



## Robert Medlin

January 2, 1943 - November 20, 2020

\*\*\*AT THE REQUEST OF THE FAMILY, IF ATTENDING SERVICE, PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK/FACE COVERING AND MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE OF 6 FEET AT THE CEMETERY\*\*\*

Robert (Bob) Livingston Medlin was born January 2, 1943, in Amarillo, Texas, the only child of Robert Lee and Mary Ellen Isreal Medlin. He died November 20, 2020. He was raised on a farm east of Amarillo and attended school in Panhandle, Texas, where he excelled in sports, especially football, playing on the varsity team while still in Middle School and serving as captain his senior year. Robert was also active in student government as senior class president, voted Senior Class Favorite, and Mr. Panhandle High School. He was a member in Future Farmers of America, attaining his Lone Star Farmer degree. Upon graduation, Bob attended college at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Hoping to continue his passion for football, he was a walk-on at Tech, but quickly determined that he was not Southwest Conference material and decided to pursue his love of the game by becoming a teacher and coach. If he couldn't compete on the gridiron for Tech, he chose to support the athletic programs by joining the Saddle Tramps spirit organization serving as pledge trainer. Bob earned his Bachelor of Science and Master's Degree in Education at Tech and would, later, after his military service, attend what is now Texas A&M Commerce, to earn an All-Levels Administrative Education certification. It was at Tech where he met his wife of 54 years, Sharon Grace Ritchey, on a

blind date. They were married on June 25, 1966.

Bob joined the Army ROTC while in college and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation. After receiving a deferment to complete his Master's Degree, he was assigned to active duty. He served as a member of the Signal Corps in the Combat Developments Command in Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, and as a Signal Officer in the 7th Signal Brigade and Executive Office of a Company of the 440th Signal Battalion in Mannheim, Germany. It was while stationed in Germany that Bob and Sharon developed their love for travel and sightseeing, a pursuit that they were able to revive upon their respective retirements.

After separation from the military, Bob resumed his career as a teacher of history and coach in the school districts of Lubbock and Odessa, Texas. Son, Michael, was born in Odessa while they lived there. In 1974, Bob accepted the position as principal of the, then, brand new high school in Forney, Texas. After that job, he left the educational field to pursue a career in sales, which he greatly enjoyed. But, the job required his absence from home for long stretches of time, and he began to realize that he needed to be home for his young son. So, he returned to his first love, teaching and coaching, and accepted a job with the Scurry-Rosser ISD in Scurry, Texas, where he remained until his retirement. At Scurry-Rosser he was a "jack-of-all-trades", teaching history and government, coaching football, basketball, and track, and driving ole #7 school bus.

After retirement, Bob continued to teach Driver Education part-time and Sharon and he were able to fulfill their dreams to travel again. In 2010, after residing in Forney for 36 years, they made the bittersweet decision to move to Frisco, Texas, where they joined the 55+ Del Webb Frisco Lakes community. There they made many lasting friendships and were able to be closer to Michael and the grandchildren.

Bob developed Parkinson's Disease some years later and put up a determined battle with physical and cognitive decline until the end.

He fiercely loved his wife, his son Michael and his daughter-in-law, Amber. He

doted on his grandchildren, Alex and Lily, and delighted in their lives and accomplishments. He loved Texas Tech, all the boys that he coached over the years, and teaching history.

The family would like to thank the staff of The Auberge in Plano for their care and devotion to Bob, and to the nurses and support staff of Silverado Hospice. Finally, our family wishes to thank the nurses and support staff of the VITAS Inpatient Hospice Unit for their comfort and care of Bob as he made his final journey.

Graveside service will be at 1:00pm, Friday, November 27, 2020 at Oakwood Cemetery in Whitesboro, Texas.

