



Bob J. Beavers

March 27, 1933 - October 24, 2017

Bob J. Beavers was born March 27, 1933, and departed this life October 24, 2017. He was the son of Ottaway Beavers and Mayme McCollum Beavers. He was born in Lonoke County Arkansas. He was a country boy at heart, Bobby not Robert.

He moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, at an early age and his family was active in Highland Methodist Church. It was there he met the love of his life, Virginia Grubbs. They dated through high school and two years of LRJC. They married before he transferred to the University of Arkansas. They have been happily married for over 64 years, only rarely spending a day apart.

Bob was one of the proudest graduates of the relatively new architecture program at the U of A in 1957. He studied under founder Teach Williams and acclaimed but then young professor Fay Jones. He was awarded the John G. Williams Fellowship in March of 2006.

Bob was proud to have spent his career associated with and as a principal and Vice-President of Cromwell Architects (or Ginnochio, Cromwell Carter & Dees. as it was known in 1957 when he joined the firm). He opened the firm's East Arkansas branch in 1963 when he moved to Forrest City to supervise the building of the Warwick plant, later Sanyo, and stayed expanding the firm's projects with an emphasis on schools and municipal buildings all over eastern Arkansas. In 1980, he was named president of the firm's Memphis branch and was instrumental in growing it to over 30 professionals. The Memphis practice was later sold to the principals there and renamed Beavers Smith Langford

and Munding (BSLM), where he was privileged to get to work with his daughter who was Marketing Director. After his retirement from both Cromwell & BSLM in 1987, he stayed retired for three days then continued to be active forming Bob J. Beavers AIA, Inc. continuing to design independently and in joint venture with younger architects he respected such as Dave Hodges and those at the Cromwell firm.

It is nearly impossible to traverse a full block in Forrest City without seeing one of his projects: the SFC Courthouse, every bank in town, the Civic Center, numerous residences and commercial buildings, every school built since 1963, both CRVT and almost every building on the EACC campus and several churches. Other buildings across east Arkansas and west TN also show his work. Since retirement he had a niche for designing community centers, fire stations and health departments in rural Arkansas.

He learned to hunt and fish from his grandfathers David Beavers & Bobby McCollum and he spent much of his youth hunting ducks and fishing. He grew up just blocks from the old Ray Winder Field in LR and earned spending money shagging balls. He loved playing baseball and learned that game from his grandfather Bobby who once signed with the NY Yankees but elected to stay home to take care of his family. Bob learned that trait as well, becoming the family patriarch and Papoo to family and friends.

Bob passed on his love of hunting, fishing and baseball to his son and grandson and was looking forward to fishing on the Little Red at Pangburn with his two great-grandsons just as he did with his father, his son and grandson at the Beavers Dam River House which he loved and shared with his whole family. A highlight of his life was trip to the World Series in 2011, with his son and surrogate traveling son Hank Neely, which he had wanted to attend since he didn't get to go with his father in 1946. He loved any sporting event and traveling. He was a fantastic Cheerleader Dad and went to many ballgames all over Arkansas following his daughter. Then he did the same with his grandchildren. If you could get there in a car, he had been there, including all 48 continental states, Canada and Mexico. His wife and children

even dragged him on trips to the Caribbean where he found he actually liked cruises because he found he could walk enough shipboard that his diabetes numbers would stay low even if he ate four meals and unlimited ice cream. He loved Razorback Football, supporting every team and cussing every coach back to Bowden Wyatt, usually from his season ticket seats in or near the south end zone in Fayetteville or at the many bowl games he took his family to see.

His greatest joys were his children, grandchildren & great grandchildren. He adored spending time with them. He and Virginia would get in the car to go for lunch & call to say they were thinking of supper at Ft. Sill, OK to see his grandson & great-grandchildren.

He was president of the FC Rotary club and a Paul Harris Fellow, President of the United Way of St Francis County, was past president of the Administrative Board , chairman of the Trustees & a longtime Sunday School teacher at First United Methodist Church of Forrest City.. He served many years as a Cub master of Pack 122 and Scoutmaster of Troop 122 and as district chairman and other district and counsel offices and was the Col Neil Snyder Cubmaster of the year for the East Arkansas Area Council and was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1979. He was very proud that both his son & grandson were Eagle Scouts.

