



## Robert "Bob" Austin

February 20, 1949 - May 4, 2020

Each year on his birthday, Robert "Bob" Austin proudly shared he was getting younger, not older. Younger, he said, because he was one year closer to joining his Heavenly father in paradise.

Bob, 71 years "young", lived his life with a special kind of joy, optimism, and humor. A dedicated husband, loving father and grandfather, Bob enjoyed the simple pleasures of family and faith – and University of Kentucky basketball. He was born in Ohio and raised in South Portsmouth, KY, and married his high-school sweetheart, Polly, in 1969. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1971 with a degree in accounting.

Bob cherished his two children, Tevis and Kelsey, and poured into their lives in so many ways, from leading church youth group and teaching Sunday school to coaching youth sports teams. Most importantly, he shared the love of Jesus with his boys.

Bob worked for more than 30 years at Columbia Gas Company as an Accountant, and later in his life, enjoyed a career change as a teacher's aide with special needs children at Winfield and Lakeside Elementary Schools. He retired in 2017 and was blessed to spend a few wonderful years with Polly, celebrating 50 years of wedded bliss with her in 2019.

On May 4, Bob began eternity with Jesus after a seven-month battle with cancer. He slipped peacefully into the arms of his Savior with Polly by his side. Although he's no longer walking on this earth, his legacy of love and faith still thrives. Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Arnold Austin, Isabelle and Donald Collier; and is survived by his wife Polly; son Tevis and wife Tami, and grandchildren Brendon and Megan; son Kelsey and wife Amanda, and grandchildren Luke and Savannah; and brothers Mike Collier and Rodney Collier.

A private family service and entombment will be held at Valley View Memorial Park in Hurricane, WV. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the glioblastomas brain research fund (fund #313702) online at [giveto.osu.edu](https://www.giveto.osu.edu) (<https://www.giveto.osu.edu/makeagift/?fund=313702>) or mailed to: The OSU Foundation, PO Box 710811 Columbus, OH, 43271 or by calling 614-292-2141.

You may share memories of Bob by visiting his tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com)

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Austin family.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Memorial Park

2466 Main Street  
Hurricane, WV 25526

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Austin*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Worked with Bob at Lakeside and always loved his smile that stayed with him all day everyday. He was so soft spoken and kind to all of our students. The world lost a kind soul but luckily heaven gained one. Blessings to his family.*

**patty jones** - June 02, 2020 at 07:12 PM



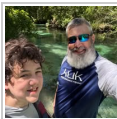
*Thank you Patty, appreciate hearing this. Very comforting.*

**Kelsey Austin** - July 31, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Bob's Lakeside Elementary family just learned of his passing. We are deeply sorry for your loss. He loved the kids and they loved him. Sincerely,  
Lisa Lewis on behalf of all Lakeside Elementary staff*

**Lisa Lewis** - June 02, 2020 at 06:46 PM



*Thank you Lisa, appreciate this.*

**Kelsey Austin** - July 31, 2020 at 11:05 AM

AH

“ Polly, sons & family! So sorry about Bobby! Good friends! Loved 2 see u all at r class reunions! Take care! Love & Hugs! Prayers 4 all Polly! God Bless! He’s happy & whole now! He will b missed!

*Arnoldias(Arni)Harr!*

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**Arnoldias(Arni) Harr** - May 12, 2020 at 09:54 PM



*Thank you Arni, I will make sure mom see’s this.*

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**Kelsey Austin** - July 31, 2020 at 11:06 AM

JD

“ Tevis, you and your family are in our prayers during this difficult time. Take comfort in knowing your dad is no longer suffering, is with Jesus in Heaven, and you will see him again.

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**Jim and Sue Dunn** - May 07, 2020 at 08:18 AM

TE

“ Bobby, You were loved very much by every member of the Collier family. We are so grieved to lose you. We could always count on you and Polly to show up at the Collier Reunion each year, if at all possible. I considered you my family and above all, my friend. As we continue to come together each year, we will know that there is a hole left that can never be filled. We will never forget you Bobby. I'll see you again in Heaven. May the Lord give His Peace to Polly and the family. With much love, Your cousin Teresa

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**Teresa** - May 06, 2020 at 10:53 PM

LH

“ So sorry to hear of Bobby passing we all liked him immensely. .  
Raymond ,Harold ,Delbert ,Beulah ,Loretta , He.rshel , Darrell AND  
Paul .We all send our condolences . Stay in touch . We love you all .

Loretta hall - May 06, 2020 at 08:49 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Bob at Inland Gas Ashland  
KY for 8 years starting in 1975. He was a very nice man & co-  
worker. He had a great sense of humor. RIP

Sheila Smith - May 06, 2020 at 07:04 PM

BA

“ Beverly Alford lit a candle in memory of  
Robert "Bob" Austin



Beverly Alford - May 06, 2020 at 08:25 AM

JJ

“ Bobby was my first cousin and loved my  
brother Danny and me when we were kids,  
My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and  
family.



John W Austin Jr - May 05, 2020 at 09:13 PM

MI

“ Bob was a great man. I consider him a good friend. He will be  
missed. Prayers for Polly, Tevis, Kelsey and their families.

Mark Ice - May 05, 2020 at 09:06 PM