



# Mr. Robert Lynn Goodwin

OCT 18, 1953 - DEC 6, 2020



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**R**obert Lynn Goodwin, age 67, of Nashville, TN, passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2020. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Mary Goodwin; half sister, Elaine. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Pamela; one son, Robert D. Goodwin (Kelly); two half sisters, Martha Harvey, Marie Syley (Terry); one half brother, Tom Lunn; three grandchildren, Savannah Goodwin, Cole Goodwin, Sydney Goodwin.

Robert was a family man and loved spending time with his grandchildren. He was a member of the Opossum Pouch Wildlife Rescue Group and loved helping animals. He enjoyed guns and going to the gun range, drones, and antique cars, working on them and showing them in antique car shows. He also had a love for astrology and would let the community know when the space station was visible in the Nashville sky. He will be missed by all those who knew him and loved him.

Visitation for Robert will be held on Friday, December 11, 2020 at Spring Hill Funeral Home, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN, 37216, from 10 AM until Noon at which time a Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be conducted from the funeral home chape. Burial will follow in Historic Spring Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Robert's memory to The Opossum's Pouch Sanctuary, Rescue and Rehabilitation, 202 Long St. Prosperity, SC 29127, Attn: Beth Sparks.

Arrangements by Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, a Nashville landmark since 1785 "Where Nashville Comes to Remember"






# Events

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## Visitation

-  **Friday**, December 11, 2020
-  10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216






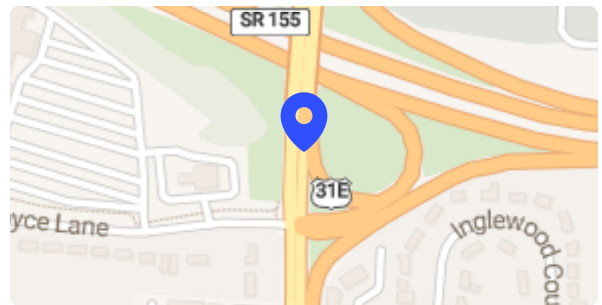
## Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

-  **Friday**, December 11, 2020
-  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216




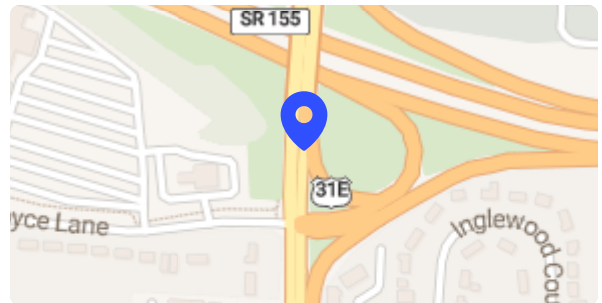
## Burial

-  **Friday**, December 11, 2020
-  1:15 PM CT
-  **Historic Spring Hill Cemetery**  
5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville TN 37216



## Cemetery Details

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## Tribute Wall

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**Steve Clements** posted:

Pam and family Just tonight learned of bobby's passing. He was a good friend.To me he will always be Bobby out of respect from school. Sorry I didn't know sooner. I lost my wife 6 years ago and I know right where you are. He is in good hands and you will see him again. let me know if their is anything we can do. Sincerely, Steve Clements, Litton '71... Hendersonville Tn

January 1 at 6:53 PM



**Chris** posted:

Rob touched the lives of many across the United States even the world with his posts, comments and videos of his opossums. He was an amazing person , he will be missed . I will miss him dearly. Fly high Rob you will be busy mixing and mingling with all the possies that are there too. Much love to Rob's family .

December 12 at 3:46 AM



**Helen** posted:

What a great loss. We will always think of you when we see OPOSSUMS, RACCOONS, wild life. You truly were a great inspiration to all of us on FACEBOOK. R.I.P. Rob, with all your FUR BABIES that was waiting for you. I know you must have had a great WELCOME.

December 11 at 11:02 PM



**Brenda Manlove** posted:

My condolences to Pam and Robert and his family. So sorry for your loss of husband and father, Bobby. May you have peace and comfort in knowing that Bobby is in God's loving hands.Love to you all,Brenda Manlove

December 11 at 3:21 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Goodwin family.



December 10 at 4:43 PM



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**William Gibbs Jr.** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

On behalf of his classmates from Isaac Litton's Class of 71, we would like to offer our condolences to Pam and the family. We knew Rob as Bobby back then. Even back then he loved his photography and took photos for both our Senior Annual and the Litton Blast. RIP Bobby..... hal gibbs, Class of 71



December 10 at 9:42 AM



**Ann Mullen** December 11 at 12:47 PM

I loved Rob for a long time. Pam, I grew to love you because of how much Rob loved you. The world is a smaller, sadder place with him no longer on this side. But Heaven is enriched. Please, Pam, know that the possum family is here for you. ❤️☹️➡️❤️



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Goodwin family.



