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. He returned to his hometown to marry a young lady who was one of his mother's many piano students, Joan Dempsey. Life continued to present new adventures including becoming a father to two delightful little girls. At Cave Spring Baptist Church he served as a Deacon and Sunday school superintendent. Bob moved his family to Newnan where he worked for Lee-King Drug Company until his retirement. He was a member of Central Baptist Church and was active in The Newnan Optimist Club. His hobbies and interests were diverse. He was an amateur radio operator, a quail hunter, a technology enthusiast, a music lover (especially classical music), a history buff and poetry reader. In sum, a Renaissance man. First and foremost Bob was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather to his grandchildren who called him "Bobby" the same name with which he began life. In addition to his parents he was preceded in

death by his beloved grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Linton (Florence) Crawford and by his sisters Mrs. June Hughes, Ms. Ann Dittus and brother, Dr. Frank Story; sister-in-law Mrs. Betty (Lyn) Marcus and brothers- in-law Mr. Bobby Heath and Mr. Bradford Snead; aunt Elizabeth Beattie and uncle Bill Crawford. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joan and his precious daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Meri and Doug Falciglia and their children, Robert and Carolyn and Drs. Susan and Ben Chortkoff and their children, Drew and David; sister Mrs. Marian Snead and brother Mr. Charles Crawford; sisters in-law Mrs. Vicky Heath and Mrs. Reba (Gerald) Lindsey; brother in-law Mr. Thomas (Reatha) Dempsey; and very special aunt Mrs. Louise Beattie. He has many nieces and nephews and each and every one of them are special to him. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, Georgia where the family will receive friends on Friday, November 20th between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Cave Spring Baptist Church, Cave Spring, Georgia. Interment will follow at Cave Spring Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to honor Bob's memory may be made to either Central Baptist Church of Newnan, 14 West Broad Street, Newnan, GA 30263 or Cave Spring Baptist Church Youth Ministry, 4 Cedar Street SW, Cave Spring, GA. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. For questions, please contact McKoon Funeral Home at 770-253-4580.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM.

Cave Springs First Baptist Church

Tribute Wall

MA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May these words found in the Bible at Revelation 21:4 bring you hope and comfort at this difficult time. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

Mary - November 29, 2015 at 10:31 PM

BC

“ Joan and family just wanted you to know I was thinking of you and you are in my prayers. I remember my younger days at the drug store when Bobby was working it was always a pleasure to go there and cut up with him . He will be missed.

Betty Manos Cox - November 21, 2015 at 11:52 AM

JH

“ Joan and family, all are in my prayers. Bob was always so kind and enjoyed seeing him at Lee-King when judge would send me for items to bring back to office. You were blessed to have such a long marriage. Take care of yourself and know I will be praying and thinking of you.

Joan Smith Hanson - November 20, 2015 at 05:46 PM

BW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on Bob's passing. Our thoughts will be with you during this difficult time.

Bobby and Geraldine Welch - November 20, 2015 at 02:34 PM

WM

“ Dear Joan, I have known Bob well over 60 years from our high school days and he was one of the good guys in my book. I am glad we got to know him better in our trips to the mountains and beaches and our halloween parties. We will miss him, but only a mintute fraction as much as you. We will not be able to attend the services, but will keep you in our prayers. Bill & Rose

Wm & Rose McGee - November 20, 2015 at 10:50 AM

DP

“ Joan, you have truly been in my prayers. you have my love and deepestest sympathy.

Donna pittman - November 18, 2015 at 06:35 PM

SB

“ My heart is heavy knowing the loss my beautiful Mrs. Crawford is feeling. Bobby & Joan Crawford have loved each other their whole lives. I pray for strength & comfort for Mrs. Crawford, Meri & Susan during the difficult days ahead. The heart has to learn acceptance and it takes time. My favorite story about Mr. Crawford is from Reba & Gerald Lindsey's wedding reception in 1999. My Mom & Mr. Crawford were childhood friends and Mr. Crawford saw a lot of things about me that reminded him of my mother. Our conversation was on that topic of how mothers & daughters had similar traits. He laughed and gave his sweet smile and said " You should hear Joan, Reba & Vicki talking about what which one of them is more like Mae Dempsey. I just let them talk because I know that not a one of them can hold a candle to that woman. There was nothing she didn't do well ." Any man who loves his mother in law the way he did is one special man.

Sandra A Best - November 18, 2015 at 02:39 PM

JA

“ Bob was a very special person. He was always kind to everybody. We went through Cave Spring High School together and he was always kind and helpful. If anybody needed help with math, science or any other subject he would always help and made you feel that you were doing it yourself! He will always hold a special place in my heart and memories. Having lost my husband ten year ago I know what Joan is feeling. He loved her with all of his heart and soul. She was the love of his life from the time we were very young.

Jeanette Acker - November 18, 2015 at 01:54 PM

DM

“ so many memories of Bob from our many years of working side by side at Lee-King. Bob was such a kind man, I never heard him speak in a harsh tone, and how he loved his "girls" and was so very proud of Meri and Susan! Joan, Meri and Susan, I am sincerely sorry for the loss of Bob. I thought the world of him.

Debbie Massey - November 17, 2015 at 03:27 PM

EB

“ So sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of "Mr.. Bob". I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Ellen Burgess - November 17, 2015 at 09:14 AM

LS

“ Peace be with you.

Lana Smith - November 16, 2015 at 07:13 PM

NW

“ Thinking of you.

Nora Ann Wood - November 16, 2015 at 06:41 PM