



Robert Elton Bearden

February 22, 1959 - April 19, 2022

Robert Elton Bearden, 63, of Hoover, AL passed away April 19th, 2022 after a prolonged illness. His loving family were present and were with him at his time of passing.

Friends and loved ones remember him as a gentle soul with an infectious laugh. Full of unique quirks, Robert will be remembered for having a big heart, loved by family and friends. You never knew what to expect from Robert as he was a man who generally lived his life at his own pace and on his own terms and didn't much concern himself with what others thought about him. He had a style all his own, a fedora hat enthusiast who at times has been compared to a young Abe Lincoln, Robert Bearden was quite the character. Ever the community activist and amateur sleuth, he even appeared on the local news bringing awareness to invasive odor pollution plaguing his neighbors from a junkyard down the street. Robert was always looking out for those around him. He knew how to have a good time and you were probably going to have a good time if you spent it with him and you were surely going to laugh and hopefully you didn't get in trouble. You might get a random phone call in the middle of the night just to check on you so he could tell you he was thinking about you and that he loved you. You knew you could always depend on him remembering your birthday no matter if you hadn't seen him in months and were several states away. He enjoyed playing pool, rambling around in his jeep, and could pick just about any lock he came across. He was a city boy with country roots, who could keep you laughing with his practical jokes

and tales of his various goats and chickens that always seemed to be getting into shenanigans. Robert could make you smile just as easy as he could make you shake your head at the antics he somehow managed to get himself into. There weren't many people like Robert Bearden and there won't be anyone like him again. His family and friends will definitely miss him.

Robert grew up and lived his life in and around the Birmingham area. He attended Shades Valley High School, is retired from Jim Walter mine #3 and later worked for several years at J & J Pharmacy in Lipscomb.

He is survived by his two sons which he loved more than anything and would do anything for, Brett Adam Bearden and Jeremy Chad Bearden. He is also survived by his older sister, Diane Bearden Stonicher; his younger brother Kevin Lee Bearden; as well as his niece Shelly Rena Powers and his nephews, Steven Christopher Baggett, Christopher Chad Bearden, and Aaron Blake Bearden .

Robert may no longer be with us down here on Earth but he will be greeted in the afterlife by his dear family who have preceded him in death including his parents, Elmer Doyle Bearden and Betty Jean Bearden; his loving wife of many years Nedda Justice Bearden; brother Gary Doyle Bearden; and sister, Karen Lynn Baggett as well as his brother-in-law Gary Alan Stonicher. This will be a joyful reunion.

His family welcomes those who knew him in their loving remembrance and celebration of Robert's life. Funeral service will be Friday, April 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home with burial following at Cedar Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday from 1:00 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Pastor Steve Logan will be officiating the service.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cem

Previous Events

Receive Friends

APR **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home
1300 4th Avenue N
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful guy who just loved life itself. We talked many nights where I worked while he was waiting. I loved making him smile because I knew exactly what he was going to do when I gave it to him, he loved feeding his puppy ice cream cones. I would fix the puppy one so they both could have one together. They would enjoy those cones and I enjoyed watching them together. I enjoyed our conversations as well. He will be truly missed in this life but I know I will see him again one day. Maybe then me him and the puppy can all eat ice cream cones together.

Stephanie Elliott - June 19, 2022 at 03:16 AM

TB

“ Adam, Jeremy and Family,
Sorry to hear of Robert's passing. Praying for
all of you.
Love Always,
Tammy



Tammy Hill Bearden - April 22, 2022 at 10:54 AM

SG

“ Robert Bearden was like a little brother to me when we grew up in Lipscomb. He was about 8 years old and I was about 15 when we met. He was always fun to be around and was fun loving. He seemed to respect me as a big brother and I have always felt the same respect for Robert.

As we grew older our paths changed but we reconnected as we became adults. I would visit Robert and Joe Santoro where they worked and they both had fun stories of old memories. Robert always had nice things to say about his children and was a proud father and he obviously loved his sisters as well as other family members.

May the soul of Robert Bearden, Rest in Peace.
Godspeed to his family and friends and hopefully they can cherish his memories during this time,
As a friend, I only have good memories of Robert and I never heard him speak a bad word about anyone. His wit and personality always made me feel better about people in general and I always enjoyed our visits. Love You Little Brother,

Steve Gray - April 21, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Elton Bearden.



April 21, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Elton Bearden.



April 21, 2022 at 04:03 PM