December 10 at 9:06 AM



**Nan** lit a candle in honor of Robert.



December 9 at 7:16 AM



**Nan** posted:

Although I have never met Rob in person, I have been friends with him and Pamela on Facebook for several years, we share a common bond. Opossums. These beautiful sweet creatures are very often mistreated and misunderstood, but Rob welcomed them to his Garage with dinner buffets and comical antics and shared the many moments of them with pictures and videos on Facebook and YouTube. He will be Greatly missed. Heaven has gained another angel and he's surrounded by his family and friends that passed on before him and the opossums he loved and cared for here on earth are there too. My Condolences to the family, I am so sorry for your loss.Sincerely, Nan Turner

December 9 at 7:12 AM



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**Camille Christie** posted:

Rob was one of a kind in so many ways. His love for his Pam and his possums. Oh the stories he told and shared with us. He knew his visitors and always made sure they had a veritable smorgasbord every night. My heart aches for you Pam. You so graciously shared your Rob with us and every opossum that ever set foot on the slice of paradise you know as home. The pack and I send much love and healing energy. You're in our prayers, Pam. We love you!

December 7 at 11:25 AM



**Helen** December 12 at 1:59 AM

He truly was one of a kind. I also enjoyed all his postings and Videos. My heart also aches for his wife. She truly did share him with all of us on FACEBOOK.



**Laura Dancovici** lit a candle in honor of Robert.



December 7 at 4:24 AM



**Barbara Lewis** lit a candle in honor of Robert.



December 6 at 10:19 PM



**Melanie Quinn** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

I am a member from the facebook group. I loved seeing his posts and he was so willing to help others. There is a new star in the sky tonight. Wishing peace to him and comfort for his family.



December 6 at 8:46 PM



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**Kate Minyard** posted:

I did not have the pleasure of meeting Rob and Pam...or handsome Ol Edge. Through the Opossum Community though, i was touched my Robs videos and his thoughtful reflective posts. And Rob and Pam have a love that transcended the words on the screen. Pam, thank you for sharing Rob with all of us....his deep caring and commitment to God's little critters will stay with all of us, always. Praying for your comfort and healing.

December 6 at 4:57 PM



**Monica Klawitter** lit a candle in honor of Robert.



December 6 at 4:07 PM



**Helen** December 11 at 11:09 PM

Beautifully said. Could not have said it any better myself. He truly was a great inspiration. His Videos always melted my heart. What a kind and compassionate person he was with all the OPOSSUMS, RACCOONS, WILD LIFE. My Condolences goes to his loving wife, Pam and family. They were such a loving couple.



**Donna Nemitz** December 6 at 8:46 PM

My heart breaks as I know you must be devastated Pam. I knew Rob from Facebook and all of the wonderful things he did for the possums with you by his side. I have watched for over a year and a half videos daily to brighten my day and was so saddened to hear he was ill. We watched as he was wheeled into the hospital I could not help but cry and then to hear he read every comment people made. I watched him cry it was evident this poor man was hurting. Please except my condolences, from myself from my boy Cheech and his brother mini Cooper. Prayers for you always and hoping and knowing that you will be fine. Your husband was such a gentle man I don't believe there is another like him you were both so lucky to have one another and I feel proud to have at least known him through the possum. May you rest in peace Rob and watch over Pam and all of us. May you have been greeted by many possum as you entered Heaven's Gate. God bless you always 🙏🖐️❤️ Donna Nemitz



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AD

**Anne Donker** posted:

Pam, I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet love. I am one of the many facebook friends who loved Rob's posts and video's with a shared love of opossums. Rob was one of a kind. He will be sorely missed. But I do know that his empathy for the plight of opossums is having, and will continue to have, a ripple effect that will span generations. His love for opossums and other wild friends will live on and continue to save lives. His sweet friend the Ole Man will comfort him now that they both crossed into the realm of the starry skies. All we can do is try to exceed his love for our wild friends. Rest in Peace Rob Goodwin.

December 6 at 3:33 PM

KS

**Kathy Stuart** posted:

Rob was a shining star of a man. I will miss the way he shared his love of wild things with us. My sincere condolences to the family.

December 6 at 3:01 PM

DS

**Debra Shoemaker** posted:

I never met Rob as I only knew him through the Opossum page. I truly loved his daily videos on what was going on around his house with the different animals. I am truly saddened by his passing. I feel like I have lost a true friend when in reality I did not know Rob personally. I guess that makes him one super human being to leave such a print on someone that he did not even know. I will miss his posts. You are all in my prayers.

