



Bob Garber

February 24, 1922 - May 4, 2014

Robert Lee Garber, 92, of Watha, North Carolina, passed peacefully from his earthly life on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at his home surrounded by his beloved family.

He was born February 24, 1922, in Versailles, Missouri, the son of the late Edwin Roy and Mary Elizabeth Diener Garber. Also preceding Bob in death are his siblings, Pauline Wulff, Violet Garber, William, Norman "Bud", and Edwin Garber.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Martha Ann Howard Garber; sons, Robert "Bob" L. Garber II of FL and George Michael "Mike" Carlisle (Donna) of Watha, NC; daughter Fairy Faith Hales (Keith) of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren, Amy Carlisle Anderson (Mark), Katherine Hales Forsblom (Mikael), Kevin A. Hales, Megin Garber Knight (Jason), Robert "Robbie" L. Garber III, Adam Garber, Justin Michael Carlisle and Alex Elkins; great grandchildren, Austin Michael, Aiden, Emily, Julia, Teegan, Grace, Chance and Zackery; brothers, Raymond Garber (Susanna) and Homer Garber (Twila) of Versailles, MO and Dennis Garber of Tipton, MO; sisters, Ina Mae McCormick of No. Ireland, UK, Lena Alexander (Dick) of Promise City, IA, Velma Reiss of Demorest, GA, Mary Gehman (Dan) of Lewistown, MT, and Rosella Fulks of Latham, MO; sisters-in-law, Arletta Bolinger and Kathy Garber; brother-in-law, Dempsey Howard (Sheryl) and many extended family.

Bob was a member of Long Creek Baptist Church where he served the church in many faithful capacities. He held a BA degree in Medical Technology and retired from Pender Memorial Hospital in 1987.

Bob lived a full life enjoying motorcycle riding, repairing/restoring old vehicles, and working in his yard and garden. His gentleness and infectious laughter drew you into his presence while his positive attitude, encouragement, and compassion kept you there. When adversity came, rather than be defeated, he learned from it, imparting wisdom and hope to others. Above all else, Bob loved his family. Treasured memories of Bob remain in our hearts. Well done Thou good and faithful servant, enter into your rest.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at Long Creek Baptist Church. Burial followed in Riverview Memorial Park.

Casketbearers were members of NC Forest Service-Pender County. The family received friends from 6 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday at Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home Burgaw.

Memorial gifts may be given to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1414 Physicians Dr., Wilmington, NC 28401.