



Robert "Bob" Bates Cleary

November 23, 1926 - October 14, 2018

Robert "Bob" Bates Cleary was born November 23, 1926 in Zanesville, Ohio, to William Kyle Cleary and Minnie (Bates) Cleary. He peacefully passed in the comfort of his own home on Sunday, October 14, 2018, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 91 years. Bob was raised and educated in Zanesville and graduated with the Zanesville High School Class of 1944. After high school he enlisted and served in the United States Armed Forces as a Merchant Marine. After being honorably discharged, Bob met and married Norma Jean (Downing) Cleary in Toledo, Ohio on June 19, 1954. They moved to Owasso in 1974. He spent most of his working life as a welder; he owned and operated Cleary's Custom Welding. Bob has been a faithful member of First Church in Owasso since 1980. He had a variety of past times such as gardening and working outdoors, traveling with Norma to all 50 states in their RV, being out on the water and fishing, attending his grandchildren's sporting events as well as being a long time Owasso Rams fan, and doing anything he could to help others. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

Wife:

Norma Cleary, of Owasso

3 Sons:

Bill Cleary and wife Rildia, of Collinsville Tom Cleary, of Owasso Steve Cleary and wife Sandy, of Collinsville

1 Daughter:

Carol McClendon and husband Jerry, of Flowery Branch, Georgia

1 Daughter-in-Law:

Marcy Cleary

10 Grandchildren and 10 Great Grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kyle and Minnie, 2 brothers, Paul and John, and 1 sister, Laura.

Visitation will be held 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2018 at Mowery Funeral Service. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at The Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso with Pastor Ben Killion officiating. Interment and family graveside service will follow at Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Owasso, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Bob's memory to First Church Owasso, 10100 North Garnett Road, Owasso, Oklahoma 74055. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. www.moweryfs.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service
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Owasso, OK 74055
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Service

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'm very sorry to hear about the passing of Bob. He was a wonderful man, and full of laughs. The world will miss him a lot!! My prayers for the family through this tough time.

Todd Mangrum

Todd Mangrum - October 17, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Bates Cleary.



October 16, 2018 at 05:16 PM

SS

“ *Condolences to The Cleary family. I am friends with Carol McClendon through Lakeview Academy. Her father enjoyed a fishing trip on Lake Lanier with my husband. He loved being out on the lake. He was a wonderful man and shall be missed.*

Sharon R Schaefer - October 16, 2018 at 08:20 AM

CW

“ *We enjoyed Bobs sunny, upbeat personality in the early bird exercise class. We will miss our crowing rooster. Heartfelt sympathy to his family.*

*Love,
Don and Carol Wells*

carol wells - October 15, 2018 at 06:10 PM

SJ

“ Bob was such a wonderful gentleman. I met him while volunteering at BMC and he was a sweetie! I met Norma while teaching at Hayward Smith & then at BMC. At Bailey, we left each other notes often, as we volunteered at the same desk on different days. To Sandy and Steve, please know that my heart is with you both, as I taught with Sandy for many years and she is a precious friend. I know Bob is going to be missed by all of us.

*My love and prayers to Norma and her fabulous family.
Ms. Sandie January*

Sandie January - October 15, 2018 at 01:26 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Bates Cleary.



October 15, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Bates Cleary.



October 14, 2018 at 10:34 PM