

Robert M. Franklin

October 30, 1942 - October 31, 2025

Robert Marshall Franklin, also known as Bobby Franklin, was born October 30, 1942, in Fountain Run, Kentucky, and was the second of three children born to the late William Edward Franklin and Katherine Eugenia Whitney Franklin.

Robert attended and was a member of the State Street Baptist Church where he was faithfully dedicated as long as his health allowed. He attended State Street High School and graduated from High Street High School in 1959. While in high school, he sang in the choir and played clarinet in the band.

Robert enrolled at Kentucky State University in September of 1959. While at KSU, he sang in the church and concert choir. He played the clarinet in the KSU marching and concert bands. He majored in English and minored in French. He graduated from KSU in 1964. His first job after graduation was teaching in Cario, Illinois at Dunbar High School.

Robert returned to Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1965 and began his Master's Program in Guidance and Counseling.

Afterwards, Robert moved to Heber, Arizona and accepted a teaching position at Heber Job Corp Center. While there, he was referred to a teaching position in San Antonio, Texas. He applied and accepted the position with the San

Antonio Independent School District. He taught in the San Antonio Independent School District for the next 36 years. While teaching in San Antonio, Texas, he received his Master of Arts degree in 1967. He retired and returned to Bowling Green, Kentucky in October of 2003, where he remained until his passing. He was also a valued member of the local Kentucky State University Alumni Association.

Robert, Bob, Uncle Bob, Bobby, was a fine man and even better friend. He was proud to be a brother, uncle, friend, and his legacy will forever resonate in our hearts.

October 31, 2025. God stood at the door and beckoned his son home as Robert found refuge from all his labor at the age of 83. Robert was preceded in death along with his parents by brother Larry Edward Franklin, Sr.

To cherish the memory of Robert Marshall Franklin, he leaves his sister, Patricia Franklin; best friend and cousin, Jo Lavonne Ewing; nephew and caregiver Kenneth W. (Debra) Stovall; niece, Sandraetta Lighfoot, nephews, Larry E. Franklin, Jr., and Laneus D. Franklin, Sr.; niece, Kathleen (Michael) Lightfoot; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son Mortuary

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1209 Fairview Ave
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

State Street Baptist Church
340 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
<http://statestreetbaptistchurch.org?>

Funeral Service

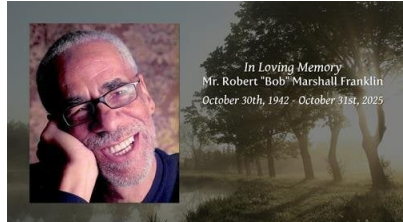
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Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert M. Franklin* ”



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - November 11, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ *Marqueta Franklin lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin* ”



Marqueta Franklin - November 18, 2025 at 07:29 AM



“ *Yvonne Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert M. Franklin* ”



Yvonne Williams - November 17, 2025 at 03:54 PM

WW

“ *William Daniel Walker lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



William Daniel walker - November 16, 2025 at 05:02 PM

DC

“ *Darlene Cosby Collins lit a candle in memory of Robert Franklin*



Darlene Cosby Collins - November 13, 2025 at 04:21 PM

LW

“ *Loretha Withrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Loretha Withrow - November 12, 2025 at 06:19 PM

SL

“ *Cousin Bobby you will be missed. I love the kindness and love you showed towards me. You will be missed by your family and friends!! Rest in Peace!!* 🙏🌹❤️

Sabrina Loving - November 11, 2025 at 05:07 PM

KL

“ *Kendra La'Keshia Lewis lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Kendra La'Keshia Lewis - November 10, 2025 at 07:50 PM

MB

“ *I got to know Bobby really well in 2011. We always had a good time reminiscing. He knew everybody, I didn't! As his sight grew dimmer, he was able to recognize me by my voice. Robert was a great person and friend and I will truly miss him. Rest in peace in Heaven Bobby. With heartfelt love and sympathy, Mary L. Bailey*

Mary Bailey - November 08, 2025 at 12:24 PM

SB

“ *Shelia Beck lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Shelia Beck - November 07, 2025 at 04:56 PM

SL

“ *Sabrina Loving sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Sabrina Loving - November 07, 2025 at 10:05 AM

MM

“ Michael J and Marilyn J Mitchell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert M. Franklin.



Michael J and Marilyn J Mitchell - November 06, 2025 at 02:26 PM

MM

“ Michael J and Marilyn J Mitchell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert M. Franklin.

Michael J and Marilyn J Mitchell - November 06, 2025 at 02:26 PM

BU

“ B.G. Atwood Alumni Chapter of Ky St Univ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert M. Franklin.

B.G. Atwood Alumni Chapter of Ky St Univ - November 06, 2025 at 02:20 PM

BU

“ B.G. Atwood Alumni Chapter of Ky St Univ purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert M. Franklin.



B.G. Atwood Alumni Chapter of Ky St Univ - November 06, 2025 at 02:20 PM

MM

“ You're going to be missed ol' friend. Thanks for the joy you put in our lives. Condolences to your family that took such wonderful care of you before and during your final journal. Enjoy your peacefulness.

Marilyn J Mitchell - November 06, 2025 at 02:05 PM

EB

“ Edward And Deborah Bufford lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Edward and Deborah Bufford - November 06, 2025 at 01:08 PM

SC

“ State Street Baptist Chhurch lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



State Street Baptist Chhurch - November 06, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ Rachel Cullom Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Rachel Cullom Moore - November 05, 2025 at 07:37 PM

AB

“ Aletha Britt sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Aletha Britt - November 05, 2025 at 07:18 PM



“ Rachel Cullom lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Rachel Cullom - November 05, 2025 at 06:40 PM



“ Bianca Waller lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Bianca Waller - November 05, 2025 at 04:49 PM

DC

“ Dora Conyers lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Dora Conyers - November 05, 2025 at 03:56 PM

DB

“ *David & Anna Barbee* 🙏



David C Barbee - November 05, 2025 at 09:21 AM

JS

“ *Jakki Granger Snowden sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Jakki Granger Snowden - November 05, 2025 at 09:10 AM

AW

“ *My Prayers goes out to the Franklin Family and May God Comfort All ! I always enjoyed talking to Bobby, at State St Church! He was always kind in conversation, I will miss that about him! Shalom In Jesus, Always... Alonzo Webb*

Alonzo G. Webb - November 05, 2025 at 05:24 AM

NM

“ *Nancy Miller lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Nancy Miller - November 04, 2025 at 10:54 PM

SB

“ Selvin, Vanessa, Hardin, & Harrison Butt lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Selvin, Vanessa, Hardin, & Harrison Butt - November 04, 2025 at 01:49 PM

SB

“ Selvin, Vanessa, Hardin, Harrison Butts lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Selvin, Vanessa, Hardin, Harrison Butts - November 04, 2025 at 01:48 PM

SC

“ Sandra Claypool lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Sandra Claypool - November 04, 2025 at 10:01 AM

SS

“ Sue Sweatt lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Sue Sweatt - November 03, 2025 at 08:44 PM

IB

“ *Ida Butts lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Ida Butts - November 03, 2025 at 08:36 PM

LF

“ *Robert M. Franklin was my uncle who gave me my name LANEUS DELCINO FRANKLIN which is a unusual name that took Bowling Green Ky by surprise and still to this day only a few people can pronounce my name, love you and I'm going to miss you unc.*



Laneus D. Franklin - November 03, 2025 at 06:53 PM

WL

“ *Many heart felt prayers and condolences to family and friends of the late Robert Franklin...
Our hearts are saddened ... but we all know, your absence here...is the happinesses in knowing you are now before the Lord.*



Rest easy, my friend, until we meet again on those peaceful shores of Zion.

Willa Lewis-Blewett - November 03, 2025 at 02:44 PM

DB

“ *David & Wilma Buford lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



David & Wilma Buford - November 03, 2025 at 12:27 PM

DB

“ *David & Wilma Buford lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



David & Wilma Buford - November 03, 2025 at 12:25 PM

ME

“ *Prayers for the family!!!*



Melody - November 03, 2025 at 09:57 AM

CW

“ *Chucky Whitney lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Chucky Whitney - November 03, 2025 at 09:33 AM

PW

“ *Peggy Smith Whitney lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Peggy Smith Whitney - November 03, 2025 at 09:33 AM

JS

“ *Johnetta Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Johnetta Smith - November 03, 2025 at 08:46 AM

AT

“ *Deepest condolences to the family of Uncle Bobby he was such an incredible human being a true treasure and blessing to all! Take your rest. Love you Uncle*



Anita Thomas - November 03, 2025 at 08:27 AM

BD

“ *Breenda Duncan lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Breenda Duncan - November 03, 2025 at 07:38 AM

FM

“ *Get your rest cuz! It's well deserved. Prayers for my family.* ”



Faith Mitchell - November 03, 2025 at 12:26 AM

TB

“ *Thelma Bunton lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin* ”



Thelma Bunton - November 02, 2025 at 10:01 PM



“ *Yvonne Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert M. Franklin* ”



Yvonne Williams - November 02, 2025 at 08:53 PM

NM

“ *Nathaniel And Bernadine Martin lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin* ”



