



Hollis "Hobby" Cobb Jr.

October 25, 1934 - April 16, 2020

Hollis Frank Cobb, Jr. (Hobby) died April 16, 2020 at the Pines in his beloved adopted hometown of Davidson. Hobby's survivors include his wife Jane Thornhill Cobb, son Stephen Hollis Cobb of Richmond, VA his sons Hollis and Camden, son David James Cobb and his wife Lorene of Wall, NJ their sons Owen and Wade, daughter Lisa Cobb Butler of Mt. Pleasant, SC her sons Jarryd and Stephen and sisters Mary Cobb McSwain of North Wilkesboro, NC and Betty Cobb Smith of Asheville, NC.

Hobby was Christened Hollis, but the nickname of Hobby was given to him very early in life and stayed with him throughout. He was born October 25, 1934 to Hollis Frank Cobb of Putney, VT and Elizabeth Ledford Cobb of Camden, SC.

Hobby grew up in Charlotte and attended Dilworth Elementary School, Alexander Graham (AG) Junior High School, and Central High School, graduating from Central in 1952, arguably the best class in the history of that school. While at Central he was Student Body President, a two-year starter on the basketball team, captain of the team his senior year, a year in which Central went to the semi-finals of the State Tournament played in what is now Cameron Indoor Stadium. He was also shortstop on the baseball team for two years and a member of the golf team for one year.

In the Fall of 1952 Hobby entered Davidson College and while there was a member, and President, of the Kappa Sigma social fraternity. He was elected to Who's Who Among America's Colleges and Universities, a Distinguished Military Graduate, and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa a National Leadership Fraternity. Hobby was a four-year member of the Davidson basketball team, three and a half years as a starter and Captain of the team his Junior and Senior years. He was named First Team All-Southern Conference his Senior year and honored by Davidson who retired his number 21 jersey and elected him to The Davidson College Athletic Hall of Fame. Hobby was also a member of the 1952-1953 Golf Team that won the Southern Conference Championship. His sport of choice later became tennis and many Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles championships followed.

As a faithful Christian, Hobby has served the church in many capacities through the years. His roles were diverse and illustrated his gifts. He coached baseball at Myers Park Presbyterian, gave his time as a Trustee, Stewardship Committee Chair, and basketball coach at First Presbyterian Church Metuchen (NJ), At Unity Presbyterian (Denver, NC) he enriched the lives of high schoolers by teaching in Sunday School for over a decade and leading the Personnel Committee.

His business career was spent in the field of printing and packaging sales with Charlotte based Packaged Products which grew with various acquisitions to be known as Engraph. After 37 years with Engraph, 20 of which were in New York City, Hobby joined J. R. Cole Industries also a Charlotte based printing and packaging company. After 13 years with J. R. Cole he retired in 2008.

He was often at his happiest around water. His home on Lake Norman was a beehive of activity and Hobby always took great joy in watching and participating with his family and friends in boating, waterskiing, tubing and swimming. One of the many gifts he left his family was a love of the ocean. Family gatherings were held in his home at Fripp Island, SC. for 30 years. The magic of Fripp and a million memories have been bestowed on two generations as a legacy.

Hobby always gave thanks for having a Dad that grew up under tough formative years in southern Vermont and western Massachusetts, and a mother who grew up in the quiet gentility of Camden, SC. This "blend" made for great parents who set the best possible example for their children...firm but always fair.

To his children Steve, Lisa, and Dave, Hobby would say, "Thanks for making me proud and thanks for being children who were always, well almost always, so easy to love. To the love of his life, his wife Jane who put up with him for 64 years, You Have Been the Best. To know him was to love him.