December 6 at 2:49 PM

MS

**Mary Strait** posted:

Dear Pam, Rob was such a great contributor to the opossum community and the world community of animal lovers. I watched his videos every night and remember the metal cat cartoons so well. He will be missed.

December 6 at 2:24 PM



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**Carla Wilson** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Rob a very dear friend to the opossum community and we will definitely miss him. He was a great poem writer, friend, husband, dad and granddaddy... but most of all he was a dear friend to me, we chatted back and forth for a very long time as I'm sure he did with others. I will miss that pm come across... Hey Carla... 😞 I just can't believe my friend isn't here any longer but I hope the afterlife is giving him the best walk over ever. I know he is now with old man the opossum he loved that boy and his J.J so much. Rob spent most of his nights entertaining us with his cartoons and his nightly opossum videos that he recorded for the world to see, they were awesome and ONE OF A KIND!! Pam I just wanted you to know, you are our good friend too and we are here for you. I know Rob taught you well to pick up where he left off. I can't wait to see your version. I love you and Rob you were part of my family and I just am so very sorry 😞  
❤️ it was so hard to write this... I hope it makes sence....Love you lady. Take care and call when you need too 💜 R.I.P. Rob go rest high on that mountain.

December 6 at 10:10 AM



**Cathy Scott** posted:

Even though we never met in person, Rob showed me by example how kindness towards every person and animal makes the person showing that kindness a better human being. My heart breaks for Pam and all Rob's family and friends. You will be missed my friend but the world is a better place because you were in it.Cathy Scott

December 6 at 1:30 PM



**Kik Zinj** posted:

So many lives were touched by the kindest man with the biggest heart. Godspeed, my friend. I am honored to have known you.

December 6 at 12:42 PM



**Dixie Stevenson** posted:

Rob, you will be missed so much, so many people loved you and your kind heart and your love for the opossums. You made a big difference in the lives of so many, We love you, rest in peace. My condolences to Pam and the Family.

December 6 at 12:15 PM



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CC

**Cheryl Carothers** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Rob will be forever remembered & sorely missed by the "opossum community". Although we never actually met in person, Rob & I had many conversations over the years, and I considered him a close friend. He has spent countless hours feeding, videoing, and taking pictures of his beloved opossums, who would visit his home each evening to feast on the generous buffet he would set out for them nightly in his breezeway. There is no doubt in my mind that at this moment, he is surrounded by the hundreds of opossums he, and the rest of us that care for them, have lost & gone to The Bridge. My deepest condolences to Pam, the love of his life, and the rest of his family. The world has truly lost a great man, with a heart of gold.



December 6 at 12:08 PM

BD

**Beth Davis** posted:

I am simply a Face Book friend of Rob's. I have always enjoyed watching Rob's videos. Really felt like I knew him and his family from all of the love he shared in his videos and posts over the years. It's crazy how just a post and a video on social media sharing a common love we have for animals can make us feel like family and really care for those who we have never met by that I am truly saddened that we have lost one of our best. Rob is truly going to be missed and made an impact in our world by letting us get up close to wildlife that is sometimes forgotten through his nightly videos. God bless Pam, Rob's family and friends. Beth Davis Jacksonville Florida.

December 6 at 11:57 AM

ED

**Elizabeth Daher** posted:

Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. Although I had never met Rob in person, I could tell what a wonderful man he was by his posts and videos, which brought a smile to my face every time. We have lost an amazing person here on Earth but I know Heaven has gained a truly special angel. I am quite sure he had the most amazing greeting by all of the opossums he loved and helped through the years. May he rest in peace. ❤️

December 6 at 11:56 AM



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BS

**Beth Sparks** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Rob and Pam are like family. Rob's love for his opossums was endless, we had that in common. This was one he referred to as "The Old Man"... he posted this picture and said it looked as if he was saying "Rob, can I have a grape"? Rob's response was "My boy I'll buy you a vineyard". I've never forgotten this Old Man which was Rob's favorite over the years. The Old Man disappeared, Rob searched for days. I feel sure he's found him now... Rob took so many pictures and video's of these guys and made so many smile. He's going to be missed by hundreds and hundreds of people who never had the pleasure of meeting him. He was an amazing man that left his mark on many hearts and will be missed forever. My world is more broken with him gone..



December 6 at 10:10 AM

LW

**Lucretia Walden** December 6 at 1:05 PM

I just found Rob this year via his videos.His love and compassion impressed me. He was a person with above human kindness.He shared his Love of Jesus with me.I fell in love with this terrific man, and I see how he and Pam shared 48 years of bliss.Seems so many good persons go too soon.Bless Pam as you walk this journey.

