



Robert "Bob" Stewart MacPherson

July 24, 1927 - June 6, 2019

ROBERT STEWART MACPHERSON, June 6, 2019 MARIETTA, GA

It is with our deepest sadness but great joy in the resurrection that Robert Stewart MacPherson, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed into the glorious presence of his Lord and Savior on June 6, 2019. He was 91 years old.

Born July 24, 1927 in Brockton, Massachusetts to Frederick Arthur MacPherson and Melvina Reed MacPherson. Bobby, as his mother called him, was one of nine children. In 1943, the family moved to Danbury, CT where Bob completed high school. At the age of 23, Bob reported to Fort Jackson, SC and began his service to our nation as a member of the United States Army. Bob always believed the Lord was watching over him when he was drafted. During the Korean conflict, he served as Supply Sergeant stationed in Ellwangen, Germany.

Following his two years of commitment to the military, by then having reached the rank of Sergeant First Class, Bob returned to Marietta and attended Georgia State School of Business Administration while working at the Lockheed Aeronautics plant. During this time, he met Nancy McMillan of Marietta and on August 11, 1956, they were married. In 1957, he graduated from The University of Georgia, and began a career with The Coca-Cola Company. He soon gained the respect and confidence of his superiors and the trust and admiration of those under his direction. He was often commended for the accuracy of his work and his personal standards. For 35 years, Bob faithfully served The Coca-Cola Company, retiring in 1991 as the Director of Financial Reporting.

After his retirement, he and Nancy enjoyed 15 years traveling both domestically and internationally. They visited over thirty countries and shared adventurous experiences travelling to places like China, Australia, Greece, the Caribbean, Alaska, Russia, France, Scotland, Ireland and their favorite, England. Bob enjoyed playing bridge, golfing and caring for his beautiful yard.

Generous, kind, tenderhearted, and passionate about the things he believed important,

Bob gave liberally of his time, talent and treasure to his beloved church home. At First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, he served as a member of the Diaconate for six years and the Session for twenty-one years. He led Sunday School and numerous committees including Missions, Worship, Stewardship, and Congregational Life. He was a member of the Cherokee Presbytery, where he also committed to serving on Stewardship and Nominating committees. He loved his Thursday night Bible study group with couples who became dear friends who shared in the joys and sorrows, happy times and disappointments. Always, he was an encourager. During retirement, he became part of a study group of men from several different churches. He was a man of faith, seldom missing Sunday worship. When life was tough, he depended on the Lord for grace to move forward. Later in life, he became a Covenant Partner of Marietta Community Church where he enjoyed participating in worship and study of God's Word.

Bob took great pride and joy in his three children, and those they married became his "son and daughters-in-love". He excelled as a father, teaching each of his children faith, responsibility, generosity, self-esteem and compassion, the tools for a successful life. He taught them to love by loving their Mother and each of them unconditionally. He gave great care for the many members of his extended McMillan family and his many friends. He was a man of steady faithfulness, regular worship and tremendous generosity. He was a brave and conscientious Granbob, a man with a servant's heart and a twinkle in his eye.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years; his daughter, Eve Kool (Rick – deceased), his sons, Rob MacPherson (Charlene), and Pat MacPherson (Bridget), all of Marietta, Georgia; and nine adoring grandchildren who affectionately called him "Granbob": Nancy Kool Martinez (Michael), Lucy Kool, David and Lexi MacPherson, Liam, James, Mary Emmalyn, Sean and Rose MacPherson; and new delight, great-grandson, Jace Martinez; his sister, Beverly (Ossie) Osborne of Southbury, CT and his brother Don MacPherson of Melbourne, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Ralph, Norman, Kenneth and Carlton MacPherson and his sisters, Dorothy Dixon and Ruth Bidwell.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home. A celebration of his life will be held at First Baptist Church of Marietta on Friday, June 14 at 2:00 PM. For those who would like, donations may be sent to Outreach Foundation at 381 Riverside Drive, Suite 110, Franklin, TN 37064 or the church or charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mayeswarddobbins.com.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Mayes Ward-Dobbins Historic Marietta Chapel
180 Church Street, Marietta, GA, US, 30060

