



Robert H. "Bobby" Albright

August 15, 1937 - January 8, 2012

Robert H. "Bobby" Albright, Plano, died January 8th, 2012, at Medical Center of Plano. He was 74. Albright was the founder of the Dallas Banjo Band, and the first recipient of the 1st Annual Smokey Award, named for Dallas banjo star Marvin "Smokey" Montgomery. Montgomery, a long-time member of The Light Crust Doughboys, was recruited by Albright to help set up the Dallas Banjo Band in 1989. Montgomery promised Albright six weeks of help, but stayed on as director of the Dallas Banjo Band for more than 10 years. "Bob had a lot of heart," current Dallas Banjo Band Director Harold Poole said. "When things weren't going as well as we wished, Bob would stand up and make a speech urging the band on to higher accomplishment." Albright served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman in Germany, and specialized in security as a career, retiring from Boeing in 2006. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Rita Smith Albright, a life-long resident of Plano, his brother Jim of Denton, sister Cheryl of St. Robert, Missouri, father-in-law Perry R. Smith of Plano and nine nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) or a charity of your choice.

Memorials

Rita, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts.

KAY L. (TERRY) SCALF, JANUARY 20, 2012

My condolences to Rita and the rest of the family. Although I did not know Bob well, I knew him from the rousing and terrific music of the Dallas Banjo Band.

He touched the lives of many in a positive way, and I hope that the same can be said of each of us when we leave this earthly home. God bless your family.

CARLA RAPER SPRINGER, JANUARY 18, 2012

I looked forward to seeing Bob at work every day at Boeing. He always provided a big smile and a positive comment as we entered or departed from the building. Over the years, I can recall a number of humorous moments that he orchestrated...and I'm thinking of those moments now and I'm smiling for Bob. I know that he's playing that banjo in a much better place.

GARY GROGAN, JANUARY 15, 2012

I'll sure miss you, your wonderful grin and your banjo playing. You were a great Uncle to have! Love you. Becca.

BECCA L. COLE, JANUARY 15, 2012

God has chosen will a wonderful musician for His heavenly chorus. Bob and the Band blessed us with some wonderful music. Bob's smiling face was always the first one you saw when you entered the building here at Boeing. May God forever bless and keep you.

BARBARA ALLEN BOGAN-GILES, JANUARY 13, 2012

Always a great brother and good friend. Will miss you Bro!!

CHERYL LYNN ALBRIGHT/TEETER, JANUARY 13, 2012

We were so saddened to hear the news about our old "banjo pal" Bobby. We fondly remember all of the wonderful times we had over the years, on and off the bandstand. (Since I've known him, I've never been able to eat a hot fudge sundae without guarding my cherry!) Our deepest sympathy to Rita and the rest of his family.

"RAGTIME RICK" GRAFING, JANUARY 13, 2012

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