



Robert "Bob" Leland Greenhaw

September 11, 1935 - April 25, 2024

Robert "Bob" Leland Greenhaw, 88, of Enid, Oklahoma, passed away April 25th, 2024, surrounded by loved ones at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City. Bob was born September 11, 1935, in Duncan, Oklahoma, the son of Lelia (Moss) and William R. Greenhaw. He was an All-American football player at Duncan High School, graduating in 1954. Bob was a three-year letterman at Oklahoma A&M University while earning a BS in Secondary Education and serving in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Bob earned a Master of Education degree from Phillips University in 1967.

While at Oklahoma A&M, Bob met Joyce Barber, who became Mrs. Robert Greenhaw after graduation in 1958. Bob was commissioned as an officer in the US Army in 1958 and served on active duty for two years. Bob and Joyce then moved to Enid, Oklahoma where he was hired as a Physical Education Instructor and Head Football Coach at Waller Junior High. A few years later Bob was hired as an Assistant Coach at Enid High School and then promoted to Head Coach. He continued as a PE instructor and coach until he served as the EHS Athletic Director up to his retirement in 1992. Bob also served many years in the Oklahoma National Guard, retiring as a Field Artillery Colonel.

At Central Christian Church, where Bob and Joyce became members in 1961, he served as a Sunday School teacher, Chairman of the Board, Chairman of the Evangelism Committee, and Elder. Upon retirement, Coach Greenhaw

didn't cease to work - he was an active member of Gideons International and served as the leader of the Gideons' Prison Ministry. He also remained active in The Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Bob may have been an accomplished athlete and Coach, but he was an equally talented artist. He enjoyed sketching and painting, but found his artistic passion in wood carving. His beautiful intricate carvings of birds, animals, people - and his beloved Pistol Pete - number over 400 pieces. Many of them found their way to charitable auctions and were given as gifts and tokens of affection to family members and friends who will treasure them just as they felt treasured by Bob.

Bob loved his family and they never questioned his love because he lavished it on them - through his words and in his actions. His nine grandchildren and growing number of great-grandchildren fondly remember time spent playing cards, working in his wood shop, camping, fishing, painting ornaments and pumpkins, talking, and laughing. He is treasured by his former athletes, colleagues, college and church friends. Bob's extended family members loved his welcoming hugs and big smiles - and his organizational skills in efficiently planning countless reunions.

Remaining to cherish Bob/Dad/Papa/PapaGreat's memory are his wife, Joyce Greenhaw; son Joe (Shannon) Greenhaw, son Jon (Amy) Greenhaw, and daughter Ann (James) Porterfield. His nine grandchildren: Reilly (Andrew) Bowers, Kathryn (Michael) Hays, Will (Hayden) Greenhaw, Abby (Jimmy) Kaczmarek, Carly (Garrett) Wilson, Sarah Porterfield, Zach Porterfield, Hannah Porterfield, and John Porterfield. His great Grandchildren: Emmerson, Callaway, Everly, and Fiona Bowers; Hudson, Layla, and Ford Hays; Jesse and Ellie Kaczmarek; and Theo Greenhaw.

Bob is also survived by his older sister, Nanalou Martin, numerous nieces and

nephews plus their families.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at one o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, May 4th at Central Christian Church, 1111 West Broadway, Enid, Oklahoma 73703. A reception will follow in CCC's Fellowship Hall. The service will be livestreamed YouTube at [CentralChristianChurchEnidOK](#).

Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery with full military honors. Memorial donations in Bob's memory may be made to Central Christian Church, Gideons International, or the Enid Public School Foundation through Anderson Burriss Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr
Enid, OK 73701

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Central Christian Church
1111 West Broadway
Enid, OK 73703

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Many Prayers to the Family for their loss. Bob was a good man! Great smile! He will certainly be missed by all. Again, So Sorry for your loss.*

Pamelia Lenker and Peggy Schaffer - May 04, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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“ *ANDERSON-BURRIS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, ENID,
OK
RR
Rick Ronck*

3 days ago

Absolute great man, and best coach I ever had- rest in peace coach

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Kurt Frantz

Kurt S Frantz - May 04, 2024 at 10:25 AM

JH

“ I played for Coach Greenhaw my Jr/Sr season in '75/'76. Coach was a gentle man and a great leader of the team. We didn't possess the best talent for him but he always got the most out of our abilities. I remember him being very fair to all his players and he treated everyone with respect and a warm, gentle kindness. I never knew Coach had this artistic side to him and I wish I had known him later in our lives. Love you Coach and Go Blue!

John Herth - May 04, 2024 at 08:25 AM

J'

“ Mr. Greenhaw was my football coach at Waller Jr High. Enjoyed him as my coach. A few years ago while I was working at the art gallery in the mall, I would see him walking the hall. I would tell out : " Blue 44, Blue 44", like a football play, and he would wave and smile (he had a great smile). He was one of the GOOD ONES ! Jim Hudson EHS '64

Jim Hudson EHS '64 - May 03, 2024 at 02:09 PM

PF

“ Pam Foster purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Leland Greenhaw.



Pam Foster - May 03, 2024 at 09:25 AM

FS

“ Bob Greenhaw is a half cousin to myself. [1/2 Second Cousin, once removed]. I remember his parents well when I was a little girl. His Dad made the best bird houses and for a time had a pet squirrel he had rescued that stayed in a pen/cage in the backyard. His Dad, Will, was the son of Martin Greenhaw who was the son of Will and Tamazine Greenhaw, who were pioneers. Tamazine's husband, Will passed away in 1878 leaving her with many children to raise. She remarried Enoch Knox and my family is descended from that union. The Greenhaw reunion was a big deal when I was a child growing up in Duncan around Bob's parents. May you be comforted distant cousins until we all meet at Home. ----Francine

Francine Singleterry - May 01, 2024 at 03:07 PM

NC

“ Nana Lou, Beverly, Nancy, Karen & Cathy purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Robert "Bob" Leland Greenhaw.



Nana Lou, Beverly, Nancy, Karen & Cathy - May 01, 2024 at 12:15 PM

RR

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Rick Ronck - May 01, 2024 at 10:13 AM



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Kurt S Frantz - May 04, 2024 at 10:22 AM



A great man and a great coach.

November 05, 2024 at 01:57 PM