



Bob R. Boggs

July 23, 1939 - December 24, 2022

Bob R. Boggs, 83, of Poca, WV with his family holding his hands on Christmas Eve peacefully received the most gracious Christmas gift that God can bestow by passing through the heavenly gates into the waiting arms of Jesus and reuniting with the love of his life, Kelle Boggs.

Bob was born on July 23rd, 1939 in Pike County, Kentucky. A young Bobby Ray birthed his lifelong work ethic by laboring in the fields of his grandparents' tobacco farm during the hot summers in Eastern Tennessee.

After moving to West Virginia, Bob graduated at the top of his class from Dunbar High School in 1957 as an all-state and all-Kanawha Valley basketball player. He was also a state champion track runner. One of his favorite stories to share with his family was the night he put up 22 points against Jerry West of East Bank. He always ended the story by describing that West put up 40 points on him.

After graduation, he joined the United States Navy and was stationed aboard the USS Randolph in the early days of the NASA Mercury Missions. The Randolph was an astronaut recovery carrier, and in 1961, he worked on deck and witnessed astronaut Virgil "Gus" Grissom sink his space capsule, the Liberty Bell 7, to the ocean floor of the Atlantic. Honorably discharged, Bob returned to West Virginia where he met the love of his life Miss Kelle Melton.

The two soon married and had two children: Shawn and Deana.

In 1979, Bob and Kelle founded Kelle Boggs Dance Studio. Mr. Bob, or Principal Bob as he was called, was a staple at the studio for 40 years, taking care of administrative business and handing out lollipops, or “suckas,” to all of the students after class. To know Bob was to love Bob. He was a special gift to his children, his grandchildren, and anyone that met him. His body of this world may have failed him, but his spirit will eternally remain persistently strong. Shed tears that he is gone, but smile because he lived.

Bob was a 1977 Summa Cum Laude graduate of West Virginia State College with a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. Bob was a 35-year chemical operator with FMC, Union Carbide, and Bayer Cropscience. And as previously mentioned, he was the president of Kelle Boggs Dance Studio for 44 years.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Bryan and Ethel C. Boggs, his wife, Kelle, brothers: Jimmy, Harry, and Junior and sister, Betty Boggs Stoots.

Left to cherish his loving memory are his son, Shawn (Christy) of Scott Depot, daughter, Deana McNeil (Eddie) of Poca, and the pride and joy of his life his grandchildren: Ashton McNeil, Cheyenne McNeil, Bray Boggs, and Gannon Boggs; as well as the thousands of dance students whose heart he touched for 44 years. He is also survived by a brother, Lewis C. Boggs of Sardis, Ohio.

Funeral Service will be 1:00pm Friday, December 30th 2022 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield with Pastor Don Lohr officiating.

Visitation will be Friday, from 11am to 1pm at the funeral home with entombment following at Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens Red House, WV.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Bob’s tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 12848 Winfield Road Winfield, WV 25213 is honored to handle Mr. Bob's arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens

Rt 62
Red House, WV 25168

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield
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Funeral Service

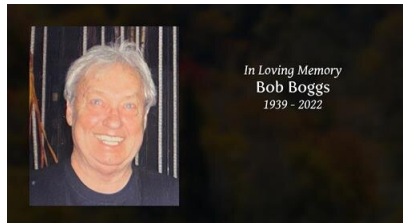
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Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bob R. Boggs



Chapman Funeral Homes - December 30, 2022 at 07:43 PM

DD

“ I knew Bob as a special friend at Dunbar High School. He was someone I admire greatly and spent time with him and his close friend Ollie Martin. attended all the basketball games, both home and away, to cheer them on to victory. Bob had a beautiful jump shot and he seemed to float in the air as he connected the ball with the basket. I also attended the track meets. Bob was a great athlete! I remember him fondly and send his family condolences on his passing. I feel so fortunate to have had him in my life and will always remember him.

Dorothy Gainer Doran - November 04, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ Bob R. Boggs

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM

SS

“ *Shawn and Deana. Mom, Theresa, Stephen and I are so sorry to hear about your dad. I've been thinking the last few days about all the fun times we had. I remember Bob setting up the table in the garage and grooming Heidi. I also remember all those times we would sit outside the house on the front steps. You mom and dad would sit behind us on one step and we would sit on the step below just checking out the neighborhood, talking, and having a blast! I feel like Kelle and Bob are together again. Just know you are in our thoughts during this sad time.* ”

Stephanie Sells - December 30, 2022 at 08:52 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bob R. Boggs.* ”



December 29, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bob R. Boggs.* ”



December 29, 2022 at 12:10 PM

TS

“ *The Whitesides-Steph Opal Theresa Steve purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bob R. Boggs.*



The Whitesides-Steph Opal Theresa Steve - December 29, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Bob R. Boggs.*



December 29, 2022 at 10:42 AM

HF

“ *HARRY BOGGS FAMILY purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bob R. Boggs.*



HARRY BOGGS FAMILY - December 29, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Bob R. Boggs, give you peace, comfort and strength...

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Navy Veteran, Bob R. Boggs, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - December 29, 2022 at 06:47 AM

LR

“ *Love and Prayers. Melanie McGinn Rutan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bob R. Boggs.*



Love and Prayers. Melanie McGinn Rutan - December 28, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bob R. Boggs.*



December 28, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bob R. Boggs.*



December 28, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bob R. Boggs.*



December 28, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *Bob is my dear ex-brother-in-law who I have not seen for many years as I moved away. I am so saddened to hear this. Sending heartfelt condolences to the family. No words can ease the pain you feel at this time, please know I am thinking & praying for you at this time. I have many good memories in my heart of Bob.*

Reba Moore - December 28, 2022 at 10:22 AM

DM

“ *Don and Sharon (Paps and Mams) purchased the Cardinal Memorial Garden Stone for the family of Bob R. Boggs.*



Don and Sharon (Paps and Mams) - December 27, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bob R. Boggs.*



December 27, 2022 at 05:37 PM

KD

“ *Oh, how this man loved life and making everyone he came in contact with feel so special!! He could always bring a smile to my face! So thankful I knew him as a young girl and an adult, and was able to experience his sweetness and watch him give it to others. Lots of love for his precious family!!*

Kim Davis - December 27, 2022 at 04:48 PM