



Robert "Bob" Hopkins Tomlinson

June 2, 1943 - April 16, 2025

Robert "Bob" Hopkins Tomlinson, 81, of Duffield, VA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at his home.

He was born on June 2, 1943 in Jasper, VA to the late Ernest Tomlinson and Alice Bowen. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Muir Tomlinson, and by a sister, Portia Ramsey.

Bob is survived by his step-daughter, Patricia (Jim) Frantz; step-son, Jim (Cathy) Sorenson; sisters, Sharon Payne, Gail Nickles, Debra (Garry) Hood, Fran Tomlinson and Shana (Matt) Johnson; special friend, Sharon Addington; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 12 until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, at Robinette Funeral Home in Blackwater, VA. The funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m. with Garry Hood officiating. Music will be provided by the Hood Family. Graveside services will follow in the Matney Cemetery in Pattonville, VA.

Pallbearers will be Doug Bailey, Preston Chadwell, Nathan Hood, Ritchie Lane, Chris Payne, Stevie Payne and Freddie Williams.

The family would like to thank Caris Healthcare and Hospice for all their care

and support during Bob's illness.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting, www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com. Robinette Funeral Home of Blackwater is serving the Tomlinson family.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Blackwater)
696 A.J.Osborne Hwy
Blackwater, VA 24221
(276) 346-2636

Funeral Service

APR 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside service

APR 19.

Matney Cemetery
Pattonsville, VA

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Londa & Ronald Bowen lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Hopkins Tomlinson*



Londa & Ronald Bowen - April 18, 2025 at 10:11 PM

LO

So sorry to hear of Bob's passing, he was a very sweet and kind person, he will be missed. Prayers for all of the friends and family

Londa - April 18, 2025 at 10:12 PM

MC

“ *Bob was one of the most kind and humble people I ever knew. We have some great memories of him. We pray that God will be with you all, Sharon, Gail, Deb, Fran, and Shana. Michael and Mary Lou.*

Michael A Carter - April 18, 2025 at 07:32 PM

CS

“ *Catherine S. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Hopkins Tomlinson.*



Catherine S. - April 18, 2025 at 09:03 AM

CS

“ Catherine S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Hopkins Tomlinson.

Catherine S. - April 18, 2025 at 09:03 AM

AE

“ So this thing says to share one memory... just one? That's not possible. Papa Bob was more than just a single moment in our lives — he was our Papa. One of the most amazing men I've ever had the privilege to know. And the fact that there are four of us who had the greatest honor to call him "Papa" says it all.

When we were kids visiting, my favorite thing was hanging out with him in the barn or feeding the horses. Well, at least until he let Triff out — then I would run as fast as I could! (I can still hear him laughing.)

One summer, my best friend and I spent a couple of weeks with him and Grandma. We went with Papa to move some bulls from one pasture to another. A bull came charging in, fast and hard, and we panicked — we jumped from the bed of the truck through the windows into the cab! Papa just laughed and called us "city kids." We really thought that bull was going to get us!

I'll miss walking out to the garage and seeing him sitting there with his pups and a cold beer in his hand. And the cow bites — how could we ever forget about the cow bites?!

And no matter what, I'll always stick to it — our Yankee bread is better than his cornbread!

Papa Bob was more than anything we could ever capture in words. He taught me what unconditional love looks like, and showed me what it means to be a good man — strong, loving, kind, and gentle.

He will be deeply missed but never, ever forgotten.

Amanda Eggert - April 17, 2025 at 05:07 PM

JF

“ There's so many that comes to mind. But the one ill never forget .
Bob and Sharon was in Michigan for Christmas . Just the day before
Christmas eve he waited for me to come home from work to take
him to the mall to buy Sharon a Christmas present . We started at a
store he found something he liked to buy her. But said lets shop
around first. We shopped and we shopped for 2 1/2 hours, And
guess where we ended up ? yep ! at the first thing he saw. But
those 2 1/2 hours it was just him and I . We sat and people watched
, had a cool dinner . just last month we talked on the phone and
chatted about that day. It would just make him chuckle thinking
about it because i had my heavy work boots on, and my heavy shop
coat. But i didnt care it was a great day .

Jim Frantz - April 17, 2025 at 03:35 PM