



Bobby Gene Boydston Sr.

December 7, 1932 - August 24, 2018

Bobby Gene Boydston was born on December 7, 1932 in Luther, Oklahoma to Gene Boydston and Carmel Young Boydston. Bob passed from this life on August 24, 2018. Between these dates was lived a life full of joy, service, adventure, love, and a portion of sadness.

Bob grew up in Luther, in a family of little means, but surrounded by love and connection to cousins, aunts, uncles as well as his parents and younger brother, Donald. After graduation, the Boydston's moved to Edmond, Oklahoma, his dad was an officer for Edmond Police Department, and his mother was a clerk at Snyder's Hardware. Bob joined the Navy, and was trained as a medic. Stationed at Bremerton, WA, life was full of new experiences and adventure.

Upon returning, Bob attended UCO, receiving a degree in education. At various points Bob was employed as a dispatcher for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Ambulance Medic and Science teacher in the public schools.

Teaching was a meaningful and rewarding experience for Bob Boydston. He loved his students, many of whom became lifelong friends.

It was while teaching in Lindsay that he met Mary Lorraine Brown, who would become his best friend, closest companion, and partner for over fifty-five years. After their marriage on July 3, 1958, Bob and Mary taught school together both in Lindsay and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Loren and Ethel Brown eventually persuaded Bob and Mary to purchase Brown Funeral Home as Loren and Ethel approached retirement. Bob

attended Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science and became dually licensed as a funeral director and embalmer. Mary was licensed as a funeral director. The decade of the 60s found Bob and Mary working hard to pay for their business as well as raising three small boys. Bob provided ambulance service to Lindsay and surrounding areas, so it was not unusual for him to be called away at any time; night or day. Still he found the time to enjoy his favorite activities, quail hunting or fishing, usually taking one or all of his boys along for the adventure.

Mr. Boydston loved the Lindsay community. He believed in giving back to the community that had embraced and supported him. Through the funeral home he generously supported community activities and fund raisers over many years. Individually, he served on the Lindsay hospital board, the Lindsay City Council and was very active in the Lindsay Rotary Club as well as being a Mason. Bob served as mayor of Lindsay and was a founding member of the Lindsay industrial Foundation and active in the United Fund Drive. Bob Boydston valued work "behind the scenes" and was happy when these efforts benefited the community.

Bob lived the faith of Christ as his Lord and Savior. Though raised in the First Christian Church, he and his family attended the United Methodist Church in Lindsay.

In 1979, oldest son Bobby became a licensed funeral director and was able to give Bob and Mary some relief as they moved toward retirement. They enjoyed their grandchildren's various recitals and sporting events. Bob and Mary began their travels in a camper and later, an R.V.

In 1995, Bobby and Miriam purchased the Funeral Home and traveling became a fulltime enjoyment for Bob and Mary. Their adventures ranged from Point Barrow, Alaska to Nova Scotia Canada.

Mr. Boydston was preceded in death by his parents, brother Don and sister in law, Jean Ann Boydston. Also preceding was his youngest son, Toby Loren Boydston as well as dear wife and friend Mary Lorraine Boydston.

Bob leaves behind two sons; Michael Brent Boydston and Tina Lynch of

Henrietta, Texas and Bobby and Miriam Boydston of Lindsay. Surviving grandchildren are Joshua Boydston and wife Emily of Norman, Oklahoma; Kaitlin Boydston and fiancé Brook Cannon of Columbus, Ohio; their parents Angie and Dennis Yates of Lindsay, and Baxter Boydston of Lindsay. Bob is also survived by niece, Kim Boydston of Gig Harbor, Washington and an uncle, Harold Young and wife Ina of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Not to be forgotten is the love and care of Amber Owen whom Bob would affectionately introduce as a daughter. The support of Amber and her husband John was and is greatly appreciated.

Services will be held Saturday, September 1st at 2:00 PM at the First Christian Church in Lindsay Oklahoma with Reverend Dennis Yates officiating. Bob will be laid to rest at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Research.

Services are under the direction of Scott Wilbourn of Boydston-Wilbourn Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are very saddened to read this news. Bob was always so special to the E.B. Moore family, and my parents loved him, like a son. We tried to locate Bob, to visit in July, but didn't realize that he had moved out of Lindsay. We treasure our fond memories of him, and share your sorrow at his loss. Please keep in touch.

Don and Carol Anne White - October 29, 2018 at 08:16 PM

JN

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Bob and Mary were wonderful people who I got to know while employed by their son Bobby. Through great stories and conversations with them both, I learned a lot when they would stop by the Funeral Home while back in the Lindsay area. Thoughts and prayers go to the family.

Jamie Newberry - October 08, 2018 at 12:03 PM

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“ Many fond memories of working with Bob through the flower shop. He was always helpful and taught me a lot. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Kathi Lacy Shipley

Kathi Shipley - September 05, 2018 at 09:14 AM

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“ i have missed you my friend. Until we meet again.

Paula Barker - September 01, 2018 at 12:02 PM

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“ Bobby Gene Boydston Sr.

Ed Moore - August 31, 2018 at 05:39 PM

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“ *In celebrating Bob’s life, the core values of friendship he shared with my father, Ulys Ford, is a lesson from which we can all learn. Moving to Lindsay in the mid-60s, don’t recall the origin of their friendship, but do know it lasted a lifetime. Through the years, my dad helped as he could at Brown-Boydston Funeral Home...driving the ambulance and assisting in the funeral business. I wasn’t the Ford boy to inherit that particular gene, but was always available to help when needed. If I saw my dad’s car coming down 4th Street at night, knew two things for sure...he was going to the funeral home to get the ambulance and that he would not come speeding thru town with lights flashing and siren blasting! But, always followed him to see if I could help. These two men shared the joy of raising (and bragging on) their three boys and living with the unknown grief of each losing one of their boys. When my dad passed away several years ago, Bob (and Mary) were among the first people to arrive at our home. Bob was doing much more than expressing his condolences to our family. He, too, was grieving the loss of his friend and my dad. His actions were always louder than his words and one of the many lessons I learned from him. May he rest in peace. Steve Ford Lindsay Leopard ‘72*

Steve Ford - August 31, 2018 at 04:12 PM