



## **BOBBY JOE COOLEY**

January 28, 1948 - February 17, 2014

Bobby Joe Cooley, 66, passed away Monday, February 17, 2014.

He was a member of Southeast Christian Church, Alabama A & M Football Hall of Fame, Alabama A & M Ky. Chapter Association Alumni, employee with the State of Kentucky and retired from L G & E.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Livingston Cooley; children, Lynn Austin Rogers (Antouine), Ian Denise Cooley Barry (Stacey); brother, Ernest Cooley and a host of family and friends.

Visitation: 6 p.m. -9 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2014, at. A. D. Porter & Sons, 1300 W. Chestnut St. Funeral: noon, Saturday, February 22, 2014, at Portland Memorial Baptist Church, 3802 W. Market St. Entombment in Resthaven Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. I just learned of it when I saw Jean K. last Saturday. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you, and your family. May God wrap His loving arms of comfort around you.

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**Judy Chooljian Mize** - February 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Thank you, Bobby, for your life. You helped so many and one was me. You spoke with deep humility and gracious strength. You were concerned about Linda and your family first and foremost but your love extended further to the guy and gal who still suffered. We may not see your like again in this life but we'll be together always. Love, Graddy J

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**Graddy Johnson** - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ To the Cooley family: It seems my path crossed with Mr. Bobby Cooley; we had the same stylist & I too work at LG&E where he helped pave the way. Gen 39:5

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**Denise Overstreet** - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Linda, One of my great joys working with the Medicare Partners was the many occasions I had to share a booth or presentation with Bobby. He never failed to say, "Ms. Pollock? This is Mr. Cooley." and that genuine, polite manner coupled with wit and insight made time spent with him a real joy. Sometimes he simply was a hoot! I so appreciated sharing our faith and witness of how God was working in our lives. These last few years we did not work together often, and I'm sorry to know that he went home to be with the Lord so soon. I am happy for what he's experiencing now but filled with sorrow for you and your family. My prayers are that the heavenly Father will give you peace and memories unending to sustain you, until you meet again. Janet Pollock

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**Janet Pollock** - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Will miss your smiling face, ready handshake and thought-provoking words on Saturday morning. Your wife and family were very lucky - You were/are one in a million - Rest in peace, my friend.

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**Kathleen Karrell** - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you." It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.I need you here badly; you're part of my plan.There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight.God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving yearsbecause you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain."And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free, remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me. Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author) © Copyright 1998

James - February 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ To Linda, Lynn, and Ian. Condolences from Aunt Vernell and the Peoples' family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bobby will always have a place in our minds and hearts.

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**Cassandra Peoples Thomas** - February 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Dear Linda,  
Joe and I enjoyed sharing time with you both at KYLAP retreats and at meetings. Bobby was charming and dedicated , his passing is a loss for this community. With sadness....Trish Wheeler

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**Trish Wheeler** - February 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I remember back in the days at LG&E, Bobby Joe and Wendell stood up for the rights of the black workers. They risked their own jobs.....God be with you Linda.

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**Terri Todd** - February 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Linda, Lynn, Ian and the Entire Cooley Family-May you find comfort and strength in the Word of God during this your season of sorrow. Bobby truly was a Godly husband and father. You and Bobby truly were one. The memories, support and prayers will help in the days to come. Praying for you and know that weeping does endure for a night...but joy will come....in the morning! Praying for you Linda and your family! - Love ya!

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**Maxine Smith** - February 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Linda and the girls,  
The Ridley Family - Bonnie, Elberta, Vontella, Deborah, and Andrew  
send our deepest condolences. Bobby was like our brother when  
growing up. We know that GOD will continue to bless and keep you  
in HIS care.

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**Elberta Ridley** - February 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ What a wonderful person. Keith McKinney.

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**A friendFeb** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family, we regret that we  
can't be with you. Our prayers are that you will find comfort in the  
word of God. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the  
Lord."

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**George Henry and Rosalind Cooley** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Bob's wisdom and love is something all of us can only aspire to.  
Please know that your family is in an entire community's prayers.  
He touched so many, and continues to teach, in so many life  
changing ways. His spirit was too grand for this Earth, now it has  
the ability to watch over everyone all the time. I will pray your family  
finds Serenity in this time of hardship.  
God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change.  
the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the  
different.