JUN **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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First Baptist Church of Marietta
148 Church Street, Marietta, GA, US, 30060

Comments



“ Dear Nancy and Family, we did not hear of Bob's passing until today. Randall usually keeps up with everyone through Doug Ivestor and he could never reach him until today. I know the last ten years plus have been hard for you both with his illness, getting older (as we are) and everyday living but you both always had a smile on your faces at the MCC or at the cancer center. You both are examples of showing the light Christ has given you. Look forward to seeing you and we will see Bob in Heaven our real home. Love and prayers to you and your sweet family. Pam and Randy Evatt

Pamela Evatt - June 22 at 07:57 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Stewart MacPherson.



June 13 at 12:55 PM



“ 116 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - June 13 at 09:42 AM



“ What a privilege and honor to have known Bob, Nancy and the entire wonderful family. So many fond memories of talking to Bob about his days at The Coca-Coca Company. He never forgot anything! Saw him a few months ago and he was still telling me interesting facts about his work there. But he was more proud of his wife, children and grandchildren! You are all so special and I am grateful to know you all. I know Bob is rejoicing with Rick! We will now miss them both! Love, Becky Steele

Becky Steele - June 12 at 11:04 AM



“ With Love from the Osborne Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Stewart MacPherson.



With Love from the Osborne Family - June 12 at 10:17 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Stewart MacPherson.



June 11 at 01:07 PM



“ With deepest sympathy, Your Prime family. purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Stewart MacPherson.



With deepest sympathy, Your Prime family. - June 11 at 11:21 AM



“ There is no way to articulate what a great man Bob has been!!! All you have to do is look at his family (and it is a big family!) to realize what kind of a man can be so successful at such a long career at The Coca-Cola Company...And yet that pales in comparison to how he lived his family and spiritual life! He and Nancy raised some of the most amazing people (Rob, Pat, Eve and all their families) that I have ever known. I'm so serious to say that Bob is so proud of his family as they continue to have positive impacts to so many people. I know Bob and his family have impacted me and I will always be thankful and blessed for having known Bob & Nancy, and the family. I pray for you all as Bob will clearly be missed. But I know that Heaven is rejoicing now! We love you all, Norma & Barnaby

Norma Wallace - June 10 at 10:57 PM



“ Uncle Bob married my Mom's sister, Nancy, when I was 5 years old. I remember Uncle Bob always had a smile and a contagious laugh. He was friendly and caring to his neices and nephews and always welcomed us to his and Nancy's home. Each of his children grew up to be faithful, loving adults, true to their upbringing, and a tribute to their father and mother. I believe I can say that his great faith in Jesus Christ remained strong to the end. RIP, Uncle Bob.

Nathalie Mize - June 12 at 09:42 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Stewart MacPherson.



June 10 at 10:38 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Stewart MacPherson.



June 10 at 07:44 PM



“ I will always remember and cherish the care and support of Bob and his wife Nancy for the pastors and staff at their church. No pastor could have more committed people in a congregation... spiritually sound and wise... loving and supportive... visionary and yet with feet solidly planted. Thank you, Bob, and thank you, Nancy. -- Rev. Don Esa

Don Esa - June 10 at 06:18 PM



“ Our family sends love and prayers for you Nancy, and all the family in your loss of Bob. He has left a tremendous legacy. May our Lord give you strength and comfort in the days ahead.

Faye Lovinggood Hood



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Stewart MacPherson.



June 07 at 09:32 PM



“ Carol and I pray God's richest blessings on Nancy and all Bob's family. A sweet man and will be missed.

Charles Watkins - June 07 at 12:29 PM