



Bobby "Bob" Eugene Moree

March 2, 1933 - November 9, 2020

Bobby "Bob" Eugene Moree, 87, passed away at his home surrounded by his family early Monday morning November 9, 2020. He was born in Lancaster, SC on March 2, 1933, the son of the late Ola Robinson Moree and Joseph Franklin Moree.

Growing up in Lancaster, SC, Bob was proud of his heritage. He carried the life lessons of hard work, family values, and the value of common sense that he always credited to the love of his parents. He graduated from Lancaster High School in 1952 where he was voted Friendliest by his peers. In later years, Bob loved reconnecting with classmates while attending his high school reunions each year. Football was always a huge part of Bob's life. He was quick to credit that it was football which provided him the opportunity to attend The University of South Carolina on a football scholarship. Bob always showed a great deal of potential and promise which led to him being the first member of his family to attend college. The time and life experiences during his time in Columbia changed his and his family's lives forever.

In the summer of 1953, while working at a football camp in Myrtle Beach, SC he met his first true love, Mary Shirley Likens. Bob loved to tell the story of their "secret marriage and elopement" on July 16, 1954. As newlyweds, they started their life together as proud residents of Henley Homes which was the married student housing at The University of South Carolina. Upon graduation in 1956, Bob was proud to serve his country in the United States Army. He served in Korea from June 1956 to March 1958 and completed his duty in the Army reserves where he was honorably discharged on June 30, 1963.

Bob's true love was his family. He was proud of "his girls", Mary Donna Moree and Anna Leigh Moree, and was an exemplary father to them. Throughout their moves and career transitions, Bob and Shirley made a strong team and placed high priority on family, friends and creating a loving home. To know Bob was to know his family. With the arrival of their first grandchild in 1989, came a new nickname, "Bob-Bob". This quickly became the name that his family and friends all adopted for him. Sadly after 36 years of marriage and having just begun the joy of being grandparents, Bob lost his wife Shirley to cancer on October

25, 1990.

Bob found great enjoyment and success throughout his career in the trucking and transportation industry. His career started with Roadway Express as a sales representative. Spanning his fifteen years with Roadway Express he was rewarded with numerous promotions which often required moving his family. Despite these moves, Bob and Shirley and their girls made many lifelong friends along the way. Bob's career journey started in Greenville, SC then onto Richmond, VA, Charlotte, NC, Winston Salem, NC, back to Greenville, SC and further south to Mountain Brook, AL. In 1974, Bob joined Akers Motor Lines in Gastonia, NC as Vice President of Sales and Marketing. This allowed Bob and his family to move back to "the Carolinas" which was truly home. In 1978, Bob joined Baker Industries as Vice President of Pony Express Courier Corporation. In 1996, Bob retired from the parent company, Borg Warner, as Group Vice President and Division President of Wells Fargo Protective Services.

In August 1992, Bob married Carolyn Bridgeman of Gastonia, NC. They moved from Gastonia to Charlotte to start the rest of their life together. They enjoyed traveling the US and abroad. In addition, they loved spending time in Blowing Rock, golf trips with friends, winter trips to Florida and participating in LOTS of grandchildren's events and family gatherings.

Bob's interests as a young man, included being very active in the North Carolina Jaycees as well as spending many Friday nights under the lights refereeing high school football games in the Carolinas. Bob always led by example with his fitness routine of early morning runs and in later years his dedication to daily workouts at the YMCA. While working, he loved to breakup his workday with a game of racquetball with Rob and co-workers.

Spending time with his grandchildren was a source of great pride and joy. Bob treasured taking his grandchildren fishing. This was a time to create lasting memories, shape lives and share many valuable life lessons together. These memories include many early mornings, sausage biscuits, lots of nightcrawlers and a few fish. His grandchildren all followed in his footsteps of participating in athletics. It did not matter the sport, if there was a grandchild participating, Bob-Bob was a "season ticket holder" and their biggest fan.