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**Cat** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *God Bless Linda and Family*

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**Sharon Torain** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Linda and family,As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends. God bless.*

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**Crolia Thomas** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *We are Rarely thoroughly Yet Completely usually Praying Humbly promptlyBob you touched many. God bless you and your family*

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**A friendFeb** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies.*

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**DALILA WARFIELD** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel to watch over you.*

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**Emma Warfield** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Taught me how to dance 3 days before prom.We competed in our dress and the ladies.*

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**john wallace** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and yours. May he rest in peace.*

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**Sharon Horton** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Bobby will be missed greatly. I came to know him at Department of Insurance and he was such a kind soul. His wit and knowledge will be missed. His family is in my thoughts during this trying time.*

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**Ardena Rogers** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Ms. Linda, Lynn, and Ian, my heartfelt condolences to you and the family at this time of sorrow. May God be the rock that holds you all together. Rest in peace Mr. Bobby.*

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**Donna McCormick** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *To Linda & the girls, We are truly sorry for the loss of Bobby. We are in Fla. at this time we will be with you in spirit. Loving thoughts to you & your family. Donna & Steve Brinley*

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**Donna Brinley** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *May god bless the Cooley family.*

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**Edward Brown** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Carol,  
i HAVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS.*

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**Joyce Evans** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Linda & family, I'm so sorry for your loss, you all our in my thoughts and prayers! Our court will never be the same! God Bless! Love, Brittany, Mike, Brobro, and Jillian

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**brittany collingsworth givens** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ My heartfelt sympathies to the family of this dear man. I met him through the lawyers group and we were strangers for about 30 seconds. His warmth, his smile and the love that shone from his face - all gifts that I will sorely miss. Thank you, God, for the joy of having known Bobby. I am blessed.

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**Cathy Jackson** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Linda, I'm so sorry to learn of Bobby Jo's death. He was always a joy to be around Also sorry I can't attend the visitation or funeral. Our prayers are with you.

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**Albert Kirkpatrick** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Hello Cooley family..... So sorry to hear of the death of cousin Bobby....please know our prayers are with.....May God continue to bless and keep you in his everlasting arms.... Much love Ritta Ridley Abell & Family

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**Ritta Ridley** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ Linda, Lynn, and Ian, My prayers are with all of you and your family. Love, NaTasha

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**NaTasha Johnson** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

YH

“ We have lost an amazing leader and a wonderful friend. Bobby worked tirelessly to help others, including the lawyers of Kentucky as a long-time member of our Kentucky Lawyer Assistance Program Commission. He always kept us on point and in the solution. He will be so missed, but OH! What a party that's going on in the Kingdom! Ms. Linda, thank you for sharing him with us and for your always beautiful presence. With much love and respect,

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**Yvette Hourigan** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Linda,

*Sorry to hear about Bobby. My prayers are with your family during this time of sorrow. Rest in peace Bobby.*

*Terri Basham*

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**Terri Basham** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Bobby & I go back to college days together where we shared a lots of life experiences. He was always the life of the party. He could bring the house down with quick wit that was always based on the current event of the day. Bobby always seemed to be more concerned about others rather than him. He prided himself on being well dressed and a professional example for others. He will leave a great void in God's creation here on earth. However, I can see him on his arrival in heaven picking out who needs a great joke and proceed to deliver a great one liner that give all there a great laugh. To Linda & family, I know you are in pain for his loss. However, he is in the place that we all hope to be when this journey here is done. Our loss is heavens gain. May the grace of almighty God be with you as you greave the loss of a great man.

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**Charles Matthews** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Bob could often be found around 7:30PM on Wednesdays with salmon, vegetables and a smile. I considered him a friend, fellow trudger and a gentleman. Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial...RIP Bob

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**TJ Demas** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Both my dad, "Sonny Gray," and I used to work at LG&E with Bobby Joe ("BJ"). I will certainly miss him and always remember all his stylish clothes.May the Lord bless, comfort. and keep you, and may His smiling face shine down upon you, Marilyn Gray Anderson

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**A friendFeb** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ God has another angel. Linda BJ was a very real person. We went through a lot together at LGE. I know my old friend is at peace with himself. I hope our Heavenly Father gives you and your family the shield to make it through.

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**Renee Winburn** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Linda, Sorry to hear about the passing of my dear old friend. Remember all the good he did to help other people. He gone home with our Heavenly Father to be his angel.

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**Renee McDuffie** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ To Cooley's family - Let your good memories inspire and comfort you, just as he did!!! Keep the Faith -- Harold Gilmer AAMU'69

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**A friendFeb** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ RIP Bob, Thank you for the wisdom you shared with me.

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**Gerry Harrah** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Linda and Familyl am praying that the Lord gives you and your family the strength and courage to get through this difficulty time. I will continue to pray for you and your family.Mary Butler

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**Mary Butler** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My sincere condolences to Bob's entire family. I knew Bob through AA and I had the upmost respect and genuine friendship with Bob. A true gentleman.*

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**Jim Morris Feb** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Thank you for the lessons you taught me.*

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**Gerry Harrah** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing but also know that God takes his children when he is ready for them. Bobby and I worked together at L.G.&E. but didn't become close friends until probably 22 or 23 years ago where we were both members of a very special program together. My prayers and thoughts are with with all of his family.*

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**Bill Faust** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with family and friends of our friend Bob Cooley. Monday night men's meeting*

