



## Bobby Lee Eaton

January 4, 1948 - July 12, 2025

Bobby Lee Eaton, affectionately known as "Granddad," met Jesus face to face on July 12, 2025 at the age of 77. Bobby was known for loving his family unconditionally and setting a constant example of how to live and be a man of God. He loved playing golf (especially teaching his grandkids the game), the Alabama Crimson Tide, and the Atlanta Braves.

Born to Robert and Linnie Bur Eaton in Boaz, AL. Bobby was preceded in death by his loving wife Wanda and his parents Robert and Linnie. He is survived by his children, Kim (Kevin) Wordlaw and Bobby (Jennifer) Eaton. His legacy also continues through his grandchildren Colby (Noelle) Nicholson, Spencer (Erin) Nicholson, Kennedy (Darby) Nicholson, Chandler (Hannah) Eaton, Baileigh Grace (Noel) Rodriguez, as well as his great-grandchildren Brooks, Nolan, Thomas, Jay, Luca, Edith, and Ryleigh. Bobby is also survived by his siblings Roger Eaton and Alice Eaton along with several nieces and nephews.

Bobby joined the United States Army July 9, 1968. He completed his service July 1, 1974 with a honorable discharge. He went to basic training in Fort Benning, GA. Following that he was stationed at Fort McClellan where he attended chemical warfare training and performed his assigned duties. Following his training he was called to serve in the Vietnam War from April 8, 1970 to March 14, 1971. He made the rank of Sergeant E-5 on January 14,

1970. During his service he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and a Bronze Star.

After his military service, Granddad loved traveling with Da. The two had an undying love for each other. They loved going to the beach and you could catch them under their umbrella listening to oldies music. He loved playing golf with his regular group of “old codgers” and cheering on Alabama and the Atlanta Braves. Each grandchild would tell you that they spent summer days at the golf course with Granddad eating hotdogs for lunch and spent evenings with him eating Nutty Buddy’s and watching the Braves. Those days were not just filled with fun, but in the lessons learned and taught that each of us will never forget. He was the definition of a gentle giant. He didn’t stand tall in stature or speak loudly, but he walked the walk of what a Godly man should be and led by example for his family and all of those that come behind him. Visitation will be held from 11:30am – 1:00pm on Wednesday July 16, 2025 at First Baptist Church in Boaz, AL. A celebration of life service will follow where family and friends will gather to honor his memory. Pallbearers are grandsons, grandson-in-law, and son-in law. Honorary pallbearers are great grandsons. He will be laid to rest at Hillcrest Cemetery. Bro. Tommy Turner and Bro. Ken Gillilan will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. The In Memory program is a cornerstone of VVMF's mission, paying tribute to Vietnam veterans who returned home but later passed away. These heroes may no longer be with us, but their sacrifice and service deserve to be remembered. <https://www.vvmf.org/Support-In-Memory/> Arrangements are entrusted to Etowah Memorial Chapel

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

Snellgorve Ave.  
Boaz, AL 35957

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 16. 1:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Boaz  
124 S. Main St.  
Boaz, AL 35957

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Larry and Sandy Fitzgerald purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bobby Lee Eaton.*



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**Larry and Sandy Fitzgerald** - July 14, 2025 at 01:55 PM