



# Mr. Bobby Gravett Sylvania

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Bobby Gravett Sylvia, age 87, passed away on July 12, 2021 at the Veterans Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. He was born on September 3, 1933 to Maurice and Ethel Sylvia in Alps, Virginia. Bobby served in the US Army during the year 1954. He also worked at AP Hill as a telephone operator. Since 1961 to present, Bobby dedicated his life to the ministry in Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, and other areas. Most recently, Bobby served in Tennessee and Kentucky. Bobby is survived by numerous cousins.

There will be a funeral service at Spring Hill Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM and visitation from 5:00 PM until service time. The final service will be held on Saturday, July 17 in Bowling Green, Virginia and burial will take place at the Green Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements by Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, a Nashville landmark since 1785 "Where Nashville Comes to Remember"



# Events

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## Visitation

- Wednesday**, July 14, 2021
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



## Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

- Wednesday**, July 14, 2021
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
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JG

**Julia Green** posted:

Dearest Bobby! I was so grieved to hear that I would not be seeing you anymore but happy to know that you had gone on to that long-deserved home. I have photos of you with my family when I was quite young. How we have loved you! Your sense of humor and love of the south made it easy to relax around you but your love for Jesus and knowledge of the Bible made you an invaluable brother. So very thankful that God lent you to us. Julia Green

July 21 at 10:01 AM

AB

**Anita Bracey** posted:

It took time to think of something gentle, appropriate and majestic to say about you in such a short space. I have several hymns marked in my hymn book that were called by you. There is one that has 2 stars that was called out by you. Hymn 359... Help me to keep on going, with heart and purpose true. Earth's fading joys receding and heaven's reward in view. A crown in heaven awaiting. Thy chosen, faithful few~ Born again, glorious rest, crown is won! Thanks for the spiritual kindness that you encouraged in my life. I'm also speaking for my mom Johnnie Outten.

July 20 at 3:55 AM

JT

**Julie Thomas** posted:

Although we're happy for Bobby, we're sad for us as we keenly feel the loss of a true friend and brother. Bobby was a part of our family during the growing up years of our children in northern VA. His love, servant's spirit, encouragement, kindness, and humor were a gift to all of us. Certain of his sayings, which we called "Bobbyisms", still bring a smile to our faces. Bobby will be sorely missed by so many who loved him. Gordon & Julie Thomas and family

July 16 at 7:00 PM

DT

**Douglas Thomas** July 17 at 4:36 AM

Knowing Bobby for 60 years was a blessing. His life reminds me of Issachar, couching down between 2 burdens he saw that rest was good. Bobby bore the burdens with grace and he never lost sight of that rest and now he has obtained it. He always had a word in season. He will be missed. Doug Thomas

DH

**Dee Moreau Hart** posted:

I will always appreciate Bobby's infectious smile and generous spirit.

July 16 at 4:53 PM



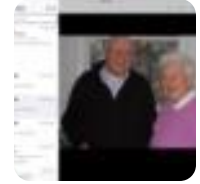
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**Lois Jubb** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



July 15 at 9:04 AM



**Rick Waller** posted:

Bobby was a very special man in many ways, I had the privilege of working with him for a year in SW Virginia. He was always happy and upbeat even on the days when he informed he was grouchy. He loved to share the Word of God and as others have said he excelled at having words of comfort at funerals. I'm glad I had the privilege of working with him.

July 15 at 1:56 AM



**Stephen & Donna** posted:

Bobby's tender care of Hubert back in the 90s here in TX made a lasting impression on some of our children who were below 10 years of age. They are all in their 30s now and mourning the loss of their very special friend. We've all lost a dear friend, but we are so glad he allowed God to turn his life into a miracle and now will rest in peace throughout all eternity. Steve & Donna Klepzig

July 14 at 11:03 AM



**Betty (Weiland) Droel** posted:

It is so touching to me to read the tributes to the lives Bobby's touched. He had thought he was a dying life like in a cocoon, but the most beautiful 'Butterfly' emerged, and even at that the best is yet to come as he has said. I only know Bobby thro the times son Darrel and Jo Droel mentioned him.