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**A friendFeb** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Linda, so sorry for your loss. Bobby always so upbeat and happy. Besides being handsome. Patricia Breehl*

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**Patricia Breehl** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Linda,

*I will miss Bobby Cooley. He was my first community partner when I joined the field of aging 12 years ago. He could always make me laugh.*

*Tihisha*

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**Tihisha Rawlins** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Linda,

*Know that we are thinking of you and your family at this sad moment. Over the years, it was great working with Bobby. When he was at an event, you knew he was there. His smile and spirit always filled the room. He will be missed - across the state and region.*

*Be well and may all our prayers lift your spirit and light the road ahead.*

*Sincerely,  
Scott*

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**Scott Wegenast** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Bobby through work. Although I never worked directly with Bobby, I am in a different division, Bobby was always friendly and kind to everyone so we all felt close to him. He will be greatly missed, but I am sure Heaven will welcome his wonderful spirit.*

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**Diane Traylor** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *My thought and prayer are with the family, Bob touch so many live including my, his spirit and teaching are held in my heart. know of my prayer to you all as you journey this road of grief.*

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**Jacqueline Aceto** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I came to know Bobby through the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. He always displayed enthusiasm, empathy, and love to all contemporaries. His presence will be missed*

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**Mike McMahon** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *To the family of Bobby Joe -my though and prayer are with you at this sad time. God bless you*

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**Gregory Bullock** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ *Dear Linda,*  
  
*I'm so very sorry about Bobby. I hope you and your family find peace and comfort. God bless you.*

*Sincerely,  
Helen Nelson*

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**Helen Nelson** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *R.I.P. Bob, I Love You Man,*

*John D.*

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**John Davis** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ To Linda and family, I am so deeply sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. We (me, and you & Bobby), normally run into each other in the stores @ one time or another. And I guess it's been over a year since then. The strangest thing I shared with someone, is that you two came to mind just the day before Bobby's passed. Needless to say, it was a shock of hear of same! As a young girl entering the working force @ LG&E, Bobby was one of the strongest individual in spirit & truth that I met. My condolences to you & yours. Because of the faith, He will see you thru this (smile). John 14:1-4

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**Connie King** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ BOBBY JOE COOLEY

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**Charlene Stevens** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

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**Patricia Sanders** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ My sympathy and prayers for comfort for Bob's family. What a friend and inspiration he has been to so many. Karen W.

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**A friendFeb** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Truly "Walked the Walk"! Thank You for Carrying the Message to Me and Countless Others! You Will Be Missed and Heaven Gains a True Angel!

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**A friendFeb** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Sorry to hear of your loss Mrs. Linda. My condolences.

Chris Bailey - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Ian:My deepest sympathy on the passing of your Dad. He was always a pleasure to be around. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts & prayers! As always, please let me know if you or Ms. Linda need anything!

LaShonda Johnson Feb - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Bobby, was one of the finest Cousins one could have...! He'll be missed in more ways than one...I will miss all of the good times we shared over the years...! May God Bless His Soul...Cousin Dwon

DC Ridley - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ May God be with your family

ronnie marshall Feb - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ What a bright shining light! You will be missed.

Hense Bennett - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I would like to thank God and your family for sharing you with us for so many years. You will be missed but never forgotten. Prayers for you and all who loved you...Mindy Wade

A friendFeb - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.*

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February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I Loved You Bob, and will miss ya forever. You touched me and so many others. Love your Friend and RIP, John D.*

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**John Davis** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest In Peace "Old Friend"See You Later, Keith*

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**Keith Hendricks Feb** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest in Peace "Old Friend"See You Later.....*

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**Keith Hendricks Feb** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bobby you will be sorely missed by all those you have helped along the way. May God carry you gently in His hand...*

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**Rick Whelan** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Bobby Joe, if it was not for you, I would never know that there was an entirely different grade of bacon that was much better for me than Oscar Meyer. lol I remember you unwrapping a piece from a paper towel (unrefrigerated). It was the weirdest thing ever, but I trusted you and tried it anyway. It looked like you got it from the bottom of your bookbag. In reality, you were so excited to have embraced a new level of healthy eating that you could not wait to share it. I was not quite on board with you back then but what you shared was a seed that grew and now I care what I put in my mouth and as my budget permits, I will continue to remember you as I come into better and better healthy eating habits. I love you. Please please please tell aunt Vera and aunt Pete I miss them so very much.

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**Lisa Jones** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Linda,Lynn, and Ian please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers we loved having you as our neighbors for so many years and more than that we loved all of the memories together growing up. Bob was a wonderful man and we are so happy to have all of you as friends let you find comfort and peace in the days to come as God has brought home another angel from Orange Blossom God Bless Love Shellie David Jeanette Kenny and Jennifer

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**Shellie Bryan** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Bob was loved and will be very much misses!

*Yours through Christ*

*Henry G. Lackey*

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**Henry G** - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM