



## Mr. Robert Walter Dews

March 23, 1939 - December 26, 2015

Robert Walter ("Bobby") Dews, 76, died on December 26, 2015, at Phoebe-Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Ga. Honoring Mr. Dews' expressed wishes, a private service is being planned by the family.

Mr. Dews was born in Clinton, Iowa on March 23, 1939, but lived the majority of his life in his beloved Edison, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his father and stepmother, Robert Porter Dews and Margery Killingsworth Dews, and his mother Marian Hiers. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Glenda Bolin Dews; his daughter and son-in-law Dana Dews Gates and John Paul Gates of Richmond, Va.; his grandson and namesake Robert Dawson Gates; his sister Patricia MacLean of Trussville, Ala.; his stepsister Marcia Killingsworth of Edison, Ga.; stepbrothers Lawrence Killingsworth of Spokane, Wa. and Scott Killingsworth of Atlanta; and several nieces and nephews. Additionally, Mr. Dews leaves behind numerous cousins who consider him more of an uncle or a brother than a cousin.

Mr. Dews graduated from Edison High School, and played baseball and basketball for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets before being drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. He followed in the footsteps of his stepmother and other family members by obtaining his Associate's degree from Andrew College in Cuthbert, Ga., and he later graduated with a Bachelor's degree from West Georgia College.

Mr. Dews' athletic career speaks for itself. He was inducted into the Georgia Institute of Technology Hall of Fame and was a player, manager, scout and coach in professional baseball, most notably for the Atlanta Braves, for over 53 years. In addition to his love for The Game, he had a lifelong passion for fishing and quail hunting, and he was an accomplished author, having written several novels and books of short poetry and prose. He most recently served as the writer-in-residence for Andrew College in Cuthbert, Ga. A deeply spiritual man, Mr. Dews was a member of First United Methodist Church of Edison, Ga.

Mr. Dews was a natural athlete, a masterful storyteller, a passionate family man, and a beloved friend to all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Bobby Dews Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund for Calhoun County High School in Edison, Ga. Fund is to be

established; please send donations for holding to the Bank of Edison, 476 Turner Street, Edison, Ga., 39846. In addition, contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Edison, Ga., or the Albany Rescue Mission in Albany, Ga

# Comments

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“ So much could be said about Bobby. He was such a special person to so many people and touch many lives by the way he lived. He was a caring and loving friend, always concerned about others. The Stanfill family was blessed to have him part of our life, and he will certainly be missed my many. Sending our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Glenda, Dana and the entire family along with our thoughts, many prayers, and much love. Praying God will give you comfort, strength and courage as you face one day at a time.  
Gail and Bill Stanfill

**Gail Stanfill** - 23 hours ago



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all of the family. Bobby was a great friend and baseball associate to my late husband, Jim Beauchamp. All who knew Bobby loved and admired him. He was a great man.

**Pam Beauchamp** - 16 hours ago



“ Bobby was my Assistant Basketball Coach at West Georgia 1968-1970. I would visit with him when he came to Florida with the Braves during Spring Training. We spent many nights traveling in a car with no air conditioning, to small rural Georgia towns watching bad basketball players! I played Basketball 1956-58 in Ft. Gordon Ga. Bobby's Daddy was the Baseball Coach at Ft. Gordon. I was FORTUNATE to know them BOTH. GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY. I LOVED HIM. Thank God for giving me the opportunity to spend two years of my life with such a fine gentleman.

**Coach Jan Bennett** - 6 hours ago



“ To Glenda and Dana, we sere certainly saddened by the death of our friend, Bobby. I played against Bobby in high school, with him in American Legion baseball, hunted and fished with him. He was a great friend to me and I am so thankful that he included me in his circle of friends. He was a great guy. He cared about people and did so much for people that most of us don't even know about. We will be remembering you and your family in prayer during this special time. With love, Chuck & Kay Cowart

**Chuck & Kay Cowart** - 5 hours ago



“ Such sad news. I have been very fortunate to have worked with Bobby (and Glenda) for the last twelve years. Even though it was usually tax season, I always looked forward to Bobby coming in as I knew we would spend some time just chatting about life. He always had the best stories. Such a dear, sweet man. I will miss him as will countless others whose lives Bobby touched. My thoughts and prayers will be with Glenda and the rest of Bobby's family. Sincerely, Sandi Cannon

**Sandi Cannon** - 3 hours ago



“ I was so saddened to hear this news today. Bobby was such a sweet man. He will greatly be missed! He would tell me stories of him and my dad (Merritt Ranew) playing ball together and we would just share in some great laughs and memories. He came to dad's funeral 4 years ago. I know that daddy is having one heck of a reunion with a great friend. See you on heavens great diamond one day. Prayers for his wife and family! God bless you and comfort you in this time.

Sincerely,

Rebecca (Ranew) Sheltra

**Rebecca (Ranew) Sheltra** - 2 hours ago