Bob was a proud and devoted South Carolina Gamecock! He was a member of The Gamecock Club, The Lettermen's Club and a Full Scholarship donor, where he hoped to repay USC for the opportunity that he was afforded through his education and experience on the football team. For Bob, it did not get much better than inviting family and friends to

join him to cheer on his beloved Gamecocks on a sunny Saturday or under the lights of Williams-Brice Stadium. As part of this fall football tradition, Bob cherished reconnecting and sharing his family with fellow USC teammates and friends in the Lettermen's Club.

True to his high school superlative, Bob placed a high value on his relationship with friends. He enjoyed countless memories of hosting and traveling with friends and family. Special friends, like "The Charlotte Group" enjoyed many trips to the Carolina beaches and mountains. During retirement, he loved spending time in Blowing Rock and cruising the Blue Ridge Parkway on his motorcycle. In addition, he enjoyed beautiful days on the golf course, often travelling with the NC Tarheel Seniors group. While at home in Charlotte, he was an active member of Carmel Country Club and the "ROFs golf group".

Bob had a gift for making everyone feel at home. He welcomed all with a warm hug, a hearty greeting, a genuine smile and was quick to offer friends "a bump"(a Shirley and Bob-Bobism for a libation). He was famous for a large collection of colorful sayings, AKA "Bobisms", which had to be edited from this record, but were immortalized on a plaque upon his retirement.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Shirley, Bob was predeceased by his half-brother Joseph Franklin Moree, Jr.

Bob is survived by his wife Carolyn, his daughter Donna and husband, Rob Burdick of Charlotte, NC and his daughter Anna Nadler of Morristown, NJ. Bob-Bob LOVED his five grandchildren and is survived by Cameron Burdick Hutchinson and husband Andrew (and soon to be great granddaughter), and Trey Burdick, all of Charlotte, NC. Jake Nadler, Ben Nadler, and Sam Nadler all of Morristown, NJ. In addition, he is survived by his brother Jack Moree (Sylvia) of Pawley's Island, SC.

During his journey with Alzheimer's, Bob was able to remain at home. Our family wishes to thank his special angel and caregiver Jackie, who enhanced the quality of his life during these years. In addition, we want to thank the care team from Carepoint. Bob's final journey was supported by the care and assistance of Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region. Care, compassion and understanding know no bounds or limits. We thank everyone on "Team Bob-Bob".

In light of the pandemic, we plan to hold a celebration of Bob's life at a later time. His family looks forward to rejoicing in our most special Bob-Bob memories and toasting this wonderful man, son, husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

The family is in the care of Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel. Online condolences may be made at www.heritagecares.com.

Memorial gifts may be made to:

- The University of South Carolina (www.donate.sc.edu ->direct your gift->Gamecock athletics->Football Program Enhancement Fund)
- The Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org)

Comments



“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. I have such fond memories of "Bob-Bob." He was such a devoted grandfather, attending all of the sports events of Trey and Cameron. We have shared many benches in the stadiums together through the years....lacrosse at Charlotte Latin, the boys' soccer games and ballgames at Williams Brice cheering on the Gamecocks. He was a special man, and memories of him will be cherished in my heart always.

Sending all my love and prayers to his wonderful family,

Maria McLean & Grant

Maria McLean - November 13, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ When I first came to the Moree residence, it felt very welcoming and inviting. His wife, Carolyn was very devoted and caring to Bob bob's care and making sure he eats and drink his fluids. If it wasn't for my company, Carepoint, I wouldn't have had the wonderful pleasure of meeting him and his family, along with the honor of caring for him. I truly thank my former coworker, Jackie, for being his angel and wonderful caregiver for the past couple of years. I wish the family strength and love during this time. His spirit will live on through his loving family. Love, Tina Tran, CNA from Carepoint.

Tina Tran - November 13, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ Thank you Mr. Moree for being a supporter of me, especially after my father "Big Al" died when I was a young man. My heart goes out to Donna and Anna Leigh (my other sisters). My thoughts and prayers are with y'all, he was an inspiration to me, he will be missed
Dan Cook

dan cook - November 15, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Eugene Moree.



November 11, 2020 at 11:59 AM