There will be a proper tribute and family Memorial Service to honor him at Unity Presbyterian Church in Denver, NC on October 24th, 2020 at 2:00 PM. The service will be live streamed and may be viewed via the church website at <http://www.unitypres.org>. The family would be honored if you would attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Pines Resident's Fund at 400 Avinger Lane, Davidson NC 28036.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** 02:00PM
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Unity Presbyterian Church

8210 Unity Church Road, Denver, NC, US, 28037

Comments



“ Hobby was a classmate of mine at Central High School - he was always a great leader and friend throughout his life. He had the love and respect of his family and friends and he will be missed by many. You have earned your Angel wings, my sweet friend, so fly high as you travel through Heaven. R.I.P. dear Hobby.

nancy c mangum - April 25, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ I knew Hobby Cobb as one of my Dad's (Eric Jonas) best childhood friends. Their friendship included memories of AG basketball, Central High School days and more recently, through Central High monthly gatherings. Dad and Hobby's wonderful friendship taught me about the great value and joy of lifelong friendship. I am sad for your loss and for my Dad's loss of such a wonderful friend. I send peace and love to your family.

- Annie Jonas

Annie Jonas - April 21, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ Uncle Hobby was always so kind and sweet to me. He looked as tall as a tree when I was little, but he would always bend down to talk to me. He looked me in the eye and hung on every word I was saying, making me feel like the most important person in the room. I'll miss you Uncle Hobby. xoxo

Stacy Marceil - April 20, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ Jim and I send love and prayers.
Hobby was so sweet and a dear friend to many!
We have many great memories of sitting across the aisle from you at the Davidson basketball games.
Go Cats!
We love you and your family.

Mary Lib Richards

Mary Lib Richards - April 20, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ My dear friend Steve, I am so sorry for your lost. I did not have the pleasure to know your father, but I am pretty sure that you are his best creation on earth. All the best for you and your lovely family from Argentina. We love you. Hobby RIP

Alejandro Mercado - April 18, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ I remember all the Davidson games we saw Davidson win! PRAYING for the family and

and wish you peace and comfort.

Ken Goodson

ken goodson - April 18, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ Steve, I am so sorry for your great loss. I know by what I have heard from you and many others how much he was loved and will be missed. Praying for your family and especially your mom.

Much love, Carol Schmitt

Carol Schmitt - April 18, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ Hi Steve,

You and your family are in our prayers and I am truly saddened about your Dad. . I worked with Hobby at JR Cole and he would always call on me when he needed some graphic design stuff over the years. He was always such a gracious funny and delightful gentleman! I truly enjoyed seeing him when he would come to visit, even after his retirement. He will be missed greatly! Heaven got a good one!

Love,
Julie Haigler

julie haigler - April 24, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ Great Guy, good memories of Hobby from the ECU days with Steve and years after. Mary and I visited the Cobb's at their condo on Fripp Island once (1986)? and we still talk about that special weekend. On going debate over who won at Bacci ball on the beach and shelling success. I also recall a weekend in New Jersey with the Cobb's in 1981 that was very memorable. Hobby called me a few times over the years to say hello and check in. He was that kind of guy.

My condolences to the family.

Tommy

Tommy Alligood - April 18, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ God has gained a wonderful Angel. Uncle Hobby was a loving husband father Grandfather Uncle and all around great man, he commanded the room when he walked in with his height and that beautiful smile you just wanted to hug him! Prayers for Aunt Jane, Steve, Lisa Dave and your family's. I love you all, you are in my heart

Beth Thornhill - April 17, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ I have many Happy memories of this dear Man. He was a loving Husband to my Aunt Jane and a wonderful father to Steve, Lisa and Dave. As a child I always looked forward to seeing his smiling face as a grandmother he cracked me up always trying to make a “deal” to keep one of my Grandbabies. We love you Uncle Hobby and will miss you terribly...until we meet again.

Cindy Morris - April 17, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ I am so sorry my friend. I understand the pain. We are dealing with more sickness in the family. I'm still having problems but doing. Don't drive at all but have helpers. Think of you often and LOVE you all the time. Noe

ann womble - April 17, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ For many years, our family would hear wonderful stories of Owen and Wade's journeys to visit their grandparents. We have always known the boys' relationships with them were truly special. The Skea family extends our sympathy to the Cobb family for your loss. Warm regards during this difficult time.

Michael Skea - April 19, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ We are so sorry. Hobby was the best! I like to think he and Mary Ann Taylor are planning a Central class reunion! The Peace of Christ be with you all

Margaret Stauffer - April 20, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ A great Wildcat!

Nancy S Gardner - April 21, 2020 at 12:44 PM