



Robert Bearden

September 5, 1937 - February 25, 2025

William Robert Bearden, 87, of Greer, SC, passed away peacefully on February 25, 2025. He was born on September 5, 1937, in Oconee County, SC, to Edgar and Rosa Wilson Bearden.

Robert was a Navy veteran. He retired from Duke Power and subsequently sold life insurance until his retirement.

He was passionate about dance. He was involved in Western Square Dancing as a member of the Pacesetters in Anderson, SC, and later a member of the Legionnaires in Taylors.

Robert became a round dance cuer (choreographed ballroom), and he taught, cued, and choreographed dances; cueing in South Carolina and Georgia. He loved to read, work puzzles, travel, and dance with the love of his life, Judy Bearden.

He was predeceased by his parents, three siblings, and his wife, Mildred Bearden.

Robert leaves behind his loving and devoted wife, Judy Bearden; her daughter, Michelle Cazee (Buddy); and a grandson, Jacob.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Pat Galloway and their three daughters, Carlita Bearden Turk (Bill), Teresa Bearden Ford and Sonya Bearden Eash (David); twelve grandchildren, William Newton Turk (Kelsey), Emily Turk St. Peter (Chris), Tandy Caitlyn Turk, Carlie Spencer Turk (fiancé, Kyle Jerome), Amanda Ford Gilpin (Josh), Josh Ford (Emily), Rebekah Ford Relyea (Andrew), Noah Ford (Jessica), Micah Ford, Josie Eash, Titus Eash, and

Sadie Eash; and ten beautiful great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his stepson, Eddie Taylor and a sister, Helen Lusk.

Robert loved people, always greeting everyone with a huge smile and a twinkle in his eyes even through the end of his illness. We will always hold his memory in our hearts.

Visitation will be held 9:00-10:45 a.m. Saturday, March, 1, 2025, at The Wood Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 1, 2025, at The Wood Mortuary conducted by Pastor David McGaffic. Entombment will follow in Graceland East Memorial Park Mausoleum, Greenville, SC.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Graceland East Memorial Park Mausoleum

2206 Woodruff Road
Simpsonville, SC 29681

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Bearden*



The Wood Mortuary - March 01, 2025 at 01:36 PM

SB

This was awesome! So well done!! Thanks for sharing with everyone!! His memory will ever live in our hearts.

Sue Blair - March 01, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Robert Bearden*



The Wood Mortuary - March 01, 2025 at 10:01 AM



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The Wood Mortuary - February 28, 2025 at 02:51 PM



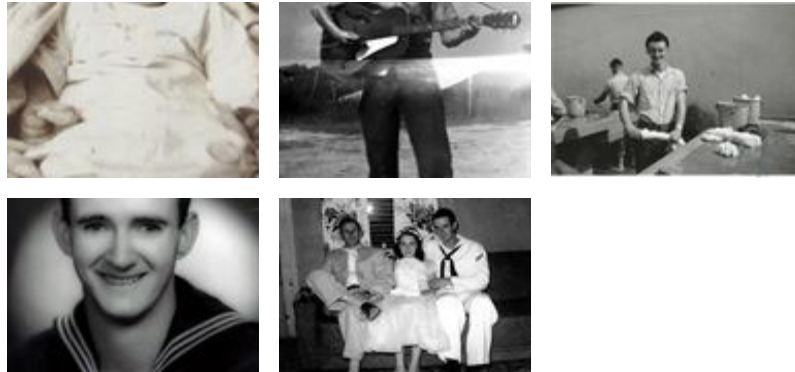
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The Wood Mortuary - February 28, 2025 at 11:33 AM



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The Wood Mortuary - February 28, 2025 at 10:20 AM

KS

“ Uncle Robert was very sweet. I remember him coming to mama's and bringing her a Christmas gift. It was a very nice cake plate and stand. I still have it and use it all the time.

Kathy Sizemore - February 26, 2025 at 03:44 PM

HF

“ Sorry to hear this. RIP shipmate 🇺🇸🚢

Herb Franklin - February 26, 2025 at 02:33 PM

BP

“ I will always remember Robert's smile and cheerful greeting at dances. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this most difficult time. My God bless you all and give you peace. Love and blessings to everyone.



Barbara Parker - February 26, 2025 at 02:19 PM

DE

“ Judy, You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the God of peace and comfort be near. I'm so thankful to hear of the beautiful memories you share of your dear Robert and now understand your love of dance better. Please let me know how I can help.

Deborah - February 26, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Bearden.

February 26, 2025 at 08:59 AM

SB

“ Robert was always SO kind, so sweet, and so helpful - always willing to help another dancer - and always smiling.

My heart-felt condolences to dear Judy (the lady with "the other half of the always smile.")

~ Sue Blair

Sue Blair - February 25, 2025 at 09:45 PM

PC

“ Robert became my Brother in law when I was 10. I thought he could play the guitar like no one else!! And I thought he was the most handsome Sailor in the world in his uniform. Then Robert and my Sister, Pat gave me three beautiful and wonderful Nieces whom I love dearly!! Robert has always been a Special Man in my life and will forever hold a Special place in my heart. RIP Robert. ❤️



Pam Chastain - February 25, 2025 at 05:47 PM

TS

God speed ole shipmate! Thanks for your friendship to me, A 17 year old country kid in my early years of Navy life. Enjoy your heavenly life forever and I'll join you in time.

turner lovic smith - February 27, 2025 at 04:38 PM