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Robert Bob Erwin

July 19, 1930 - March 6, 2025

Robert Bob Erwin, 94, of Morganton, NC, passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2025. He was born on July 19, 1930 in Catawba County to the late Robert Erwin and Elizabeth Abernethy Erwin. Bob graduated in 1952 from Davidson College. After graduating from Davidson College, Bob joined the United States Army. After he was discharged from the Army in 1954, Bob worked for Commercial Credit for one year and then joined his father-in-laws poultry business. Shortly after joining the business, Bob became President of B and L Feed, which made the feed and grew the chickens for Breeden poultry to process. Bob served as President and board member of several state and national feed and poultry organizations. In August, 2001, Bob was inducted into the North Carolina Poultry Hall of Fame. In 1988, B and L Feed and related businesses were sold to Case Farms. For several years thereafter, Bob continued to work as a consultant for Case Farms.

Bob served in the local Methodist church in leadership positions for many decades. He served on the building team that went to Mexico to help build a small church. He also served as a trustee of the Methodists Children Home and was on the board of Givens Estate Methodist Retirement Home.

Bob served as an officer and board member of Grace Hospital in Morganton as well as the History Museum of Burke County. Bob received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Davidson College. Bob was very active for many years serving the community through Meals on Wheels. He was able to continue delivering meals through the last week of his life.

Bob enjoyed fly fishing, tennis, skiing, hiking in the mountains and travel. He also enjoyed reading and photography. Since 1988, Bob was able to fulfill a lifelong ambition to travel extensively. In May 1999 a dream came true, and Bob had the opportunity of hiking and camping in the area around Mt

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On June 6, 1954, Bob and Sara Sis Breeden were married at the First United Methodist Church in Morganton. After a long and wonderful marriage and life, Sis passed away on November 18, 2022. After Sis passed away, Bob remarried to Alice Sasser. Bob was blessed to have had two happy marriages to two wonderful women, first to Sis and later to Alice. Bob took many trips to interesting places around the world with Sis and later with Alice.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his first wife, Sara Sis Breeden Erwin; son, Charles B. Erwin, Sr.; grandson, Charles B. Chaz Erwin, Jr.; brother, David Erwin; and sister; Martha Erwin Fox.

Bob is survived by his wife, Alice Glisson Sasser-Erwin; son, John R. Erwin (Judy); grandchildren, Caitlyn Erwin, Jennifer Erwin, Cecelia Erwin, Robert David Erwin and Sara Anne Erwin; great-grandchildren, Chloe Charlie Erwin and Aries Trimble; daughter-in-law, Dabney Erwin (Mark); brother, Sam Erwin (Barbara): nephew, Mathew Erwin (Beverly); niece, Anna Erwin (Micah); great-nieces Allison Erwin, Caroline Erwin, and Eloria Erwin Bailey; step-daughter, Cindi Nicholson (Stuart); step-granddaughter, Kristen Brevoort (Brett); and step-great- grandchildren Liam, Henry, and Jack Brevoort.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, March 14, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The memorial service will begin at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 15, 2025 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Hester officiating. The family will have a private inurnment.

In memory of his grandson, Chaz, memorial contributions may be made to the A.T. Childrens Project, 6810 N. State Road 7, Suite 125, Coconut Creek, FL 33073 or to the First United Methodist Church, 200 N. King St., Morganton, NC 28655.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Visitation

March 14, 2025
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center

Service

March 15, 2025

11 a.m.

First United Methodist Church Morganton

Committal

N/A

Tribute Wall



–C.E.Erwin

Dear John and family. Cameron and I want to extend our condolences and prayers to you on the loss of your dad. He was a great friend and encouragement to us and to our mom while at Grace Ridge. He and I reconnected while we were visiting during moms last year in health care. We met often and talked about Davidson, sports, and life in general. He absolutely lived life to the fullest and will always be remembered as an inspiration to those of us fortunate to have known him.

–Scott Cutting

Bob Erwin will be remembered by me for his thoughtful kindness, giving heart, warm smile, and commitment to making things better. I was only fortunate enough to interact with him occasionally during the past 10 years and that was due to his generous support for the upkeep of Belvidere Cemetery off Piedmont Road. The cemetery, which is the resting place for some of Bob's ancestors, including Revolutionary War Patriots, is owned by Historic Burke Foundation, for which I volunteer, and Bob for many years has paid the annual expense for its upkeep and for removing fallen trees. The last time I saw Bob, he smiled at me and twinkled his eyes as we were both taking Communion at First United

and twinkled his eyes as we were both taking Communion at First United Methodist Church. That is a fitting memory of a man dedicated to God and to his community and family. It has been a blessing to know him.

—Linda Lindsey

My sincere condolences to the family. We spent 5 days together 9n a bus trip to Jacksonville, FL. I loved his spirit and he's was such a bright light in this dark world.

—Darlene Covington



—Anonymous



—Sheila

Went to work for Bob Erwin in 1969 when I graduated from WPCC. Worked for Bob for 20 years. He was a great boss but more than that he was more like a father figure to me during those years. Being just 20 years of age, Bob help guide me with words of wisdom when I needed encouragement in life. When our boys were young, he gave us a puppy from a litter from his dog Pike. That was so kind. Bob was a great husband and father to his wife Sis and his sons John and Charlie. To the family the world needs more Bob Erwin's. God bless you. Ronnie Crain

—Ronnie Crain



Alice, I'm so sorry about the loss of Robert, and I know it's going to be difficult to go through this again. You are in my thoughts and prayers for the days ahead

—Suzanne Reeves