



Robert Dallas "PaPa" Tommey

March 2, 1928 - September 28, 2020

Robert Dallas "PaPa" Tommey, 92, passed away September 28, 2020 at his home in Carthage. Bob was born March 2, 1928 in Ozan, AR to James Oliver Tommey and Betty Katura "Edmiaston" Tommey. Bob served at the Pentagon in the United States Army, was employed by Braniff International Airlines in Dallas, TX making topographical maps and was a self-employed artist. Bob was the founder of the Midwest Gathering of Artists, a member of the Texas Cowboy Artists, along with teaching and mentoring countless up-and-coming artists.

Bob was united in marriage to Patsy Combest on April 29, 1961 in Dallas, TX; she preceded him in death on August 8, 2015.

Bob is survived by three sons, Tim Tommey of Carthage, MO, Steve Tommey(June) of Candanian, OK and Terry Tommey of Rowlett, Texas; one daughter, Beverly Tommey-Jefferis and husband Mike of Carthage, MO; nine grandchildren, Nicole (Keith), Beau (Macy), Kolton, Cheyenne (Dalton), Rayna, Blake, Claire, Shanae, and Zach; five great grandchildren, Caleb, Hannah, Olivia, Elizabeth and Lila.

Bob was preceded in death by two brothers, William "Bill" Tommey (twin brother) and Thomas Tommey; two sisters, Betty Reeder (Joe) and Inez (Agee) Gilbert; and one great granddaughter, Hannah. Numerous nieces, nephews and other family members.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 1, 2020 at Ulmer Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to Bob Tommey Memorial Fund in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home
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Carthage, MO 64836
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ulmerfh@gmail.com
<https://www.ulmerfh.com/>

Tribute Wall

BI

“ To all the wonderful Bob Tommey family. You were the light of his life.
Your move to Carthage was our loss because we enjoyed time with your family.
He was an inspiration to so many artists and collectors.
Steve, Terry, Tim and Beverly and your families, we send our condolences. Your Dad
will truly be missed by so many.
The Carl and Barbara Ivey family

Barbara Ivey - September 30, 2020 at 07:31 PM

AC

“ ACRA lit a candle in memory of Robert Dallas
"PaPa" Tommey



ACRA - September 30, 2020 at 05:40 PM

KD

“ Mike and Beverly, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

Karen Davis - September 30, 2020 at 05:37 PM

BF

“ We are sorry for your loss. Bob was a very nice man appreciated by many. May your family be blessed during this difficult time.

The Foster Family

Barbara Foster - September 30, 2020 at 04:55 PM

KJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bob was a nice man and so talented.

I knew Bob through helping with the Civil War Reenactments and Pow Wows. We also visited with him at his studio. He and Ben made a deal....Ben gave him his pistol and he gave Ben his (Bob's) self portrait.

Karen S Johnson - September 30, 2020 at 12:41 AM

DL

“ I came to Carthage from Wichita Kansas in 1987. I met Bob while taking an art class from him. One day Bob called me from home and asked if I would go with him to Joplin to pick up some art supplies. He picked me up and off to Joplin we went. While he's picking out supplies he would ask me if the supplies he has would be something I would use. I didn't quite get why he would ask me this but we unloaded the supplies into the truck and went back to Carthage. As we pulled up to my house, I thanked Bob for letting me go with him and started for the house. Bob steps out of the truck and told me the supplies were for me not him. I told Bob I couldn't ever repay him for all these supplies. He just smiled and told me to create and pay it forward. Well Bob I live in Hutchinson Ks now and I'm paying it forward and still creating. Thanks Bob.

David Looney - September 29, 2020 at 09:23 PM

LH

“ So sorry for your loss.



LOWELL HADDOCK - September 29, 2020 at 09:04 PM

SG

“ Sandy and Gary purchased the Share the Health for the family of Robert Dallas "PaPa" Tommey.



Sandy and Gary - September 29, 2020 at 04:08 PM

SH

“ Many memories of my dear friend Bob Tommey , praying for peace now in Gods hands. Special memories of watching him do his art work in the studio on Central and at his home , sculptors of Marlin Perkins, Sam Butcher , Philip Butcher , Life size Carthage Tiger , and many others ! Watching him teach artist painting skills and they all listened , watched , now many famous artists through his teaching , Martha Spurlock ,Andy Thomas, Jeff Legg , Doug Hall , to name a few ! Thank you Bob for all you have done for so many ! Peace , Prayers to all the family , God Bless all !

Sandy J Higgins - September 29, 2020 at 04:02 PM

SH

“ Sandy J Higgins lit a candle in memory of Robert Dallas "PaPa" Tommey



Sandy J Higgins - September 29, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Beverly,I'm so sorry for your loss.You are in my prayers and thinking of you.Melva Borland

Melva Borland - September 29, 2020 at 02:31 PM