



Robert H. (Bob) Bickerstaff

December 12, 1918 - October 21, 2018

Robert H. (Bob) Bickerstaff went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on 21 October 2018, at home surrounded by family. He was 99 years, 10 months and 9 days old but he considered himself already 100 years with the 9-month head start.

Bob was born 12 December 1918 in Brocton, NY, to Robert Sidney Bickerstaff and Alice Nellie Frank Bickerstaff. Bob spent his younger years at his Grandfather's farm in Springville, NY, trapping, hunting and fishing to his heart's content. He attended Brocton schools and enlisted in the Army October 1940. December 7, 1941, WWII was declared, and he was trained at several duty stations before being deployed to the European Theater. At Camp Gruber, OK, Bob met and married Vivian Bridges, the love of his life, at the First Baptist Church in Muskogee, OK. Rev. W.A. Criswell officiated. The next month he was deployed to England with the 1st Army and invaded France with the second wave on Omaha beach at Normandy. He served in France, Belgium, Germany, Czechoslovakia until the European war ended in May 1945. He mustered out of the Army and hitch hiked to Enid from New York City and re-united with his sweet war bride. This was the start of the Bickerstaff Clan. Bob worked in the building trade as a carpenter/craftsman and later as a business owner and General Contractor for Bickerstaff Construction Company.

Travel was his passion. He and Vivian crisscrossed the USA and Canada in both van and on motorcycle. He remembered every highway number he ever traveled while popping in on family and friends along the way. He not only traveled in the states but everywhere from the Philippines to Scotland and everything in between making friends and memories along the way.

Bob has been an active and faithful member of the Bible Baptist Church in Enid, OK, since August 1947 when he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He dearly loved his family, country, church family and friends. Bob was faithful and true in every way to the end.

He was also active in his community with memberships in the North Enid Lions Club, Enid

Garden Club, Crime Stoppers, VFW, Garfield County Election Board and his church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Vivian, four sisters, two brothers and a great-granddaughter.

He is survived by four children: Alice Ylitalo and husband Rod, Dan and wife Pam Bickerstaff, Bill and wife Tammy Bickerstaff and Kristy Haws and husband Mike; eleven grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothea Taylor, Willow AK, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He will be truly missed by all! In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bible Baptist Church or Hospice Circle of Love. Special thanks to Dr. Snyder, Hospice, friends and loved ones.

Funeral service will be 10:00 AM, Friday, October 26, 2018, Bible Baptist Church; burial in Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation with family is 5:00 to 6:30 PM Thursday, October 25, 2018 at Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr
Enid, OK 73701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Anderson Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory
3002 N Van Buren
Enid, OK 73703
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<https://www.andersonburriss.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bible Baptist Church
309 N. 11th St.
Enid, OK 73701

Tribute Wall

GC

“ Brother Bob...He was a definite part of my childhood and will always be remembered fondly. I have told many stories to my own children about him and his ornery ways. He was a remarkable person and anyone that met him was sure to never forget him. From the jokes about "picking up corn with your beak" to mussing your hair up and then telling you that you had a hair out of place, he could get away with what most couldn't...all because we knew he was genuine, loved the Lord and people. He was a good man through and through and was always fun no matter the occasion. I suppose he's giving those Angels a hard time right now and, of course, giving "Momma" a big hug and kiss. I will always be thankful that I had the privilege of knowing Bob. He left a big mark on me and my family and from what I can tell from these remarks here, a lot of other people too. God Bless his family and all those he touched. With love and a big smile for Bob...we will miss him but we also know he is in heaven enjoying himself.

Gina Clark - October 29, 2018 at 04:38 PM

DB

“ Kristy, I know he will be truly be missed. Very sorry for your loss.

Dianna Baxter - October 28, 2018 at 10:04 PM

LS

“ Alice - I'm very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Prayers for comfort for you and your family.

Lea Ann Strait

Lea Ann Strait - October 26, 2018 at 03:03 PM

CS

“ Bob and I were close friends in the Enid Garden Club for many years and usually sat at the same table sharing jokes and stories, especially about our lives in the North country.He was a delight to be with and and a great contributor to the club and everything in which he was engaged! He will be sorely missed by all who knew him! MayGod be with you at this mournful time!

