



Bobby Gene Coggins

August 14, 1938 - December 08, 2016

Dr. Bobby Gene Coggins, age 78, departed this earthly life December 8, 2016 after a long courageous battle with bile duct cancer. Born in Star, NC, the son of the late Esther Mae Coggins and the late James Wallace Coggins. He graduated from Albemarle High School in 1956 and then attended Presbyterian Junior College. He played professional baseball for the Kansas City Athletics from 1959-1962, was a Charlotte Police Officer from 1962 to 1967. He received his BS degree in Education from Pembroke State College in 1967. He received his Masters of Education in 1969. In 1971 he graduated from The University of New Mexico with his Ph.D in Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Coggins immediately went to Central Piedmont Community College where he was head of the Criminal Justice Program and taught for 28 years. He was instrumental in developing the Criminal Justice Program at CPCC for Charlotte area uniformed officers and Basic Law Enforcement Program. He authored an instruction manual for Personal Private Protective Services in North Carolina and wrote his own text book for Introduction to Criminal Justice. His outstanding contribution to the advancement of law enforcement training in Mecklenburg County was felt by not only his students, but by those citizens that were protected.

He was a veteran of the United State Army, where he received recognition as an Expert Marksman .

Dr. Coggins was a long standing member of Excelsior Masonic Lodge No. 261. For hobbies, Bobby was an avid and accomplished golfer, gunsmith, carpenter, welder and machinist. After retirement from CPCC, to keep himself busy, he worked for Ryan Homes as a punch carpenter. This earth has lost a tender, loving person who was gracious and kind to everyone , a gentleman and scholar in every way.

Survivors include his loving wife Suzanne Coggins of Fort Mill, SC, whom he married in 1997, his stepdaughter, Dana Davis (Alan) and step granddaughter, Selena Davis of Charlotte; stepson, Chase Lindsey (Amber) step grandchildren Baya and Ryker Lindsey of Bryan, Texas and a brother Jim Coggins (Iris) of Albemarle, NC. He also leaves close friend Jeanne Nichols and family and close friend Betty Rowland, along with many aunts and uncles , cousins and family members who loved him dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday December 12, 2016 at 2:00 PM in the Palmetto Funeral Home Chapel , 2049 Carolina Place Drive, Fort Mill, SC 29708. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials may be sent to the Salvation Army Center of Hope Shelter, 534 Spratt St, Charlotte, NC 28206 or Hospice & Community Care, 2275 India Hook Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

On-line condolences to the family may be made at www.palmettofh.com

The family is being served by Palmetto Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Mill, SC.

Events



SERVICE

2:00 PM

Palmetto Funeral Home
and Cremation Service
2049 Carolina Place
Drive, Fort Mill, SC
29708

Tribute Wall

M mae

I send my deepest sympathy to the entire Family. Always remember the wonderful times that you spent with. Please find comfort in what the Bible says about the opportunity of seeing your love one again under the very best of conditions right here on the earth: 'Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.' (John 5:26, 28, 29) For more comfort please go to the following website <https://www.jw.org/en/video-why-study-the-bible/> and then search for "When Someone You Love Dies" Brochure.

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B Betty Rowland

during his last days on earth, Bobby and I made a mutual agreement. I promised to stay with him and Susie to the end. He promised to give ,my bill a hug for me when he got to heaven. I kept my part and I'm sure that by now, Bobby has met Bill and given him that big hug for me. Miss you already Bobby. Love you both. RIP ☐☐

M Marsha Glenn Lepola

Bob, I didn't know you, but I thank you for the love you gave Sue, my dear friend. Rest in the arms of the Lord. Sue, reading these tributes to Bobby, no wonder you loved him with all your heart. When you are having a really bad day, imagine what a beautiful moment it was for Bob, when the Lord wrapped his arms around him and embraced him.

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Sherry Sigmon

Bob has been a nonbiological member of our family since I was a young girl. It's true that friends are the family that you choose for yourself. Bob was such a special person known for his kindness, humility and dry sense of humor. He and my Dad taught together at CPCC and developed such a close bond that they looked forward to going to work each day, especially if they could get something on each other. He faced his illness with grace and humor showing concern for those around him. He has been with our family throughout the years to celebrate happy occasions and to provide comfort in times of sorrow and will be greatly missed. We were honored to be his friend and will always be grateful for the love he showed us all, especially our father.



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was purchased for the family of Bobby Gene Coggins



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"Medium Dish Garden"

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Dana Davis

I will miss you so much Bob! Always there to give me a big hug! Best step father any girl could ask for. Thank you for loving my mom with everything you had. RIP. Take care of our Diamond girl.



"Heart"

was given in memory of Bobby Gene Coggins



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Bill Sirginson

I can remember Bob and Andy Nichols taking me to South Carolina for a Hillbilly Degree...That was an experience. Since the time in Charlotte and teaching at Central Piedmont Community College...a lot has transpired...May you Rest in Peace my Brother and Bless you for all you did for several people. Pastor Bill Sirginson, Chaplain, Lutheran Evangelical Protestant Church.

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Ross C. Pipkin

My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this most difficult time. Bob is the only reason that I have a degree in Criminal Justice he gave me hope when I was ready to quit because during that time I was driving a truck at night for UPS and going to school during the day, as well as supporting a family but he was there for me when I needed a boost. I retired from CMPD 17 years ago but have never forgotten what a hope and inspiration Bob was to me as I struggled thru school, I owe him more than I could ever say here because I am happily retired with a good pension because he took his time to counsel me and give me encouragement when I lost my way. Bob was a kind and caring man and I want his family to know I will never forget his help and the help he gave many others at CPCC. Thank you Bob Coggins for caring so much about your fellow man you will never be forgotten and we will always speak of you with love and respect.
