



Robert "Bob" H. Austin

May 7, 1932 - April 6, 2015

Robert "Bob" H. Austin, 82, of Salisbury, peacefully departed this life to enter eternal rest on Monday, April 6, 2015 at Coastal Hospice at the Lake. He was born May 7, 1932, a son of the late Robert and Edith Housel Austin. "Pop", as he was known by his family, proudly served his country in the US Army. He was a school teacher for 39 years in Ohio, Snow Hill, Berlin and Salisbury. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Elks Lodge of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. He was a true dog lover and will be greatly missed by his faithful dog and companion, "Gypsy."

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Lynn S. Austin; two daughters, Bobbi Miler and husband, Timothy of Keller, Texas and Jennifer Dennis and husband, Charlie of Denton, Texas; two sons, Pratt Dukes of Virginia Beach and Robbie Dukes of Salisbury; six grandchildren, Lauren Dukes, Duke Dennis, Julia Lee, Taylor Dukes, and Casey and Mason Cook; and two great grandchildren, Raelyn Woodhouse and MaKenna Lee. He is also survived by two special friends, Doug Spurry and Dwayne Byington; and a host of friends, as he was a friend to all he met.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 211 Phillip Morris Drive in Salisbury, where a visitation will be held from 1:00 to 2:00. Dave Duitscher, Chaplain, will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Coastal Hospice at the Lake, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21801.

Arrangements are being handled by Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **11**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ United Methodist Church
211 Phillip Morris Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" H. Austin*

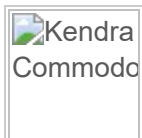


Short Funeral Home - April 11, 2015 at 10:13 AM

JS

“ *I am late learning of Bobby's passing. Bobby was a good friend, we took shop classes together at Fairmont State College, WV. When I went to Salisbury to teach auto shop, Bobby said, "leave your shirt tails out" He came to the shore and taught at Snow Hill, and then later he came to Salisbury. I kept his English Ford running as long as I could and his Buick convertible as well. What a friend. Believe this or not. He towed a jeep station wagon from Fairfax, VA across the Bay Bridge and on to Salisbury at the end of a chain in the dark with me in it with his Buick. What an experience. I can be reached at 2134 Ellis Hollow Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 if the family wants to hear more about this great friend. Jim Sullivan*

James A. Sullivan - December 08, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ *Mr. Austin will always be remembered as a saving grace. You made a great impact on my life and you will never be forgotten. Rejoice In Paradise!*

Kendra Commodore - April 10, 2015 at 06:55 PM

 Bobbi
Parsons

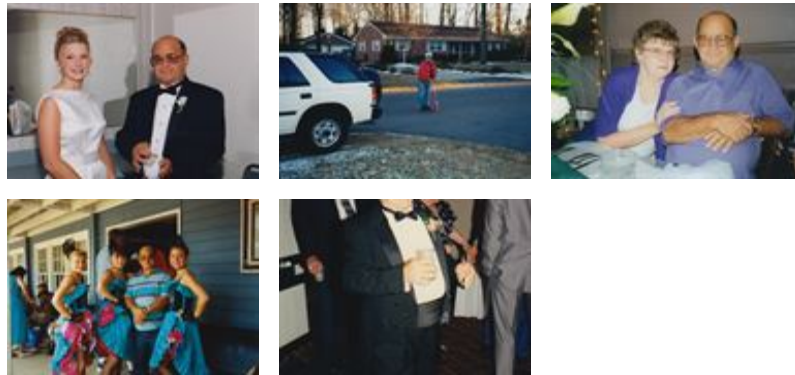
“ *Will be missed, but never forgotten!*



Bobbi Parsons - April 10, 2015 at 01:28 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Short Funeral Home - April 10, 2015 at 10:05 AM

SP

“ *Mr.Austin As I Sat N Think Back on the memories of you...You matter how your day was going ...you smiled n made sure Everyone else smiled as well.May you start your new life with your angels n heaven.Dont forget to show that Amazing Smile.*



Shameka Purnell - April 10, 2015 at 07:07 AM

AB

“ Bob was that special kind of person that gave you a warm feeling of friendship as soon as you met him. Although I only knew him briefly, he was always a joy to be around. I am sure he is smiling and making others smile still.

Angelo Bizzarro

Angelo Bizzarro - April 09, 2015 at 12:31 PM



“ Bob and Lynn are two of our very favorite regulars at Outback. We will miss him terribly down here, but he is oh so lucky to be in His Kingdom now with no more suffering. We love you Lynn and miss you Bob.

Nichole Leigh - April 09, 2015 at 10:49 AM

BG

“ I'll miss you, my friend.

Byron Green - April 09, 2015 at 10:45 AM

PL

“ HE WAS ONE OF MY TWO FAVORITE TEACHERS. ALWAYS HAD A SMILE FOR YOU. COULD MAKE A BAD DAY BETTER. WHEN YOU HAD A PROBLEM HE WOULD TALK TO YOU HELP SOLVE IT AND KEEP IT CONFIDENTIAL. AWESOME TEACHER. I SEND MY PRAYERS TO HIS FAMILY.