Clyde Spence

clyde spence - October 26, 2018 at 11:05 AM

JA

“ *Bill and Tammy, I am sorry for the loss of your dad. He was a good man who did a lot for his church and community.*

Jerry Allen

Jerry Allen - October 26, 2018 at 07:54 AM

SG

“ *I have heard many stories about Uncle Bob from my mother Jolinda and my aunt Becky. He was a remarkable man and I look forward to hearing more. Thanks to all who shared pictures of Bob from throughout his 99.10 years. And my sincere condolences to his family members who are mourning their great loss. I imagine he had a great welcoming from his loved ones who passed on before him.*

Shawn Goodwin

Shawn Goodwin - October 25, 2018 at 11:53 PM

DH

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Don Harris - October 25, 2018 at 08:06 PM

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Don Harris - October 25, 2018 at 07:56 PM

JE

“ I will always remember Bro Bob. as a very hard working man that loved his God, His Church, His Pastor and His family. He gave of his time, His talent and His money without Hesitation. He spent countless hrs. using his equipment and expertise making his church better. Never a complaint always supporting and backing the Pastor in however God led. Very faithful in all parts of the ministry of the church. Not more than a couple of weeks ago at visitation and singing in the choir. A man this Church and my family will truly miss
Jerry and Carolyn Flynn

Jerry - October 25, 2018 at 06:04 PM

MH

“ I know Bob is loving on his bride once again. I hope he's seen my Dad by now. Bob was a huge blessing to our family as dad worked for him for many years. He was truly a man of God. God bless your family!

Misty Harrison - October 25, 2018 at 03:31 PM

RG

“ Brother Bob was a funny and wonderful man. Always had a compliment for me on Sunday morning before church. He will be missed but we will all see him again one day in a better place.

Roberta Grapes - October 25, 2018 at 01:53 PM

NH

“ Anyone, that knew our Bro. Bob, loved him! Yes, he will be missed, but we will see him again! Prayers, and Christian condolences to and for the family!

Nancy Haley - October 25, 2018 at 12:36 PM

CL

“ My dearest thoughts, hugs, and prayers to Alice and Rod for your loss. I know how much of a hole will be left in your lives. I also know you will carry on with grace knowing he is with our God.

Love Always,
Charlene Littlecook

Charlene LittleCook - October 25, 2018 at 11:22 AM

BS

“ *This is a special family! Bob & I talked a few monhs ago about his trip to Alaska! Bob will be missed.*

Bert and Dinky Smith

Bert Smith - October 25, 2018 at 08:44 AM

MM

“ *I will forever smile when thinking of this loving and kind man and am grateful to have known him and his precious wife Vivian. He lived a full life and touched many lives. My love to his family.*

Maggie Mugg - October 25, 2018 at 06:51 AM

 Kim Zuniga

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.He will be greatly missed.He always made me feel welcome and like family.I will miss his hugs at church.*

Kim Zuniga - October 25, 2018 at 06:25 AM

DC

Our condolences to the Bickerstaff family. Uncle Bud was proud of his family, his country and his faith. We will miss his visits to Western N.Y.

David Carr - October 25, 2018 at 02:14 PM

DC

“ *Bob was one of the greatest Christian men I have ever met. He was so genuine and he and his gracious wife raised a wonderful Christian family to carry on his tradition of good people. He will be missed. God Bless Him and his Family.*
David and Sandra Clark

David Clark - October 25, 2018 at 06:16 AM

DW

“ *Dan & family. Sending my sympathy, prayers & thoughts your way in the loss of your dear father....longevity was his!*



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - October 24, 2018 at 06:43 PM

RD

“ I absolutely loved this kind man. He was a wonderful person and had a wry sense of humor. He's the only election board worker who gave out hugs with his "I Voted" stickers. The world could certainly use more people with his character. 💕

Roberta Denton - October 24, 2018 at 01:27 PM

BP

We love him like family. He and his wife were one in kindness, love and awnriness! He was awnry and she always giggled!! We will treasure his love for us even during our difficult times. They were an help in so many ways for us. They left a mark in our lives, many others but I believe in our wonderful Saviours. I envy him right now. He's up in Heaven with our wonderful Lord and all those gone on before. We love you so much. Someday soon we will see you again.

Beth Pitts - October 25, 2018 at 01:55 PM