



Robert "Bob" William Crabtree

June 19, 1928 - October 15, 2020

Robert "Bob" William Crabtree of Louisville, KY passed away Thursday October 15, 2020 of natural causes. He attended Ralph Avenue Baptist Church where he was a Sunday School teacher, helped with music ministry, also in the choir, and filled in when needed to preach. He taught high school English at Pleasure Ridge Park High School for 30 plus years. He had two Masters degrees from Campbellsville College and Western Kentucky University in High School English and Psychology. Bob was also a Baptist ordained minister from Southern Baptist Seminary. He served in the Army in Alaska in the 1950's. Bob taught adult education at night for years helping adults get their GED. He painted buildings every summer with a group of teachers (The Painting Crew). His greatest joy was expressing himself through poems and short stories he wrote. He loved playing his harmonica, banjo, and ukulele. Bob was a Christian man that never hesitated to tell everyone about the love of Jesus. He was soft spoken and true to his word. He gave money and words of wisdom to anyone that had a need. He loved his family and church and will be missed always. We take comfort knowing he is with the Lord now, the true keeper of hope. Preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Shirley Newton Crabtree; son of the late Ollie J. and Edith Mae Crabtree; brother of the late John Crabtree (Angie), Buster Crabtree (Geneva), Tim Crabtree (Rose). He is survived by his sister, Marjane Frech (John); brother, Giles Crabtree (Late Pat); his children, Robert "Bobby" Priddy (Kathy), Barry Priddy (Late Mary), Kim Reardon (Richard), Shana Ventola

(Bobby); also several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Judes Children's Hospital.

Services will be Monday October 19, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy Louisville, KY 40216.

Visitation will be October 19, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. at Owen Funeral Home.

Burial will follow services at Bethany Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 19. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to read about Bob's passing. I taught at PRP with him for a number of years. Often thought about him after I left in 1985

He and I had identical brief cases at one time and his goal was to still be using his when he retired. I'm sure he did because he had it wired together before I left. I've got to believe he kept it after retiring I am now living in Virginia.

*Tom Mathews
PRP !965-1985*

Tom Mathews - October 20, 2020 at 09:31 AM



Tom he did keep it. Our family put it in a fiberglass display with other things from his teaching career after he'd retired!

Kim Reardon - October 30, 2020 at 07:38 AM

SC

“ I had the honor of meeting Mr. Crabtree at Ralph Avenue Baptist Church in his later years. He was talented and delightful! His love of Jesus was all encompassing and his longing for his late wife, passionate. It is a comfort resting assured that he is welcomed by them both in eternity. What a beautiful soul!

One Thanksgiving he performed his harmonica and ukulele skills for an appreciative audience at Mosaic United Methodist Church's Community Thanksgiving Dinner,

blessing everyone in attendance that year! He also entertained at Heartsong Memory

Care on more than on joyous occasion. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

I am certain he was the most gifted English teachers the South End has ever known!

Fortunate are his many students. May his legacy live on and angels comfort his family & friends.

Susan Crook

Susan Crook - October 18, 2020 at 10:18 PM

BD

“ Bob and I were friends and worked together for several years on the JCPS paint crew. He was always a person you liked to be around and he always had sage advice. Once, after he had been talking for a while, I teasingly said, "Bob, they say "Silence is Golden." He immediately came back with, "sometimes, it's yellow." I've never forgotten that. He made me realize that it is cowardly to not speak up for God and the things I believe are true. I look forward to renewing that friendship in Heaven.

Bill Daniel

Bill Daniel - October 18, 2020 at 08:55 PM

RA

Bob was a uniquely kind gentleman. He loved the Lord with all of his heart, mind and soul. "Well done thy good and faithful servant"

Rich Aubrey - October 25, 2020 at 12:38 AM

LP

“ I was friends with Shana in middle school and Mr Crabtree would come pick me up to go to church with them. He was an amazing man. I'm so sorry to hear about his passing, my prayers for the family.

Lori Patterson - October 18, 2020 at 11:11 AM