



Robert "Bobby" Lee Godfrey

July 12, 1943 - July 27, 2015

Robert Lee (Bobby) Godfrey, age 72, of Calera, met his Redeemer on Monday, July 27, 2015 in Birmingham, Alabama. He was born on July 12, 1943, in Natchez, Mississippi, weighing in at 4lb. He had a heart of gold and left this earth much better than he found it. He was raised by his grandparents and was forever thankful that they stepped in and took him in as one of their own. He was preceded in death by parents, W.W. & Mae Godfrey, Marie Drees; daughter, Anna Marie Godfrey and brother, Jack Drees. He is survived by his wife, Velma Jean Sizemore Godfrey; children, Robin (Steve) Acre, Beth (Ricky) Winterbottom, Chris Godfrey; grandchildren, Anna (Rev. Stephen) Cannon, Lauren Acre, Paul (fiancé Jenny Jackson) Winterbottom, Brad Acre, Adam (Chelsie) Winterbottom and Maddy Acre; great grandchildren, Savannah, Will and Bethany Cannon, Wyatt Winterbottom; siblings, Martha (Jake) Propst, Sonny Drees, Sidney (Betty) Godfrey and Linda Miller. He loved his precious Boston terriers Millie, Dixie and Bubba. He was one of the funniest men you would ever meet and when he entered a room you certainly knew it. He made people laugh with his stories and had a new one every day. He retired from Blue Circle and the City of Calera and then worked part time as a bailiff at the Shelby County Courthouse. He was a current member of Pelham Baptist Church and had been a member for 49 years of Calera Baptist Church. He loved Jesus with all of his heart and his one desire, in his handwritten funeral plans, was that all his friends and family be saved so he could see them all again in Heaven. He loved Auburn football, camping, making

people laugh, baseball and sharing his love with others. He graduated from Calera High in 1961 and played all three sports and played them well. He married his high school sweetheart in 1961 and they enjoyed 54 years together. His favorite verse was Acts 20:35, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" and it showed in everything he did for others. He certainly, "fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith" and heard his Jesus say, "well done my good and faithful servant". His Homecoming service will be Friday, July 31, 2015 at 1:00 pm at Pelham First Baptist Church with visitation from 11:30 am-1:00 pm and interment in Shelby Memory Gardens. Donations can be made to Sav-a-life Shelby, P.O. Box 1359, Pelham, 35124. Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

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Tribute Wall

PN

“ Our "BESTEST" Friend - Bobby, Since 1994 the four of us have had some of the best, most wonderful times together. The meals we have shared together always involved laughs!!! Our trips together - Orlando to watch our Tigers play, New Orleans, again to watch our Tigers. This trip we all saw way more than we wanted to see on Bourbon Street where we all danced in the street to Mustang Sally!!! Years of sitting on the front row, upper section at Jordan Hare together. Oh the laughs by the campfires!!!! The most recent visits here at Joe Wheeler Campground with you and Jean were some of the best times. We will never pass A43 again without thinking of both of you and fuuun times by the fire. Talking until after midnight and laughing so much we had no idea what time it was. Now that's FRIENDSHIP! Our lives will never be the same sweet friend. The void will always be with us. Our hearts will always have a missing part - that part you could only fill Bobby. We know you are telling Auburn stories to anyone who will listen!!!! Don't forget the one where you were unstopping our sewage line on our camper and it blew out on you. WHAT A FRIEND!! We love you dear friend. We miss you everyday here on this earth BUT we will see you again when God brings us Home too! Until then, look for us Bobby - we will be there too! Love you Dear Friend.

Pnut - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Papa, I just want you to know how much I love you & miss you! I think about you every day and miss you SO! I know you're not suffering & you're happy as can be in Heaven. I believe with all of my heart that you are all of our guardian angel now. Family gatherings will never be the same, you were the life of the party! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!!! I'm so sorry I wasn't there for you like I should've been through your battle with cancer, I regret that so much now!!! I didn't want to think it was as serious, I didn't want to think about possibly losing you...I wish I could hug you and have you kiss me on the cheek one last time and hear you say "I love you girl!" You were SUCH a GREAT MAN! Heaven gained my hero & the most unselfish and giving pple I've ever known. I love you & can't wait to see you in Heaven again one day!

