



Robert Kenneth Dodson

May 7, 1921 - July 17, 2018

Our family said goodbye to the most amazing man we've ever known on July 17, 2018. Robert K. Dodson was 97 years old. He married the love of his life in 1949, nearly 70 years of love and devotion to Barbara Dodson. He served in WWII in the signal core. He placed speakers on the Eiffel tower announcing the end of the war. They raised three sons and a daughter and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Showing us all how to be respectful of nature and show love for even a stranger. He served as a Forest Ranger for 33 years. He loved God, his family and His country. He could build and invent better than anyone we've ever known. He taught himself to paint and he was amazing at that as well. This a very hard goodbye. We know he will always be watching every single one of the family for the rest of our lives! He was just the type to always take care of his loved ones. We will always miss you, but never let your story go untold Grangran!

He was born in Elon, North Carolina on May 7, 1921. He is survived by his wife Barbara of Altoona, Florida; son Michael (Nina) of Monroe, Georgia; son Richard (Susan) of Gainesville, Georgia; son David (Christy) of Umatilla, Florida; brother Benjamin of Altoona, Florida and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 am, Monday July 23, 2018 at First Baptist Church Altoona. A viewing will start at 9:00 am at the church. The interment

will follow at 2:30 pm at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Barbara and Family:*
I was so sorry to hear about Uncle Bob's passing. I have many good memories of visits with Daddy's family. One that stands out was when you and Bob came to see Mom & Dad and my family was living in their basement apartment. Uncle Bob paid Denise so much attention and said she was so cute. As a new mother, this made so proud as if I was doing something right. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you much.

Betty Boggs McDaniel - July 31, 2018 at 12:50 PM

BE

“ *I am at Bob only a few months ago in church him and his wife Barbara we're just my most favorite people and I always look for them first Bob was a special man and kind hearted and he was very content of the barber at church he will be missed now you have your wings spread them high and fly*

Betty - July 23, 2018 at 11:03 AM

PC

“ *We are celebrating the life of Mr. Dodson - and his wonderful example of Christian values and strength. God Bless You during this time of loss.*

Philip & Marya Crotwell - July 23, 2018 at 03:29 AM

CO

“ *We only knew Robert through the eyes of his granddaughter Christi, but that was enough to know what an amazing man he must have been. So glad that you all were able to share his time on earth and I know he will be waiting on you to join him someday!*

Christopher Opstad and Kathi Opstad - July 22, 2018 at 06:12 PM

SM

“ Barbara So sorry for your loss. You & Bob sat in front of my daughter & myself in Church @ Altoona. May GOD comfort you @ this time.

SherryI McDuffie - July 22, 2018 at 02:26 PM

BM

“ My husband, Robert Cary McPhee, (son of Irene Dodson McPhee) known to his family as Bobby, has shared many wonderful stores of hunting and fishing with his uncle Bob. He loved his uncle. We had the pleasure of seeing uncle Bob and aunt Barbara a few years ago in Florida. I trust that God will send his loving comfort to Aunt Barbara and all the family. God Bless each of you as you go thru this very difficult time.

Bobby and Lillie McPhee - July 21, 2018 at 11:07 PM

LT

“ To all the Dodson Family, We are so sorry for the loss of your wonderful father, grandfather, great-grandfather and beloved husband. Blessing for all of you and for us having Mr. Dodson in our lives. Mary "Nash" Harlan, Linda Trotter, Chris Trotter and Family

Linda Trotter - July 20, 2018 at 12:28 PM

TM

“ We were so sorry to hear of Mr. Dodson's passing. I remember him so well growing up in church with y'all. He was a good man and you were blessed to have him for so many years. Love you guys and thinking about you as you celebrate his wonderful life.

Teresa and Scott McHugh - July 19, 2018 at 04:50 PM

CG

“ Below is a link for a Facebook group that contains more photos of Robert's life. Feel free to join and share in our memories of this wonderful and amazing man.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/646524069073882/>

Christi Dodson Opstad - granddaughter - July 19, 2018 at 01:57 PM

JA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bob's death. I have such good memories of Bob and the times we visited together. Barbara I love you and am thinking of you and your family at this time.

Joyce Ashworth - July 19, 2018 at 01:00 PM

BD

“ Sorry to learn of Uncle Bob's passing. He lived live to the fullest, and Marsha and I send our sincere condolences to Aunt Barbara and the rest of his loving family. God Bless.

Bill & Marsha Dickey - July 19, 2018 at 12:54 PM

LB

“ So sorry to read of Robert's passing and so glad you were blessed with him in your lives for so long. Reading his obituary it was so nice to learn things about him I did not know. You are in my mind and heart. Sending prayers for all of you.

Love,

Kathleen, Bill, Lori and Family

Lora Brewer - July 19, 2018 at 12:01 PM

CS

“ *God Bless a Wonderful Man ! God Bless The Family!*



Claudia & Larry Smith - July 19, 2018 at 11:54 AM

CS

“ *Please accept our condolences for your loss. He was an inspiring man and full of wisdom. We both just want you to know that the whole family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Claudia & Laurin Smith - July 19, 2018 at 11:23 AM

CO

“ *During the loss of a loved one, you reflected on your past together. I was lucky enough to have a Grangran that was amazing! I am a better person because he was my Grangran. He taught me a love of nature and all animals. He taught me a love and respect for God and family. He taught me how to see things all things you do till the end. I will always keep his voice in my mind in all choices in my life.*



Christi Dodson Opstad - July 19, 2018 at 11:23 AM

CO

“ A few years ago, Grandgran and Granmommie were visiting us in Georgia. They were staying with my parents, Mike & Nina Dodson. While having lunch at Arby's, I started asking Grangran questions about his time in the Army. He told me many stories, but the one that sticks out the most is about his involvement in announcing the end of WWII. Bob was enlisted in the signal core during the war. Towards the end of the war, he was stationed in Paris. He told me they were ordered to place speakers on the Eiffel Tower. During that time, they actually camped on the Eiffel tower while they worked. The speakers they affixed to the tower were used to announce the end of WWII!

Christi Dodson Opstad - July 19, 2018 at 11:21 AM

MS

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your recent loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. I have always received comfort from the Bibles' word at Philippians 4:7 which reads "and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus". I hope you can receive comfort from these words as well. Margo Simmons

Margo Simmons - July 19, 2018 at 08:22 AM