



## Robert Eugene Edwards

February 4, 1950 - December 9, 2019

Robert Eugene “Bob” Edwards, 69, of Fayetteville, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2019, following a struggle with dementia. Bob was born Feb. 4, 1950 in Ravenna, Ohio. He served in the Army in Thailand during the Vietnam conflict as a communications officer. Later he returned to service in the Air National Guard at the 188th Unit in Fort Smith. Bob retired from the University of Arkansas, where he worked as a computer technician, and ran his own computer business, Lord and Edwards Enterprises. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harris Edwards and Jeanne Skapura, and his brother Richard Edwards.

Bob was passionate about Jesus, and his gift of faith was a powerful witness to those close to him. He often said, “The only thing that’s good in me is Jesus” and talked about Him with everyone he knew. He challenged us to pray big prayers. He especially was drawn to pray for kids with cancer. It was during one of those prayer times that he felt God impressed Micah 6:8 on his heart and called him to run the St. Jude Marathon and raise money. Over the next five years, God enabled Bob to raise \$20,000 for the kids of St. Jude. He also was strengthened to lose 50 pounds and run two half marathons and five full marathons.

Dementia hit Bob hard in his last years, and it stole a lot. But the deepest things in him could not be taken. His soul was untouched by the disease. He loved to worship and would still try to sing along as long as possible. He still was excited when his wife Rosa came home from work. He was thrilled at his kids’ weekly visits and enjoyed other visitors as well. He remained happy and positive through the worst of the disease. Most importantly, he always knew that he loved Jesus and that Jesus loved him.

Bob is survived by his wife Rosa of the home and her parents, Carnis and Betty Jones of Fayetteville. Everyone who knew Bob knew of his love for his wife Rosa. In their marriage of 25 years, he was not a perfect husband, but he did try to love her as Christ loves the church. He loved leaving sweet notes everywhere and surprising her with acts of service or small gifts. He loved her parents deeply and even in his last months often would be motivated to get out of bed by the reminder that he could go visit them.

Bob was profoundly, deeply proud of his kids and grandkids. He frequently said, “They turned out great despite me.” He was goofy, ornery, and spontaneous with them. He is survived by his son Robert Feezor of Norman, OK; daughter Jeanne and husband Marlon

Douthit of Broken Arrow, OK; son David and wife Cindy Edwards of North Little Rock; daughter Tiffany Edwards of central Arkansas; grandson Jesse and wife Allyson Douthit of Maryland; granddaughter Cassidy and great-granddaughter Zella Rosa Crawford of Broken Arrow; grandson Jaxon Douthit of Broken Arrow; brother Tom and wife Deanna Edwards of Fort Smith; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and a host of friends. The family wishes to thank Good Shepherd Senior Care, Circle of Life Hospice, and the VA Home Based Primary Care Team.

Funeral services will be Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 2:30 pm at Calvary Chapel Fayetteville, 385 E. Sunbridge, with Rev. Phil Heppner officiating. Graveside service with military honors will be at Mount Comfort Cemetery, 3816 W Mt Comfort Rd., with Dr. H.D. McCarty officiating. Honorary pallbearers are Jesse Douthit, Johnny Hodge, Dave Anderson, Todd Simpson, James Brassell, Adrain Smith, Dave Whittenberg, Bryson Porter, and Rev. Charlie Collins, Jr. At Bob's request, a celebration meal to share memories of Bob will be held at the family home immediately following the graveside service and is open to all who knew and loved Bob.

Those wishing to make donations in lieu of flowers may contribute to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN.

"Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord."

# Cemetery

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## Mount Comfort Cemetery

Fayetteville, AR,

# Events

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**DEC 14** **Funeral Service** 02:30PM - 03:30PM

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Calvary Chapel  
385 E. Sunbridge, Fayetteville, AR, US

# Comments

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“ Bob was a lover. He loved people, all people! No matter what, Bob loved everyone, and to the max. He never knew a stranger, and would talk and talk and talk, even more than Anne (Anne with an “E”). Bob was a wonderful friend and encourager. He was the world’s best husband in loving and laying his life down for his wife. He adored and honored her in every way. He loved Jesus most of all and always shared that relationship to anyone who would listen. He was a true disciple of Jesus.

He began training and running marathons to raise money for St Jude’s Children’s hospital and raised his funds by giving free lemonade and talking to people at Walmart store entrance in Fayetteville.

Bob, you were a good friend to me, and the multitudes. The world will miss you. I can hear the Lord saying, “Well done good and faithful servant”. Rest in peace, my friend.

**Karen Stewart** - December 18, 2019 at 09:18 PM

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“ Rosa - our hearts are breaking with you. Praying for peace and comfort for you and all who loved him.

**Penny Wright** - December 11, 2019 at 11:02 AM

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“ I will always remember Bob at church getting baptized, it could not of been more beautiful. And how much he loved his family and the love he had for his wife Rosa. My thoughts and prayers for the family and his children. You were given a great father. RIP. Nancy Singer, Asheville, NC.

**Nancy Singer** - December 10, 2019 at 05:56 PM