



Bobby Joe Owens

June 20, 1936 - March 18, 2020

Bobby Joe Owens, 83, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 in Summerfield, Florida.

Bobby was born June 20, 1936 to Burriss and Palmer (Tripp) Owens in Greenville, South Carolina. As a young man, he served his country as a member of the United States Army, Air Force, and Navy. While stationed at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, he met the love of his life, Patricia Ann Guerard. On August 7, 1958, they were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. This August, they would have celebrated 62 wonderful years of marriage. They raised three children together.

Bobby worked 39 years for the City of Grand Forks, retiring in 2001 as manager of the Grand Forks Civic Auditorium. Upon retirement, his dream of moving south became reality when he and Pat relocated to Ocala, Florida. Bobby's most treasured memories are the years he and Pat spent at their Ocala home, enjoying the sunshine, their pups, and frequent visits from family and friends.

Left to miss him are his wife, Pat; his children, Barry Owens of Ocala, FL, Robin (Robert) Flurer of Bismarck, ND, and Pam (Ken) Roebuck of Rochester, MN; six grandchildren, Zachary (Chelsea) Flurer, Andrew (Rachel) Flurer, Jenna (Henry) Macken, Katey (Michael) Bethune, Abbie Roebuck, and Isabelle Owens; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law, Willard Guerard;

his mother-in-law, Eugenia Guerard; three sisters and three brothers.

A family graveside service will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL with military honors at a later date.

Blessed be his memory.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Pat,
So sorry about Bobby. Was a good man. The world needs more like
him.*

Joe Simon - March 26, 2020 at 10:17 AM

JC

“ *Pat and Family*

*My condolences. Bobby was always kind to me and always had a
smile for every one he meet. He was a gentleman.*

Jim Campbell

Jim Campbell - March 24, 2020 at 10:52 AM

GN

“ *Dear Pat and Family. Where do I began? The both of you and your
hole family, the memories Lynette and I have. Knowing Bobby
through the civic center "Drapery" days of Budget Draperies then to
the "Great Flood" of 97. Bobby and I talked and enjoyed each
others company. He believed in me! He was a prince of a man a
true gentleman, slow to anger. Wait a minute, I never saw him ever
get angry! Though he had a way to putting things in perspective,
lets say. Pat, you and Bobby have lasted in our hearts as true
friends, North Dakota, Grand Forks Style. I could go on. I miss
those days. God Bless you Pat and family and God Bless a Good
Man, Bobby. Ever so sincerely with all our love, Greg & Lynette and
Family*

Greg & Lynette Norman - March 23, 2020 at 02:40 PM

EP

“ Pat and family,
So sorry to hear about Bobby's passing. My thoughts are with you.

Evelyn Pederson

Evelyn Pederson - March 23, 2020 at 01:56 PM

KH

“ Pat, Robin, Pam, and Barry,

I am sending my deepest condolences on the loss of your husband and father. I have such wonderful memories of growing up with your family and spending time with Pat and Bobby and all of you. Bobby was such a kind man and always made us feel welcome at your home, and he was always driving us around town before we could drive and would just chuckle at our silly teen girl antics. He was one of the good guys. I lost my dad a few months ago, so I can so relate to your loss right now. Praying for peace and comfort for all of you. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Kelly Holt-McBain - March 23, 2020 at 10:13 AM

MN

“ Dearest Pat and family,

We are both so sorry to hear about Bobby's passing. Our hearts go out to all of you.

Keeping you in our prayers.

With sympathy,

Milt & Janice

Milt and Janice Nelson - March 21, 2020 at 06:19 PM

DC

“ *Pat and family,*

I am so sorry to hear about Bobby's passing. Having lost my husband 18 months ago, I definitely feel your loss. Memories and the love you all shared is what will get you through the coming months.

It just doesn't seem that long ago that you were living next door to mom and dad on 23rd street. Or that Bobby was letting me tag along to the armory dances. Too many memories to mention.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time of sorrow.

With much love and sympathy,

Debi

Debi (Nelson) Carney - March 21, 2020 at 06:13 PM

AW

“ *We were so sorry to read about Bobby passing away. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time. Sending you hugs and greetings from Grand Forks...*

Annella (Swartz) & Steve Winger

Annella Winger - March 21, 2020 at 11:05 AM

PM

“ Dear Pat,
I am so very sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. May the memories of happier times together and the support of family and friends help sustain you through these difficult days. Sending my thoughts and prayers your way. With heartfelt sympathy.
Pat Merritt

Pat Merritt - March 21, 2020 at 10:41 AM

DS

“ Bobby was always available to help. He helped public health with space at the Civic Center for flu shots, wellness fairs and community events. He was also a friend. We will miss him!

Don Shields - March 21, 2020 at 10:33 AM

HB

“ Sweet memories of a sweet man and family. ((hugs)) to you all.
"He heals the broken-hearted..." Psalm 147:3

Heide LeClerc Becker - March 21, 2020 at 09:29 AM

BW

“ Dearest Pat, Robin, Pam, Barry - Lorraine and I were devastated to read of the passing of your beloved Bobby - -we grieve for you, but know, also, that our Lord will comfort you as He now holds Bobby in his arms.
You people mean so very much to our family - -all that you did for us those many years in Grand Forks - you are truly Saints of God, thank you for that!!
Please, if there is ever any thing we can do - -you did so very much for us!! Our love, our sympathy, but most important - -our prayers of comfort, and of praise, for who Bobby was!!

Bud & Lorraine Wessman - March 20, 2020 at 05:05 PM

CF

“ Prayers to Pat and family. A kind man he was. Blessed as well.

Carol Forsman - March 20, 2020 at 04:56 PM

JA

“ Barry & Family, very sorry to hear of the death of your father/ husband/grandfather. Mary & I will be including you in our thoughts & prayers, very sorry for your loss, jon & mary

Jon Adams - March 20, 2020 at 10:17 AM

PV

“ Pat and family, we are so sorry to read about the passing of your dear Bobby. We always enjoyed visiting with him when and especially when we stopped at your place in FI. Our love and prayers are with you all.

Peggy and Ed Vanyo - March 20, 2020 at 09:25 AM

HW

“ Dear Pat and family..
My condolences to you and your family,
Love Hetty

Hetty Walker - March 20, 2020 at 09:24 AM

CA

“ Dear Pat, Pam and family,
We are so sorry to read that Bob had passed away. We want you to know that we are thinking of you all and sending our sympathy. Our Lord will take good care of him.

Colleen & Mark Alphson - March 19, 2020 at 11:24 PM