



## Bobby Wattam

July 25, 1937 - September 24, 2022

Bobby Dean Wattam passed peacefully at his home on September 24, 2022. He was born in Pryor, Oklahoma on July 25, 1937, to Sam and Alma Wattam. Bobby lived in eastern Oklahoma until moving with his mother to Denver, Colorado to be near his dad training at Buckley Field for WWII. Once Sam deployed to the Pacific, Bobby and his mother moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Bobby graduated from Broken Arrow High School in 1955 where he played both football and basketball. He was in National Honor Society and excelled academically. He graduated from Northeastern State University with a B.S. in Mathematics and a B.S. in Physics. He worked on his graduate degree at Oklahoma State University. Upon graduation, he joined Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville, Oklahoma where he started his career as a computer scientist. He used to love to talk about how the early computers took up an entire building, but now we have more power on our cell phones in the palm of our hands. He was an early adapter of technology; he always had to have the latest and passed that

love on to his children. He and his family relocated to Broken Arrow in 1965. He worked in the nuclear power industry and retired from Power Computing of Babcock and Wilcox where he won many awards.

Bob was partner in a home building business in the 1970s, American Homes. As a young man he had helped his father in construction. He owned and managed rental property during his retirement years.

Bob's mechanical skills extended to being able to fix or repair anything.

During Spring Break of his senior year of college, Bob married the love of his life, Barbara Helen, on April

15, 1960. Family was very important to Bob, and he was a devoted husband, father and papa. He was a kind, helpful person who family and friends could count on in an emergency, being a calming presence.

His family couldn't wait to share accomplishments or good news, because he always was excited and would loudly cheer. He told them that they could do anything with focus and hard work.

He was very active and enjoyed the outdoors. He grew up spending time at the lake and owned many fishing and ski boats over the years. He patiently taught his children, nieces, nephews, grandsons and their friends how to ski with many fun days spent on the water. He water skied until he turned 70 years

old. He loved fishing and hunting and especially his English Setter hunting dogs, Molly I and Molly II. He

fished everywhere from Alaska to the local lakes. He was open to trying new things and learned to snow

ski during his later years. There are many fond memories of ski trips with his son and grandsons. In

retirement, he played golf several days a week for years with his life-long friends.

Bob started traveling for his career in the 1960s and continued flying until his retirement. During the

work week, he had an apartment in Los Colinas, Texas to be near DFW airport. He was a million-mile

flyer with American early on and the love of travel extended to his personal life. Bob and Barbara

traveled throughout the United States and other countries.

Bob loved reading and filled his home with books of mystery and historical fiction. He enjoyed sharing

books with his children and grandchildren.

Bob is survived by this wife of 62 years, Barbara H Wattam of Broken Arrow, his daughter, Becky LeForce

and her husband John of Edmond, Oklahoma, his son Bobby Wattam, Jr and his wife Melinda of Abilene,

Texas, his daughter, Beth Wattam of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, his grandchildren, Blake LeForce and his

wife Hannah, Connor LeForce, Lainey Wattam, Mackenzie Wattam, Haylee Wilson and her husband

Wayne and several nephews and nieces. He is also survived by his sister, Sharon Young and her husband

Larry of Glenwood, Arkansas. His parents, Sam and Alma Wattam preceded him in death.

Family visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2022. A funeral

service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 30, 2022, at Hayhurst Funeral Home, 1660 South Elm

Place, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012. Graveside service to follow at Floral Haven Cemetery, 6500

South 129 th East Avenue, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012.

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74012  
(918) 252-2518

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **29**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
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## Visitation

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## Funeral Service

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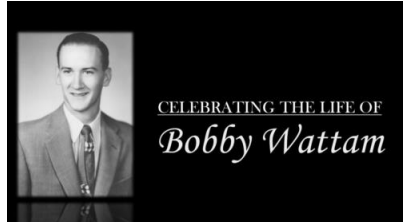
SEP **30**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Bobby Wattam*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 25, 2022 at 03:50 PM

JC

*As residents of one of his properties, my family has grown in spirit and love. Bob knew we needed a place in a pinch and let us move into a duplex where we've resided for just over 5 yrs now. He's was the only landlord that ever showed us nothing but kindness and concern. He was one of a kind and will truly be missed. Rest in heaven Bob, you deserve it! - Chaney's*

Joseph Chaney - September 30, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ *Bobby Wattam*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Wattam.*



September 30, 2022 at 04:59 PM

PB

“ Pepper & Barbara purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bobby Wattam.



Pepper & Barbara - September 30, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Bobby Wattam.



September 30, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bobby Wattam.



September 29, 2022 at 12:14 PM

JB

“ Jim & Earlene Bradford purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bobby Wattam.



Jim & Earlene Bradford - September 29, 2022 at 11:39 AM

RP

“ Was out of town and so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We know that it will leave a void in so many lives, but his memory will be forever in your minds and hearts.  
*Richard and Linda*

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**Richard Ross Polk** - September 29, 2022 at 07:16 AM

HT

“ HMCB IT Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bobby Wattam.



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**HMCB IT Team** - September 28, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Wattam.



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September 28, 2022 at 10:31 AM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Wattam family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Bobby.



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - September 24, 2022 at 02:47 PM