Nathaniel and Bernadine Martin - November 02, 2025 at 06:02 PM

SB

“ Steve And Ria Butts lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Steve and Ria Butts - November 02, 2025 at 05:17 PM

SB

“ Steve& Ria Butts lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



steve& Ria Butts - November 02, 2025 at 05:15 PM

MP

“ Bobby was such a sweetheart. I've been knowing Bobby it seems forever. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. Get your rest, and sing with the Angels!! 💕💕💕

Mary Patterson - November 02, 2025 at 03:55 PM

MP

“ Mary Patterson lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Mary Patterson - November 02, 2025 at 03:45 PM

CG

“ *Carmen Green lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Carmen Green - November 02, 2025 at 02:45 PM

CS

“ *Carolyn J Sydnor sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Carolyn J Sydnor - November 02, 2025 at 10:26 AM

SM

“ *Stephanie Mahone lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Stephanie Mahone - November 02, 2025 at 08:36 AM

KC

“ *Kenny And. Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Kenny and. Crisandra Coleman - November 01, 2025 at 11:10 PM

BP

“ Brooke Pedigo lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Brooke Pedigo - November 01, 2025 at 11:08 PM

NF

“ Nell Ruth Hill & Family lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Nell Ruth Hill & Family - November 01, 2025 at 10:01 PM

BM

“ Sending sincere condolences to the family 🙏💙❤️



Berona Massey - November 01, 2025 at 09:26 PM

LC

“ Lisa Cook lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Lisa Cook - November 01, 2025 at 08:06 PM

LI

“ *LIVELY-CLARK lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



LIVELY-CLARK - November 01, 2025 at 07:55 PM

PA

“ *Patricia Anthony lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Patricia Anthony - November 01, 2025 at 05:29 PM

WC

“ *William Covington lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



William Covington - November 01, 2025 at 05:15 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Brenda Williams - November 01, 2025 at 04:38 PM

DW

“ *Denise Wade lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Denise Wade - November 01, 2025 at 02:41 PM

MW

“ *Prayers and condolences to the Franklin family of Uncle Bobby. He was loved and admired by so many.* 🙏🙏🙏

Mona Ware - November 01, 2025 at 02:22 PM

VS

“ *Vetta Sublett lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Vetta Sublett - November 01, 2025 at 12:31 PM

JB

“ *Judith Boards lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Judith Boards - November 01, 2025 at 12:18 PM

RM

“ Rachel Murrell lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Rachel Murrell - November 01, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ Marian Benton lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Marian Benton - November 01, 2025 at 11:20 AM

KG

“ Kellie Hewitt - Girbert lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Kellie Hewitt - Girbert - November 01, 2025 at 09:33 AM

FG

“ Faye Gamble lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Faye Gamble - November 01, 2025 at 09:27 AM

VW

“ Vicki Withrow lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Vicki Withrow - November 01, 2025 at 06:40 AM

KD

“ Kathleen Donan lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Kathleen Donan - November 01, 2025 at 05:45 AM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Cheryl Hewitt - November 01, 2025 at 05:22 AM

BD

“ Brenda Duncan lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Brenda Duncan - November 01, 2025 at 12:49 AM

SS

“ Sue Sweatt lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Sue Sweatt - October 31, 2025 at 10:42 PM

BP

“ Barbara Page lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Barbara Page - October 31, 2025 at 08:40 PM

DA

“ DONNA ANTHONY lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



DONNA ANTHONY - October 31, 2025 at 07:56 PM

FA

“ Frank Alexander lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Frank Alexander - October 31, 2025 at 07:53 PM

GL

“ *Glynis Lewis-Green lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Glynis Lewis-Green - October 31, 2025 at 07:42 PM

FC

“ *Florence W Claypool lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Florence W Claypool - October 31, 2025 at 07:00 PM

SH

“ *Shawna A. Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Shawna A. Harrison - October 31, 2025 at 06:49 PM

HP

“ *HATTIE Page Malcolm Page lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



HATTIE Page Malcolm Page - October 31, 2025 at 06:43 PM

KG

“ Kevin And Kim Grainger lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Kevin and Kim Grainger - October 31, 2025 at 06:41 PM

GR

“ Gail Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Gail Rasmussen - October 31, 2025 at 06:32 PM

SC

“ Suzie Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Suzie Carpenter - October 31, 2025 at 06:29 PM

MC

“ Mary Cole lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin



Mary Cole - October 31, 2025 at 06:09 PM

LL

“ *Lori Lowery lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Franklin*



Lori Lowery - October 31, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ *Dear Franklin Family,*

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - October 31, 2025 at 04:24 PM