



Bob Ernsberger

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Earl Robert "Bob" Ernsberger, III, age 81, of Denver, NC died December 3, 2018. He was born on September 18, 1937 in Oklahoma City, OK to the late Earl and Virginia Cate Ernsberger. He served in the US Air Force and had a long career in the pharmaceutical sales industry, retiring in 1992 from Whitehall Labs.

To those who knew him from work, Bob was "The Man". Incredibly driven, loved his work, life of the party, always engaging with you and simply made you smile. He was relentless! His famous "Bubba" joke was always anticipated at conventions and meetings. As well, who can forget the "Advil Werewolf" video he made in the studios of NY. Finally, one of his favorite sayings... and there were many, was, "If you're not the lead dog, the scenery never changes"!

On behalf of his family, my father was simply an incredible man with a very kind and generous heart. He loved my mom and as the years progressed, loved her even more. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past June 13th at the nursing home he was recovering at. Every evening, they shared their precious goodnight words that went like this. Whoever started first, said, "I Love you"... then, either my dad or mom said, "Love you more"... then, the last one responding would say, "Love you most". Since my dad was so competitive, I think he always liked to start their evening ceremony first as he would then have the last word.

My father's passion for his children was nothing less than wanting the very best for each of us. He did his best and even more importantly, each of us knew that. We each hold fond memories of our father that are precious. Memories that have in fact, shaped each one of us and will continue to shape us as we grow older and wiser in this life. As I think of the word legacy, I think of the qualities that call attention to that very word. Legacy beckons love. It advocates a passion for excellence. It champions grace and is also called to discipline. Legacy is not afraid of failure and in fact, embraces it. Legacy gives way to forgiveness and is careful to carry the offended to a higher place. Legacy is not perfection. Legacy belongs to those who live life and live it well... for others. I believe my father left myself, my brother and my sister a legacy to embrace and to follow. We are



so very proud to be called his children and look to carry his legacy with us and to others the rest of our lives.

To his friends, he was many things. He was a confidant, a care-giver, a friend, a liaison, a joker and a joke-teller. He liked to have fun and enjoyed his times playing bridge with his buddies and as well, enjoyed his weekly men's prayer breakfast. To some, he was an inspiration, a man that visited the sick and truly had compassion on others less fortunate. And as well, to others, I am most definitely sure that he could be a real pain in the backside! I believe that he stood for truth and I find an overwhelming sense of his legacy seen through those who returned the care for him and encouraged him through his time of suffering. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to those who reached out both through prayer and those that visited and brought meals during the past year. You have blessed both my father and our family, and we are forever thankful for your kindness and compassion.

To His Lord and Savior, my dad was faithful. An imperfect man being made perfect through the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. A man that wasn't afraid to speak and boast about his Savior. Handing out tracts for years to those on planes, trains and even the taxi cab drivers and always keeping his bible in his briefcase. He even wrote and printed his own tract called "Dear Fellow Traveler... Is there enough time?". For now, my dad's time has ended, however, I am sure that he is embracing many saints that he witnessed to or gave tracts to throughout his life. I can only imagine that his first embrace was with his Savior.

My dad's favorite verses:

Nahum 1:7 "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he cares for them that trust in him."

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Bob was a faithful member of SouthLake Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder.

Survivors include his loving wife Sara Louise Ernsberger; sons, Robert of Denver, NC and David of York, SC; daughter, Robin Lewis of Quakertown, PA; siblings, Daniel, George, Mark, Duke and Doug; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



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A funeral service will be held Friday, December 7 at 1:00 PM the chapel of James Funeral Home with Rev. Harrison Spitler and Rev. Adam Mumpower officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn West.

Memorials may be made to the SouthLake Presbyterian Church Mission Fund.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family. www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com



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JT

Jon Thompson posted:

I didn't know Bob all that well, but when I would visit with his brother, Duke, and he was there, he was always a delight to be around. I remember trips to the local fish camp. The whole restaurant would tremble, seeing the Ernsberger boys approaching...

August 8 at 6:23 AM

GC

Gordon And Pat Coburn posted:

God places special people in our life and we are honored to call Bob our friend. We will miss him dearly and think of him often with a smile and a warm heart. Sara we love you dearly and pray for your strength and well being. You and Bob were good for each other and your love was apparent. You have wonderful children that will love and help you through these difficult days. Our love always, Gordon & Pat

December 6 at 10:46 AM

GM

Gloria Mccoy & Fred Mccoy posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the Ernsberger family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bob will be sorely missed. Our love and hugs to Sara. We pray that the Lord will give you all strength and comfort.

December 5 at 8:54 PM

BH

Bruce And Jane Hyland posted:

We will miss Bob, for sure. His presence filled the room, and he never left you wondering where he stood on any issue. He was a wealth of memorized Scripture which he quoted on many occasions. Enjoy your first Christmas in heaven, Bob!

December 5 at 5:29 PM



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AK

Alyce Kelly posted:

I knew Mr Ernsberger from Sally's, the Denver YMCA, where he was known as "Mr E." Both officials of the Presbyterian Church, we often chatted during his visits to the Y. What I remember most about him was a conversation we had after his medical diagnosis and prior to his surgery. He told me that according to medical statistics his prognosis wasn't good. He shared that the Sunday before the surgery it was planned for the elders of his church to pray for him during the Sunday worship. We went on to talk about Biblical scripture and hope in Christ Jesus. What impressed me about that time was Bob's faith in God and its promise of tomorrow whether here or in our home not made with hands. Sincere condolences to the Ernsberger family. You have lots to treasure and I'm certain your loved one will be missed!

December 5 at 2:42 PM

LS

Linda Robinson Sumrall posted:

What an amazing man. Our family dearly loved Bob and his witty ways. He had the energy of 10 men. Prayers for comfort and healing of hearts until we all meet him again. Sarah we love you and know how hard this has been. Keep that beautiful smile to share with your grandkids. David my schoolmate from a long time ago... many happy memories of our parents taking us kids to Perkins after Sunday services. Love to all. Linda

December 5 at 10:54 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bob by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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