



Robert David Harrell

March 25, 1927 - July 13, 2022

Robert David Harrell "Mr. Bob", age 95, passed away on July 13, 2022. Bob was born in Morristown TN in 1927 to Robert Clyde and Martha Pless Harrell, both of Morristown, TN.

Bob grew up in Morristown TN, a small idyllic town in east TN. While attending the University of Tennessee, he was drafted into the Army during WWII and worked in communications. After being discharged from the Army, he went on to become the editor of the Morristown Sun which began a lifetime career in journalism.

In 1951, Bob married his life-long love Katherine Minerva Harrell. They had grown up across the street from each other in Morristown TN and were friends, dance partners and adventurers. They moved to Kingsport, TN, Nashville, TN and finally to Atlanta, GA which they would call home for the next 25 years. During this time, five children (Martha, Mary, Margaret, Robert and Charlie) rounded out their loving family. The family enjoyed camping and hiking through-out the state of Georgia. Bob, Katherine and Charlie moved to Newnan, GA in 1979 where he remained until his passing.

As they moved through Tennessee, Bob worked as City Editor of the Elizabethton Star, Kingsport Time News feature writer and Nashville Banner

Outdoor Editor. Once in Atlanta, he was hired as the picture editor of the Atlanta Journal and then feature writer for the Atlanta Constitution writing a column called "Dateline Georgia". This was his dream job which involved interviewing and writing about the heart and soul of Georgia. Writing and photography were his passions and this work included both. He received multiple accolades from many organizations for his contributions to the growth of tourism. These accolades culminated in a Resolution from the Georgia House of Representatives for his contributions to the State of Georgia. Through his Georgia travels, he became interested in agriculture and moved to Newnan, GA to start a vineyard. The next 40 years of his life were devoted to his family and cultivating his vineyard.

Bob was a person who truly lived life to it's fullest. He was full of wisdom and gratitude.

After 57 years of marriage, Bob lost his beloved wife Katherine. He is survived by his five children Martha (Larry), Mary, Margaret (Burk), Robert (Christine) and Charlie. He is also survived by his three grandchildren Angela (Elizabeth), Joshua and Katie (Bret). He was blessed with 4 great-grandchildren Brayden, Cash, Riah and Lillian and several nieces and nephews. Bob was predeceased in life by his parents, Robert and Martha Harrell, his wife Katherine, his sister Barbara Franklin and his grandson Carl Yarber.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com.

A celebration of life will be held at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan, Georgia on August 27, 2022 at 3 pm. In lieu of flowers please contribute to your favorite charity and be sure to hug your loved ones.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Robert David Harrell*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - August 27, 2022 at 11:51 AM

RM

“ *Mary, Martha, Margaret Ann, Robert, and Charlie - We (the McGlamrys) moved on to BrookvalleyiiLane in 1958 to the NEW house. I was pregnant and our first child, Glynn, was born in March of 1959. Katherine and Bo became good friends. Katherine and I took many a morning walk with you pre schoolers and our Glynn in a stroller. The McGlamrys enjoyed watching and Helping (a little bit) to build the "patio". Your Mom and Dad were special friends. Tho we had lost track over the years - our sympathy to you over the lost of your special parents. Love and Sympathy - Dalton and Becky - Glynn, Cliff and Mike - McGlamry*

Rebekah McGlamry - August 30, 2022 at 11:25 AM

EO

“ *Eileen and Jim O'Connell purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert David Harrell.*



Eileen and Jim O'Connell - August 26, 2022 at 04:23 PM

EO

“ Eileen O. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Robert David Harrell.



Eileen O. - August 26, 2022 at 04:16 PM

GC

“ I didn't know Mr Bob long, but I knew of the peace he felt. He was a man that loved his family and his home. I've seen him look over his Vineyard with a smile. When this man held your hand you could feel his love of life. I will remember him as a sweet gentleman that made a mark in my life I will never forget. May you Rest In Peace Mr. Bob.

Gail Christy - August 24, 2022 at 05:58 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert David Harrell.



August 22, 2022 at 02:55 PM

JG

“ I know without a doubt Mr. Bob is sitting on his front porch at his log cabin overlooking his vineyard that he so loved for 40 years. He is truly in a piece of heaven he built while he was on this earth. He now has eternal life to watch the sun rise and set that he has talked about many times. Rest in peace Mr. Bob and enjoy this magnificent view.

Jeff and Velma Gulick

jeff gulick - August 16, 2022 at 09:15 AM

TM

“ Scott and I loved attending Emory Chapel with Mr. Bob. He was a pleasure just to talk to. My mother was so happy to know someone from our town of Elizabethton Tennessee. We found out it was a small world. My first granddaughter and her mom went with me to pick blueberries at his home. My granddaughter continued to as about Mr. Bob. He left a lasting impression on us all.
With Love and sympathy,
Terri Mathis

Terri Mathis - August 11, 2022 at 09:05 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Margaret Harrell - August 10, 2022 at 05:44 PM

SH

“ My condolences to the family. It wa a pleasure to know Mr Bob during my time at Benton House.

My prayers and thoughts are with you during this journey.

sherriedrummer - August 09, 2022 at 04:28 PM

SM

“ I want to extend my sympathy to Bob's family. I've gone through so many of his newspaper columns over the years and loved them all. I recall he grew muscadines/scuppernongs. Looking back, I think DATELINE GEORGIA was probably the best feature to ever appear in the Atlanta newspapers.

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This is from the Friday, October 1, 1971 newspaper:

"Just as Lanier's mighty Chattahoochee made its path from one end of Georgia to the other, so goes Bob Harrell and his camper. Seeking news of people and places, Bob wends his way down the interstates, across quiet backroads and into Georgia's many counties. His Constitution columns tell of once gold-dusty Auraria and Gabbettville's birdhouse builder. Rattlesnake roundups in Whigham. Clog dancing in Mountain City. Reforestation efforts in Sandersville. Cordele watermelon harvests. And quiet, trembling beauty of the Okefenokee wilderness. Tour the state daily with Bob Harrell's DATELINE GEORGIA."

SCOTT MACLEAN - August 03, 2022 at 01:43 PM