



Robert L Beare III

May 9, 1936 - April 27, 2021

“I’ve lived a charmed life.”—Bob Beare

Born on May 9, 1936, Robert Lee Beare, III, rose from Earthly Life on April 27, 2021 after a short illness. Bobby’s life will be forever defined by love for his wife Fran, his daughters, Penny and Frances, and his sheer gusto for life.

Bobby who was raised in Jackson, Tennessee, graduated from Jackson Merry High School and attended Sewanee and Vanderbilt. Bobby was an uncompromising businessman, first helming his family’s business, The Beare Co., and later in real estate.

Bobby was Jackson’s Athlete of the Year in 1954, an avid outdoorsman and world-class marksman. He was a proud member of the National Rifle Association and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award by the Boy Scouts of America for his longtime service. His robust, jovial laugh could fill a room like no other.

Bobby found hope, renewal, inspiration & fellowship as a member of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church where he served on the vestry for many years.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents Robert Lee Beare, Jr. and Sarah McCain Beare and his sister, Mary Katherine Beare Willingham.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Welch Beare, his daughters, Jane Pendleton Causey and Frances Welch Causey, his nephew Joseph Alexander Crook, his nieces Sarah Willingham Hamil and Rebecca Grisham Willingham and several great nieces and nephews.

SERVICE: A memorial service will be held at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Jackson, Tennessee on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 11am. The family will be receiving friends from 10:00 AM until the service. Please adhere to covid protocol.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of West Tennessee or St. Luke's Episcopal Church through www.joingenerous.com/memorial-robert-l-beare-iii

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Memorial Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Dear Fran, Bob is one of my closest friends growing up and beyond. I have many fond memories of Bob. Our prayers are with you and your family. Shelby has monor surgery this morning so we are unable to attend Bob's funeral
Beau and Shelby

Thomas L Spragins - April 30, 2021 at 08:42 AM

PD

“ Polly Darnall lit a candle in memory of Robert L Beare III



Polly Darnall - April 29, 2021 at 08:20 PM

DG

“ His smiling eyes and ready laugh, his Beare hugs and deep devotion to Fran, these are among the many attributes we loved in Bob. He was a welcoming friend wherever he traveled. Such a lively, spirited soul! It is doubly hard to lose a man who lived from his joyful heart. We love and miss you dear soul . . .



Dawn Griffith - April 29, 2021 at 08:59 AM

CW

“ Bob was one of the happiest men I've ever had the pleasure to know. His characteristic gesture was to laugh. He and Fran would always accept any invitation...and they would always show up half an hour early. I'm going to miss my drinking buddy.

Chris Wheeler - April 28, 2021 at 06:04 PM

SC

“ Sarah Case lit a candle in memory of Robert L Beare III



Sarah Case - April 28, 2021 at 07:07 AM

LS

“ *Bob was such a good man, a pleasure to know, to be around. Love to his family.*
Linda Spiese

Linda Spiese - April 27, 2021 at 09:27 PM