July 14 at 9:21 AM



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VC

**Virginia Clements And Steven Clements** posted:

We were so thankful to have Bobby here in our home over the years. So many thoughts when thinking of his love and care for God's Kingdom and his people, and care for those honest souls yet searching. His love for his Bible and God's word. Thankful for his encouragement over the years through emails, texts and calls. True spirit of a servant. As others have said we remember and am thankful for his reminder of "The best is yet to come" and "The sweetest rest you ever had". Rest dear Brother.

July 14 at 8:55 AM

JD

**Joyce Deel** posted:

Bobby Sylvia was like a brother to Joe and I. He was soo kind and thoughtful of the friends. Full of life... and always a real joy to have him in our home. At funerals he had... he would remind people that "the best was yet to come." Also said ... "it's the best sleep you could ever have..." I will miss him so much. His faithfulness and life itself will always be remembered. Joyce Deel

July 14 at 6:39 AM

DN

**Dan Nicolaisen** posted:

Some of my earliest memories are of Bobby being in our field in Baltimore with Young Coleman. I'll always remember his love for the gospel and the wonderful comfort he brought in funerals. He was truly a meek and humble servant. Dan Nicolaisen

July 14 at 5:14 AM

KB

**Karen Bell** posted:

Bobby was full of the joy of Salvation, and a delight to have in the home. We are glad to have been a part of his life and we will miss him here on earth. Karen and Simon

July 14 at 4:28 AM

MG

**Marylou Gatan** posted:

A very special brother who always had words in season. His spirit of thankfulness as a servant of God, no thought of himself any higher than a servant. We miss you in our midst, Bobby. Thankful that you "saw His promise afar off..." & now "seeing what you believed in."

July 14 at 4:18 AM



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DH

**Dwayne & Carla Holladay** posted:

We loved his sense of humor and care for souls. We are grateful for the years we got to have him here in Virginia and all he shared with us.

July 13 at 5:54 PM

JP

**June Pierson** posted:

Will always remember Bobby for his love of the Gospel and warm smile and wit. His influence and godly counsel touched many lives, including mine. Thank you Bobby for your many years of service in the harvest field.

July 13 at 4:58 PM



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DT

**Dennis Thompson** posted:

Dennis first met Bobby in Texas, we then saw him again several years later in D.C. at a Sunday morning mtg. When we heard he was coming to TN to preach the gospel...we were excited to have him, but we did not have him here for long...too soon for us, but not for him...his race is finished & thankful he has gone on to what he lived for...Dennis & Susan Thompson

July 13 at 8:39 AM

MM

**Martha Morton** July 14 at 6:01 PM

I remember Bobby at Downings preps and convention in VA for many years in the mid-60s. He had such a genuine sense of kindness and a keen sense of humor, always working hard in the kitchen and in the farm fields. Grateful that God gave him to us and he is now resting peacefully after touching so many lives.

JP

**Joe And Vicki Pillis** July 14 at 2:37 PM

I am very thankful my Mom, Sister, and I made our first steps in this truth back in 1967 in Bobby's gospel meetings with Charlie Hughes in Arlington Va. Vicki and I have enjoyed his spiritual direction and cheerful giggle with us many times since then. So thankful we got to know him and he faithfully pointed us to things above throughout his life.

BA

**Betty Abbott** July 14 at 6:56 AM

So thankful to have known Bobby most of his life in the work! A faithful servant called home to rest! Will miss his kind spirit, wit and wisdom. Always a joy to be with.

SW

**Swgates** July 14 at 6:06 AM

Bobby was very special to us for many reasons, but most especially for his love of the Truth and for all of the friends that he had known. He could regale us for hours about all of the different ones he had known and for how special each was to him. We loved him for all of these reasons and many more. It's very comforting to know that he has "finished with honor the work he began".Arlene and Steve Gates

ES

**Esther Singleton** July 14 at 6:01 AM

"Reaping the fields when in springtime has sown"

AM

**Allen & Arlene Mathis** July 13 at 4:47 PM

Bobby Sylvia was a very special brother in the ministry to all here in the Melber KY area. He always came to visit us with a smile when he came through the door!! So thankful for our time spent with him!!