PANSEY (KILLMON) LEMON - April 09, 2015 at 10:26 AM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. He was my teacher in junior high and later a client. He always had a smile on his face and joke to tell. His family was obviously his greatest joy. He will be missed.

Jodi Kiefer Brown - April 09, 2015 at 07:02 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss! Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

With sympathy, Willie and Susan Benton

susan benton - April 09, 2015 at 05:30 AM



“ Elaine Henderson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" H. Austin



Elaine Henderson - April 09, 2015 at 05:19 AM


Timothy Deal

“ My prayers are with you and your family. He had a smile that would light up the room as soon as he walked in. He always had a funny way to encourage me during class. Now his smile and personality will shine brighter than it ever has in Heaven.

Timothy Deal - April 08, 2015 at 08:59 PM

ST

“ *Mr. AUSTIN was my industrial Arts teacher in the early 80s. Always called me by my last name. He said when its,all said and done all you will have is your good name. Etched in my mind and heart forever. Thank you Mr Austin.*

Shawn S. Thomas - April 08, 2015 at 08:29 PM

DJ

“ *I truly send my condolences to the family of Mr Austin he was my ind art teacher very nice man he will be truly missed i looked forward to going to art class cause he new how to treat his students R.I.P. Mr Austin.*

Delores Jones - April 08, 2015 at 08:21 PM

SG

“ *Always a sweet funny man! We will miss seeing his smiling face! Condolences and prayers for the family.*

Sue The Nurse

Sue Garner - April 08, 2015 at 07:41 PM

KG

“ *Mr. AUstinov was my first exposure to Industrial Arts. I loved how he always helped you, but at the same time let you figure it out on your own. I wished I had told him back then how much I loved his class and how much confidence it gave me to create something from scratch. Thanks, Mr. Austin. I will never forget you.*

Kimberley Graham-Groves - April 08, 2015 at 06:21 PM



“ *What an awesome and sweet guy. Great and kind teacher. Truly loved by all*
Kristi Winship Patterson

Kristi Patterson - April 08, 2015 at 06:16 PM



“ *He was industrial Arts teacher at Bennett Middle 1978*

Betty Carey - April 08, 2015 at 04:58 PM



“ *So very very sorry your loss Pratt and his family. Your father was a special man.*

Debbie and Allen white - April 08, 2015 at 03:46 PM



“ *Mr Austin was a great teacher. He made me feel at ease in his class. I remember one joke he did tell me that we both a bit of a belly in the front and the only thing they were good for was collecting saw dust. He made class great.*
So sorry to hear of his passing. He will be missed.

Charlotte - April 08, 2015 at 03:28 PM



“ *What a great teacher and friend many fond memories of fishing trips to Roaring Point....He and Jack Williard were two peas in a pod he will be surely missed our deepest sympathies to all his family and friends R.I.P*



Lynne and Randy Jones - April 08, 2015 at 03:20 PM

NL

“ Lynn -- With Maria bedridden since August and a Agape event on Saturday, we will not be able to attend services for Bob, but you both have been and are good neighbors. Our hearts and thoughts are with you at this time.

Nancy Linck - April 08, 2015 at 02:27 PM

 Tracy
Lowe

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Mr Austin's family. He was my Industrial Arts teacher at Bennett and he was a very nice man and I enjoyed having him as a teacher. I still have one of my pieces that I built in his class that he helped me with. He will be missed.

Tracy Lowe - April 08, 2015 at 02:11 PM

PJ

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the Austin family.

Mr. Bob was one of the funniest and most loveable person that I ever knew. His daughter Bobbi and I where gymnastics and dance teammates while growing up in Salisbury. That was a long time ago but I just remember him always being with his wife, whether it be at a competition or at practice. He was sooo funny and full of life.

I love you Bobbi and Miss Linda.

Lots of Love

Princess Penn-Joyce and family.

P Joyce - April 08, 2015 at 12:39 PM

BR

“ *Im so sorry for the loss of Mr. Austin. He was a great teacher. Later in life I encountered him several times and always respected the kind man he was, with a gentle soul. Prayers to his family. Bobbi Stoner-Rajala*

bobbi rajala - April 08, 2015 at 12:38 PM

MP

“ *Our deepest condolences to all of Bob's family. We are saddened to hear the news today. We lived in the same neighborhood, and also across the street from his mom in Sherwood Manor. Bob always had a smile and a joke every time we talked. Lots of fond memories!*

*With Sincere Sympathy,
Morris Pohl
Melanie Meadows Pohl*

Melanie Meadows Pohl - April 08, 2015 at 10:44 AM

KE

“ *Bob made everyone smile when he entered a room, he always joked around, he holds a special place in my family's heart. So sorry for your loss Lynn, Pratt and family*

Kelley - April 08, 2015 at 09:25 AM

RE

We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you all. Love The Elliott's of Virginia Beach

Robin Elliott - April 08, 2015 at 06:30 PM