LC

**Laurie Crawford** December 6 at 12:40 PM

Pam, I was a Facebook friend of Rob's and loved his posts and passion for opossums. He will be truly missed. There aren't many people with Rob's compassion and strong convictions. The world is a better place for Rob's having been here. I am so sorry for your loss and sending you my deepest condolences.

CK

**Carol Kirsch** December 6 at 12:15 PM

Rob I know all your beloved possums are w/ you now n that your surrounded by love. Peace be yours for eternity.Know you left a ton of love here n that while you will always be missed you will never be forgotten.Because of you possums will know a far far better life.I know in your last post you asked that we help possums n always love them, you need never worry about that. Through your love n compassion I'd say thousands of people will carry out your wishes.I'll ask of you to please RIP n know we will not only watch them but will continue teaching others of an awesome man who taught us about these awesome little souls.God has you in his arms n we have you in our hearts forever. ❤️❤️❤️



## Media

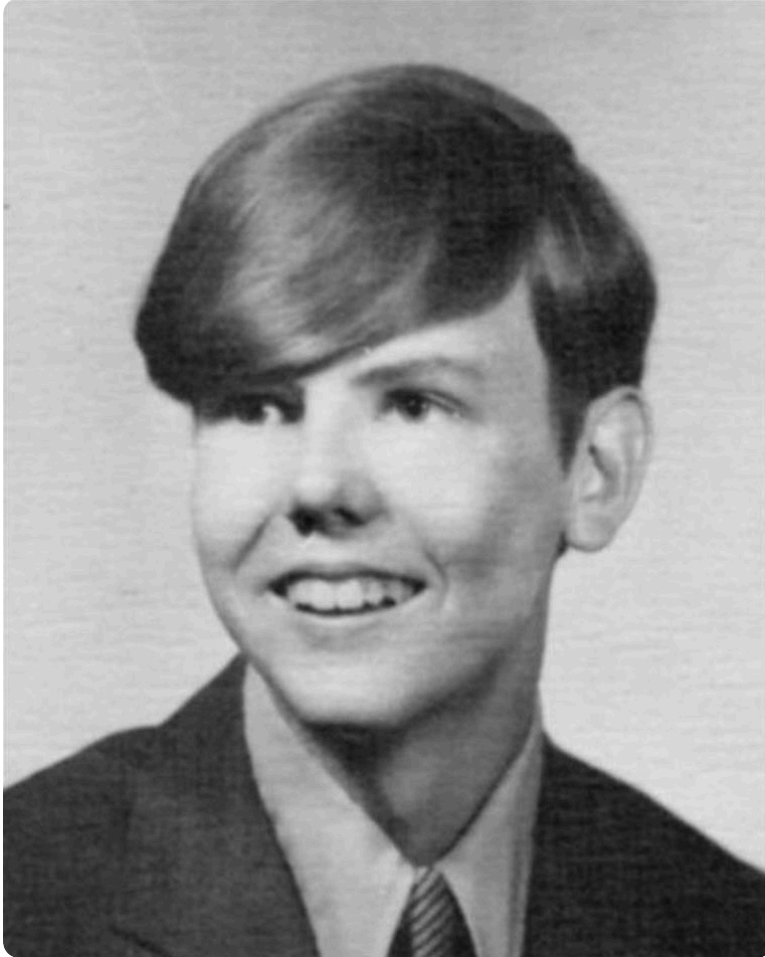
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*This old guy started showing up on the trail cam. His condition getting worst. I called Beth and ask what could be done for him. Trapping just him, difficult. Still on the phone with her, I told her, you are NOT going to believe this. In the middle of that afternoon, he came walking up to me. I took him in, warmed him, fed him and he died 3 hours later. I still can not explain why, but I knew he would not cross alone, and I can only guess, he knew he didn't have to. I wrote the first poem a week before and the last a week afterwards.*

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Hi Carla, I'm JJ, Robs first non release.  
He loved me and cared and learned quite a piece.  
How possums are gentle and do love to roam,  
but also how short lived, outside or at home.  
When my time came, at 3 and one half,  
he was still caring, and loving and giving me baths.  
He cried over me with tears like the rain,  
but he shouldn't you know cause I felt no more pain.  
His heart surely broke, I do understand,  
but you never do know of Gods bigger plan.  
See he learned so much more than he ever did know,  
About life, love and living, and forward you go.  
My only hope, is more people like you,  
to give love and compassion to us lucky few...





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Just as I will always remember Rob.



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He asked for a grape...



Old Man is an angel also and with Rob now.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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