



Robert Downing Blaker

June 17, 1942 - January 27, 2020

Robert “Bob” Blaker of Bartlesville, OK passed away peacefully on January 27th, 2020. Bob was born on June 17th, 1942 in Ponca City, Oklahoma to David Green Blaker and Maurine Downing Blaker. Bob was a longtime resident of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Independence, Kansas.

He attended College High, in Bartlesville, where he excelled in football as quarterback and basketball as a guard. Following graduation from College High in 1961, he attended the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. At KU, he joined the Sigma Chi fraternity (Alpha Xi Chapter) where his father, brother, and uncles had also been initiated. He later transferred to Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma where he earned his bachelor’s degree in business.

After college, Bob enlisted in the Army and entered Officer Candidate School, eventually earning the rank of Lieutenant. He often spoke fondly of his time serving at the base located in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Bob worked in a variety of different industries throughout his life. He spent time as a stockbroker in Cupertino, California. He led the Zemi Corporation, also in California. Later, he worked with his brother, David, to grow a medical device company called Bed-Check in Tulsa.

Bob was preceded in death by his father Dave Blaker, his mother Maurine, and his beloved older brother David.

He is survived by his longtime girlfriend and high school sweetheart Linda Mathews (McReynolds), his son Bobby, from a previous marriage, and his niece Libby Sanders.

A celebration of life will be held at Stumpff Funeral Home on Saturday, February 1st from 2pm to 5pm. Friends and family are encouraged to gather here and share stories and memories of their time with Bob. Anyone wishing to make contributions is welcome to donate to the College High Alumni Association Class of '61 Scholarship and Flower Fund.

Friends who wish may sign the online guestbook at www.stumpff.org

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel
1600 SE Washington Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Downing Blaker*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Robert Downing Blaker*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Flowers*



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - January 31, 2020 at 05:43 PM

KB

I'm sad to hear of the passing of Bob, a good person and friend. Our last meeting was in the time frame of 1979 - 1983 and don't remember the occasion but it was great going over our times from McKinley to Col Hi. Please accept my condolences to Linda & Bobby.

A note to Linda: It's good to know where you are as the last time I talked to Odie (sic) I didn't remember where she said you were. Again I'm sad to hear about Bob.

Kirk Bowers

Kirk Bowers - February 01, 2020 at 01:23 AM

VW

My deepest sympathy to Linda and members of Bob's family. I know he was very proud of his son, Bobby. Being in his high school class, it seems too early for him to pass from this life. He was always so full of life when I've been around him and had such a great sense of humor. He also seemed to really care for others. I remember he sent me a condolence card when my mother passed away, and I hadn't seen for quite a while. I remember when some of my high school girlfriends got together for a reunion after our 50th high school reunion, Bob's name came up and one of the girls said "I always did like Bobby. A lot of us dated him in high school at one time or another." And we all had a chuckle out of that. So lots of memories from high school and at our reunions.

With deepest sympathy,

Virginia Hawks Worrell

Virginia Worrell - February 09, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Downing Blaker.*



January 31, 2020 at 05:05 PM

DR

“ *It is with sadness that we heard of Bob's passing. My husband Ray and I remember fondly Sunday School and social events with Bob. We give our love to Bob's son, Bobby. Please know that we care!*
Ray & Donna Rothgeb

Donna Rothgeb - January 31, 2020 at 04:07 PM

JH

“ I send condolences to Linda and to others in Bob's family circle. Here's hoping that all of you will find comfort in good memories and in the love and care of family and friends. Bob was my neighbor and my classmate who provided us with lots of Friday night thrills on the field and on the court. His bright light will be missed.

Jon Harkavy, Class of 1961

Jonathan R. Harkavy - January 31, 2020 at 02:47 PM

WS

“ I offer my deepest sympathy to Bob's loved ones. He will be missed as my team leader, brother in Sigma Chi, and a friend.
Bill Saul

William Saul - January 30, 2020 at 10:56 PM

BC

“ My condolence to Bobby and Linda for the loss of Bobby Blaker as he was known to me.

Chaplains Bobby and Angie Cunningham

Bobby Cunningham - January 30, 2020 at 08:53 PM

ST

I met Bob in 1993. I was working for Holly Surgar and Bob was running a site for Zemi corporation in LA.. Zemi bought surgar from me and he ended talking me into going to work with him. This was the start of our 27 year friendship. This was also an example of Bob's persuasive skills. Zemi fabricated vending machine that served a slush drink that was similar to a frozen Gatorade drink. On occasion the customer's vending machines would leak and the contents would spil onto the floor and it would eat the customers cement floors. So I went from a safe job to one that taugh me how to do some fast talking. That talking skill is one that I use today. I will miss my friend alot and will continue to value the experiences that we shared over the last 27 years. Stan Traxler

Stanley Traxler - February 01, 2020 at 10:27 AM

CJ

“ Sorry to learn of the loss of Bob my classmate. Condolences to Linda and Bobby.
Carolyn (Lightle) Johnson

Carolyn Johnson - January 30, 2020 at 04:26 PM