BD

**Betty Denton** July 13 at 4:17 PM

Betty Denton I have special memories of Bobby. We were on the VA staff together until 1968. Then I went north & he went south. I saw him later in TN & in SC. He was always cheerful & willing to do the menial jobs. He often washed the pots & pans for the sisters



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who cooked. He would mop the kitchen floor & take out the trash. He was good to give care to others. He excelled at preaching funerals. We shall miss him & his cherry giggle. He loved the Lord. He told me Darrin had been very good to him. He said he treated me like a father. I feel he waited to die until Darrin returned. I wish to express my sympathy to the TN/KY staff.



**Judith Hordyk** July 13 at 12:58 PM

I have special memories of Bobby when I was in TN for conventions. He would always ask about the dear friends in France. He even had a care and a thought for those far away whom he had never met. I was always touched when he would ask after them. Judy Hordyk (France/Belgium)



**Anonymous** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Sylvania family.



July 13 at 8:36 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Joyful Memory to the Sylvania family.



July 13 at 4:40 AM



**Sharon Rhinehart** posted:

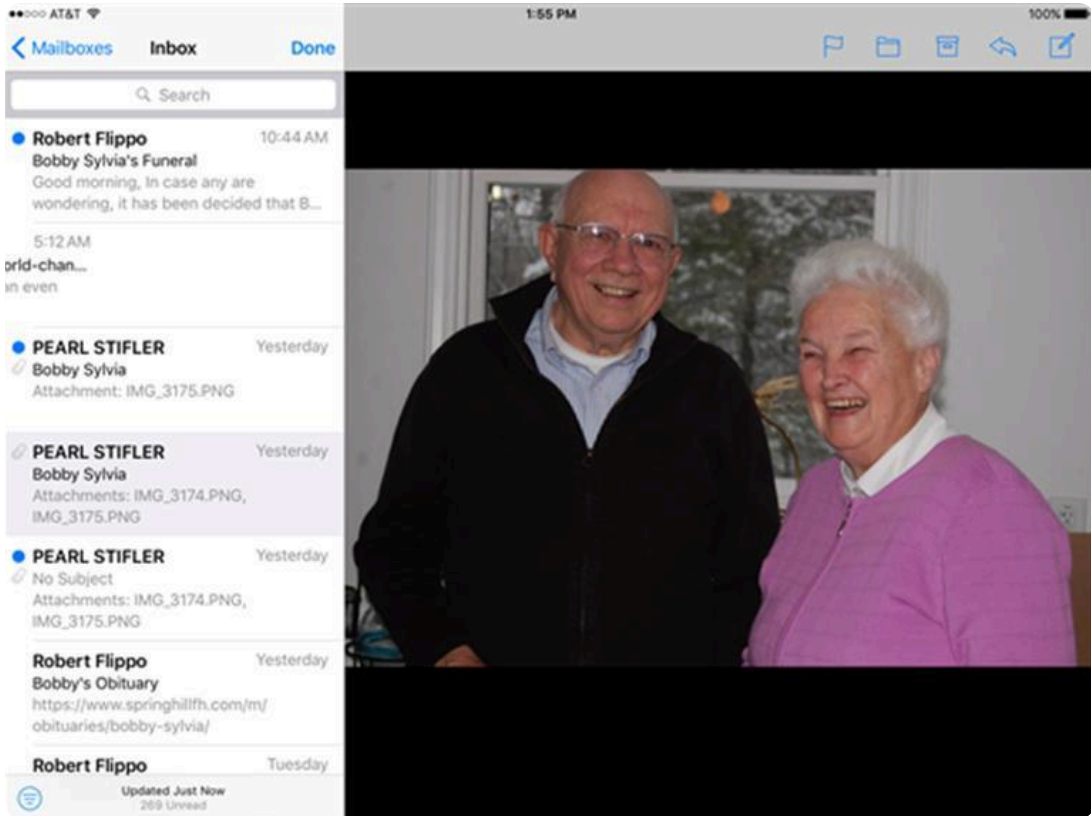
We thought a lot of Bobby, he was on the platform when my husband professed ❤️

July 12 at 3:41 PM



Lois Jubb shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

July 15 at 9:04 AM



Bobby and Lois Jubb



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

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



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