For those wishing to send memorials or tributes, the family humbly suggests donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org) or to Texas Tech Raider Scholarship Fund at <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/scholarships/>

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

1394 W. Main St.  
Whitesboro, TX 76273

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Medlin*

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October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *I have know Robert for many years it began while riding the school bus. Our parents farmed together and Robert was so kind to remember my father with notes at Christmas, What a wonderful legacy reading Roberts obituary. Prayers to his family during this time.*

*Patricia Bichsel*

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**Patricia Bichsel** - December 08, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Dear Medlin Family-*

*I send my deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. I have nothing but fond memories of "Mr. Medlin" as one of my high school teachers at Scurry-Rosser. He possessed infinite patience with his students. He was always professional and kind, and he always made time in class to chat with the students about serious and silly subjects alike. I can only imagine how much he will be missed by your family and friends. He was a dear, dear man.*

*Sending warm thoughts and prayers,*

*Amy Burt LaDue*

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**Amy Burt LaDue** - December 03, 2020 at 11:57 AM

SS

“ Coach Medlin was one of my favorite teachers at Scurry-Rosser HS. He loved all of his students and you knew it. Praying for the Medlin Family. Thanks for all the fun times & memories. Rest easy Coach. 🤍🙏



Sandy Spurlock-Hudspeth - November 27, 2020 at 03:51 PM

JJ

“ So sad to hear of Bob's passing---it was great to hear from him last year. He was a good coach, teacher, and most of all a good friend. It was an honor to work with him and i have never met a more professional and dependable person. He made a difference in many kids lives....he certainly did for me. Beverly and i will put him in our prayers along with warm and best wishes for Sharon and Micheal.

Jim and Beverly McCabe

jim - November 25, 2020 at 03:25 PM

RC

“ Although my wife and I knew Bob for only the past several years we became fast friends and truly enjoyed his wit, humor and outlook. Bob was a true Southern gentleman and we will miss him and his soft-spoken yet determined views on life, family and grandkids. We will think of him often and remember him fondly always. Our thoughts and prayers are offered for Bob, for Sharon and for his family. Rick and Kathy Chiotti

Rick and Kathy Chiotti - November 24, 2020 at 10:57 PM

KJ

“ Bob Medlin and I started first grade together and graduated from high school at PHS! We shared many memories growing up- just being ornery boys with our classmates. We were a small graduating class and Bob did his best to keep us in contact with each other as we reached our “golden years.” Bob was well respected by all of us and was a good friend even in our later years. You’ll be missed, my friend, but it’s great knowing whose hands you are in now! Blessing and prayers for you, Sharon and Michael and Family. Kenneth Jay

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**Kenneth Jay** - November 24, 2020 at 11:14 AM

JO

“ Mr. Medlin was my history teacher at Scurry-Rosser High School. He was a very sweet teacher. I am praying for his family. God bless you all.

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**Julie Oliver** - November 23, 2020 at 10:45 PM

TF

“ I’m was honored to be one of Mr. Medlin’s students at Scurry-Rosser H.S! He was a great educator that truly put his students first. My deepest sympathy goes out to his beloved family! Thank you for sharing him with all of us at Scurry-Rosser!

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**Tonya Ford** - November 23, 2020 at 05:59 PM

AR

“ Mr. Medlin was my middle school history teacher at Scurry-Rosser. I loved his class. He was always so kind and patient.

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**Angela Reyes-Rutledge** - November 23, 2020 at 05:55 PM

DW

“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I enjoyed having him as a teacher. He had a heart of gold. Praying for you and your family.  
*Deniessa Rogers Wilburn.*



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**Deniessa Wilburn** - November 23, 2020 at 05:42 PM

CH

“ Mr. Medlin was one of my 8th grade teachers at Scurry-Rosser ISD. Boy I remember I acted up in his class one time and he gave the option of detention after school or a paddle. I choose the paddle. It was a bad choice for me cause Medlin could swing that board! I like Medlin and my condolences go out to the family!

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**Chad Hill** - November 23, 2020 at 02:39 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Scott Tapp** - November 23, 2020 at 11:48 AM

DS

“ Sharon, I felt like I knew Robert after I read his obituary. I am so sorry for your loss. I will pray for you and your family as you walk through the many stages of grief. I know that God will bless your journey, wrapping you up in His love.  
I forgot that your middle name is GRACE. That defines you. Accept God's Grace as you miss your Robert.  
Love and peace,  
Donna Spore

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**Donna Spore** - November 23, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - November 23, 2020 at 10:13 AM

JA

“ Sharon, Michael, and family: Skip and I send you our love and prayers. Bob fought a valiant fight, and now he is home and healed. May God bless you with beautiful memories.  
Love,  
Skip & Jane Sparks Anderson

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**Jane Sparks Anderson** - November 22, 2020 at 05:32 PM