Lauren Acre - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Tomorrow, Bobby, you will be gone one month. I wish I could turn back the clock. I would take you camping one more time to Wind Creek and we would ride over to the "Plains", eat at Cheeseburger Cheeseburger and then stop at J & M Bookstore and just look around. We would worship at Lakeside Baptist and hear Bro. Al Jackson preach. I would take you to Columbus, Ms. to be with your brothers, sisters and cousins whom you loved so much, especially little Shelby Rose because you were her favorite. We would then come back to the Courthouse in Columbiana, Al so you could see old your "Ole Bailiffs" and go to the Clerk's Office to hug all your "Ladies" and make a stop at Judge Sonny's office for more hugs and last but not least, surprise your favorite boss, Jennifer. Then, we would have to come back to your town, Calera, the place and people you had loved since you moved here with your folks in 1949. Here at home, you would find your family, your children, grandchildren and of course those sweet 4 blue-eyed Great-grandchildren that you had loved and enjoyed so so much. How proud you were of all of them. And then Sunday we would go worship with our friends at FBC Pelham. I wish we could have gone to Joe Wheeler and ate catfish at Newton's with P'nut and Patsy just one more time and just maybe one more trip to the beach. I would have done all of this for you if I could. I miss you so much. Other than losing our second baby, this is the hardest thing I have ever experienced. I know where you are and I know God planned it all. But you know, we didn't get to tell you goodbye and that has been so difficult. So this is my Goodbye to you Sweetie. I always knew you loved me for the 54 years we were blessed to be married. You always made me feel loved and that is a very special gift. I know life here goes on I will do the best I can, with God's help, to honor Him and you in all I do. I love you Mr. G and will see you in Heaven.
s/Your Love, Jean.

Jean Godfrey - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Mrs. Jean, Robin, Beth and Chris, I didnt know your husband/daddy that well but I knew for sure he was a Godly man. My grandmother, Mrs. Willie Franklin, adored him and Jean. Bobby was always there to help the little elderly ladies down the church steps at the old Calera Baptist Church. When my nana died, I called Bobby personally and asked him to be a pallbearer. I will never ever forget what he told me. He said "it would be my honor to do this for Mrs. Franklin. Right then and there I LOVED Bobby Godfrey! There were some that we had called and said oh no, I have to work. Not Bobby Godfrey. He had a job but this was more important to him. I will NEVER FORGET HIS KINDNESS TO MY 91 year old beloved grandmother. Fly High Bobby and if you run into my daddy please tell him hello and we miss him.

Sandra Roberts - August 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Just heard about your loss.....Heaven's gain. You and your family are in my prayers.Mary Sykes, Calera,AI.

August 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ My precious daddy, I have been to the cemetery everyday to make sure you are really gone and that you are OK. I know that you are in heaven, but, that cemetery plot is all I have left. You were the best dad a girl could ask for and I am so blessed to tell people you are my "daddy".Christmas, birthdays, football games, the beach, the camping trips, holidays will NEVER be the same without you there to make us laugh. You were the most generous man I have ever known and I hope I can leave a legacy like you did.My heart is broken and I want to talk to you one more time and tell you how sorry I am that I wasn't there when you went to heaven. I wanted to hold your hand in every single step of your journey with cancer, but, God saw a different plan so I have to accept that. Please know that I love you and will never be the same without you always being in my "cheering section". You are my hero!!!I love you my daddy! I will see you again!

Beth Godfrey Winterbottom - August 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss ,Heavens gain .Will keep you in my prayers.He was a wonderful person.

CAROLYN BRASHER - August 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ God bless.

Buddy - August 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ Keeping The Godfrey family in my prayers through this time. May you find comfort in the loving stories that you hear from all that encountered Mr Godfrey.

Cyndy - July 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ We will keep everyone in our prayers, however, there is no doubt that Bobby is entertaining the Angels in Heaven. He never met a stranger and kept everyone entertained while he worked at the Courthouse. He was a good man with a big heart! He will be missed.

Mary - July 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ I can't even begin to tell of all the fun memories I have of Mr. Godfrey because there were so many. He treated me as one of his own as I spent many weekends, summers and camping trips with the family. I always loved it when our families were together. There was never a dull moment! Even as we have all aged he would still kid me about things that happened when I was kid. He was a very generous man and the legacy he has left for his family is awesome! Love you all!

Emily Dunkling - July 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss, Larry and I both loved Bobby and enjoyed our time working together at the Court House. I know he and Larry are catching up in Heaven. Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers during this time ?

Joy Childers - July 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Larry loved Bobby and always enjoyed working with him at the Court House. They are both catching up in Heaven. Two great men making Heaven a better place. RIP dear Bobby ?

Joy Childers - July 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ We will keep your family in our prayers Mr. Bobby was a good man. I hope your family finds comfort and peace. He will be missed.

kay giddens - July 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ The service was a sign of an awesome legacy to his life in the Lord and his family is a blessing because of his leadership. Thank you for sharing the memories, love and the messages with us today.

Gail Kemp - July 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My God bless you and comfort you in the loss of Bobby. We will certainly miss him!

Lisa Sallas - July 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I am sorry for your loss. Bobby made my day with his sweet Bible verse cards he would give me. He always seemed to know which one I needed and if he said he was going to pray for you, he did. He will be missed by many!

Teresa Long - July 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Godfrey family,I am sorry for your loss and heartbreak. I always held Bobby in the highest regards, and thought the world of him.I am praying for your family in this difficult time.May God's peace be upon your hearts.

Jason Marler - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM