



Robert L. "Bob" Saxton

August 16, 1932 - April 11, 2016

Robert L. "Bob" Saxton, 83, of Laurel, MS joined his Lord's band on Monday, April 11 at South Central Regional Medical Center. He was born August 16, 1932, in Newton, MS to Louis and Nellie Saxton.

Visitation will be Monday, April 18 from 12 noon until 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Laurel. Memory Chapel of Laurel will be in charge of arrangements. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Newton Cemetery in Newton, MS on Tuesday at 10 a.m. Dr. Randy Turner and Rev. David Hagan will officiate. There will be a musical celebration of Bob's life presented by Bill Clark and Bob's musician friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings.

He is survived by his step-daughter, Karen Pontius, Alaska, and his beloved granddaughter, Gracie, along with his many friends.

Bob was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force. He was involved in music for 25 years in Nashville, TN and traveled with many of the well-known country music stars of that day. Bob was a well-respected guitarist. He has won many accolades for his musical talents. He continued to stay in touch with his musical friends all over the United States.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Bob Saxton Memorial Fund at Community Bank, P. O. Box 265, Laurel, MS.

Cemetery Details

Newton Cemetery

Newton, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel
607 West 5th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

APR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel
607 West 5th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

SC

“ It's hard to believe that Mr Bob has been in heaven almost 9 years. I had gotten this pen out, & was writing with it, when it ran out of ink. I was going to throw it away, then I glanced at the writing, to see where it came from. When I saw that it was from Mr Bob, I just broke down in tears. Mr Bob was so wonderful to me, my husband, and my children when we first came to Nashville. As a matter of fact, he was our close friend when my son was born, who is now 31 years old. We considered him & Mr. Billy, his brother, as family. We met him at Nashville Cowboy Church, when he and Mr Billy were living next door to the Long Hollow Jamboree. Mr Bob was such a champion musician, as well as an absolute gentleman and wonderful Christian. He was always there for me and my children, and we absolutely loved him.

I had moved back to Louisiana a number of years before he moved back to Laurel. He and I had been planning for me and my son to come and see him in Laurel. Suddenly I could not get him by phone anymore, and it took quite a while for me to find out that he had gone on to heaven. It always makes me sad that I didn't get to get a Mr Bob hug one more time.

I looked at that beautiful little ink pen, and thought it was so typical of him to have printed on it, " A World of Thanks". He was the one that was giving the gift, and yet he was the one that was thankful. I don't know if his beloved granddaughter ever pulls this up, but in case you do, please know that he surely loved you.



Sharon Coats - February 06, 2025 at 10:50 PM

JC

“ Knowing I can speak for all those who's lives Bob's touched in his trips to Alaska, we who are just getting word of his Home Going are rejoicing that he is now picking with the Angels in Heaven! I was so privileged & honored to sing with him as we did our Alaska tours...as well as record with him in Nashville. He was a rare gentleman as he hosted this Misplaced Country Girl from Alaska, as well as a blessing as he stayed in our home while in the North Country. We'll see you soon Bob, tell Jesus Hi from Jude & Joe Cuddy... 🌹 💜 🎸

Judy Cuddy - July 08, 2017 at 08:08 PM



“ My dear sweet Bob... I wish I had known you'd moved on to higher places, so I could've paid you my last respects at your funeral. As a young girl from Nova Scotia, Canada (innocent age of 18), I met Bob and his sweet brother Billy, at the Long Hollow Jamboree here in Goodlettsville, TN. Always the entertainer, Bob fascinated and overjoyed many. His sweet brother Billy, took me on as his "young'in" as he always called me, and Bob and Billy were an everyday part of my life until Billy passed away in 1996. Throughout the years, Bob and I always crossed paths, and he even stayed with me in my home in Goodlettsville when he'd visit TN after moving back home to MS. He was an extraordinary musician, with a passion and skill not many possess... and his heart was as big as the ocean. I am so saddened to hear of his passing, and sad for losing connection with him those last few years. I'll miss you Bob... wish I could've give you one last BIG hug. Prayers for your family and loved ones. We lost a gem... Desiree

Desiree Mechelle - February 23, 2017 at 11:11 PM

JB

*I will Bob Saxon as he was my good friend in Jackson, for many yrs & him & me played musical events on t.v. - in & around Jackson for many yrs, w/ me on my Tenor Banjo & him on Guitar.
Bless Bob in his journey Thur paradise forever.*

*Joe G. Bowen
Miss Gulf Coast*

Joe G. Bowen - June 29, 2018 at 06:48 PM

JB

Bob Saxon was my musical buddy & friend in Jackson, Miss for over 50 yrs.

Joe G. Bowen

Joe G. Bowen - June 29, 2018 at 06:50 PM

RF

“ I've hear just now that Bob is gone ...
Condolences to his family and everybody who loved him.

Bob was my hero. He has been so nice with me when I came to Nashville. He invited me to the Grand Ole Opry back stage where everybody knew him. I've met Ricky Skaggs and other great artists. He was so nice a guy and a musician of high level.

*I'm sad.
I want to play a tune for him ...
Rest in peace Bob*

From Switzerland with love

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Roland Fessler - January 30, 2017 at 10:13 AM

JS

“ I had the pleasure of hearing Bob play at a 2015 Christmas party in Brandon, MS. I bought his CD. He had a twinkle in his eye and frolic in his music...such a great guy.

Jenelle Smith - May 06, 2016 at 07:13 AM



Cheryle
Wilkinson

“ Bob was a good friend of mine. He actually sang a few times at the Soso Community Center. We enjoyed having him at Big Creek Baptist. I was in the FUMC senior choir with him. He had a great voice, a huge heart, and an exceptional musical talent. I will miss him greatly. Praying for the family.

Cheryle Wilkinson - April 19, 2016 at 03:36 PM

KS

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Kendra Streth - April 18, 2016 at 06:25 PM

RD

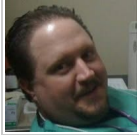
I met Mr Saxton at Davey's Cafe below Newton where we ate lunch with Mrs Earline Broomfield. We had a wonderful day and if you look through her cookbooks around vols. 4 and 5 you may see a very good picture of Bob that was taken that very day we met . He told me about the people he had played music with during the many years of performing and doing what he loved. From Patsy Cline to playing with the West Coast grunge band Soundgarden and hundreds of others. It was an honor meeting such a guitar great as Bob Saxton.
Captain Dickie Dixon

Richard C Dixon - August 21, 2022 at 09:04 PM

AB

“ Loved hearing him play music very kind and soothing Ann Barker and Sean Hoda

Ann Barker - April 16, 2016 at 06:12 PM



“ *This great musician will be greatly missed here on earth but he is surely playing in heaven. He never met a stranger and always friendly. He played at my mother's funeral and jammed with my son, the late Kenny Robinson. He was family, we were cousins in the family tree. RIP Cousin Bob. Warren Robinson, son of Annie Lou.*

Ann Robinson - April 16, 2016 at 07:30 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort and peace during these days. Always enjoyed his playing, fine musician. He will be greatly missed.*

Amy Busby - April 16, 2016 at 07:15 AM



“ *Loved to talk with Bob and see him play at CAAS. I don't think there was a song he didn't know! I'm really going to miss him this year at CAAS and forever! -Lynn Steffen Nineveh Indiana*

Lynn Steffen - April 15, 2016 at 04:27 PM



Bob was a good friend and a great musician. I always enjoyed playing with him. He will be greatly missed. Don Pittman, Jackson, MS

Don Pittman - April 16, 2016 at 04:30 PM



may you rest in peace mr bob loved hearing you play music dale hode

dale hode - April 17, 2016 at 01:59 PM

JB

Brother Bob is really going to be missed by all here on Earth but we all can rest assured that he will be playing with the best of the Heavenly band and wearing out that thumbpick on that old Gibson ES350. He was a loving caring man that shared his talents and friendship with everyone he met, you could hardly go somewhere and talk about live music without someone knowing him and that guitar that served him well over his lifetime. He played with the best during his time in Nashville and on the musical road all over the world. We will continue to remember him through his recordings and videos but God has got to be smiling to get an A list player n his band.

Jerry & Beth Brooks, Leesburg, MS

Jerry Brooks - April 18, 2016 at 07:56 AM