He is survived by his wife Virginia Beavers and a son, Brad Beavers and wife Rush of Forrest City, daughter Beth Prescott and husband Hal (who Bob once called the son he always wanted) of Fayetteville; granddaughter Rebekah Beavers Williams and husband Dave of Forrest City; grandson, First Sergeant B. J. Beavers, Jr. and wife Leslie of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and great-grandchildren Bradley James "Trey" Beavers III, upon whose birth, Bob said "This is the best day of my life", Cayden Davis, and Mason Williams.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Cabot, Arkansas. Visitation will be Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 5:30 to

7:00 at the United Methodist Activity Center (UMAC) Gym at the Church.
The family requests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church,
Forrest City, P.O. Box 66, Forrest City, AR 72335 or the St. Francis County
Community foundation endowments for the SFC Elves, Inc. or the St. Francis
County Museum, P.O. Box 3002, Forrest City, AR 72336 or at arcf.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
620 E. Broadway
Forrest City, AR 72335

Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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620 E. Broadway
Forrest City, AR 72335

Interment

OCT **27** (CT)

Mt. Carmel
Hwy 321 and Hwy 89
Cabot, AR

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Mrs. Beavers, Brad, and Beth, I remember Mr. Beavers as always helping someone, always serving someone, always being kind. What a wonderful legacy he leaves in all of you. I'm praying for you all right now, and asking that your wonderful memories of a life well lived, comfort you. Suzanne Hughes

Suzanne Hughes - November 01, 2017 at 04:19 PM

MK

“ I remember working with both Bob and Brad during the years I was at KXJK radio. Bob was a good man and I am happy to say I was acquainted with him. May God be with your family during this difficult time. -Mark Kumming (KXJK radio, 1990-2003.) Now living at Pea Ridge, AR.

Mark Kumming - November 01, 2017 at 03:58 PM

CT

“ Beth,

You and you family are in our prayers!

Chris & Pauline Tinkham

Chris Tinkham - October 28, 2017 at 11:37 AM

BN

Bob helped us with addition to our house and had wonderful ideas for us. He was so talented and a joy to be around.

Betty Nicholas - November 03, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ *Mary Veazey lit a candle in memory of Bob J. Beavers*



Mary Veazey - October 26, 2017 at 06:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bob J. Beavers.*



October 26, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *From all the Stone Family purchased the Beautiful I Heart Bouquet for the family of Bob J. Beavers.*



From all the Stone Family - October 26, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ *Beth, my deepest condolences. Know that you are in my thoughts. - Jeff Crook*

Jeff Crook - October 26, 2017 at 11:12 AM

DT

“ *Debra Deal True lit a candle in memory of Bob J. Beavers*



Debra Deal True - October 26, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ *Tom Darnell lit a candle in memory of Bob J. Beavers*



Tom Darnell - October 26, 2017 at 01:55 AM

TW

“ *Terry Williams lit a candle in memory of Bob J. Beavers*



Terry Williams - October 25, 2017 at 08:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bob J. Beavers.*



October 25, 2017 at 08:27 PM

ST

“ Shirley Williams Thorn lit a candle in memory of Bob J. Beavers



shirley Williams Thorn - October 25, 2017 at 08:11 PM

CW

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Bob starting in 1983 when we met Rush and Brad and quickly became not only best friends, but part of their family. We probably met Bob and Virginia first at church (we were all members of First United Methodist church). Their family sat in the back row, , I sat on the fifth row from the front on the right, and Rodd was in the choir. I could always tell when the Beavers'family was there when I heard Rush cough!

I wish we could be there with you all to share your sorrow and offer any help you need. Just let me send our love to Virginia, Brad, Beth, Rush, Rebekah and B.J. and their families. I know you all will pull together and make it through this difficult time.

All our love. ,Rodd and Char

Charlotte Wilcoxson - October 25, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bob J. Beavers.



October 25, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Bob J. Beavers.*



October 25, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ *Charlotte Wilcoxson lit a candle in memory of Bob J. Beavers*



Charlotte Wilcoxson - October 25, 2017 at 03:32 PM



“ *Lewis And E.J. Etheridge lit a candle in memory of Bob J. Beavers*



Lewis and E.J. Etheridge - October 25, 2017 at 03:12 PM