



## Bobby D. Roaten

September 20, 1934 - June 12, 2020

Bobby D. Roaten, 85, of Mount Joy passed away peacefully at his home on June 12, 2020 surrounded by family after a courageous two year fight with multiple myeloma. He was the devoted husband of Barbara M. Gibble Roaten. Together they shared 62 years of marriage. He is also survived by three sons; Robert D. (Carol Thomas) Roaten of Sheridan IN, D. Timothy of Elizabethtown and Randall S. (Shari Eshleman) Roaten of Mount Joy. He will be missed by his grandchildren, Catherine, Grady, David, Hannah, Aidan, Isaac and Lindsey. Born in Arkansas, he was the son of the late William Grady and Edith Elizabeth Reynolds Roaten.

Raised by share croppers, Bobby graduated from Saline High School, Louisiana in 1952. A proud veteran, he served in the US Army from 1957 to 1959, and the Army Reserves until 1962. Bobby began his career working for Texas Eastern Pipeline at their Marietta Facility. He later applied his talents at Eastern Air Balance, eventually purchasing the company. He was an active member of National Environmental Balancing Bureau and Mid-Atlantic Environmental Balancing Association and Past President of Pennsylvania Environmental Balancing Association. He was also a proud member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union Local #19.

Bobby was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Elizabethtown, and was previously an active member of the former Maytown Fire Company.

A Free and Accepted Mason, he was a member of Ashara-Casiphia Lodge #551 Mount Joy. Bobby enjoyed fly fishing and was a supporting member of the Donegal Fish and Conservation Association. He also enjoyed going to Canada to fish with friends and family. He enjoyed many weekends in Port Herman, Maryland relaxing and boating with his wife Barbara. He was an avid gardener and known as the tomato whisperer by his family and friends.

A man of strong faith, Bobby's love, kindness and generosity touched the lives of many. He was always eager and willing to help others in any way that he could. Those who were close to him will not soon forget the impact he had and he will be deeply missed by many.

Bobby will be interred at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in a private service with full military honors. A Memorial Service honoring Bobby's life will be announced at a later date. If desired, memorial contributions in his memory may be sent to Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Center Institute, 2102 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 or to Hospice and Community Care, PO Box 4125, Lancaster PA 17604-4125. Condolences may be shared at [www.sheetzfuneralhome.com](http://www.sheetzfuneralhome.com).

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Mount Joy PA

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Barbara and Family, So sad to learn of Bobby's passing, our condolences to you and your family. I'm glad I had the chance to stop by and talk with him a week or so before his passing. My wife and I enjoyed the conversations with you and Bobby during our neighborhood walks. My wife enjoyed Bobby's stories about Paul Wiedel and his dealings with LGH. Bobby and my father were fishing buddies and dad loved their trips to Canada with the wrestling crew. When I served as coordinator for the Donegal Elementary Wrestling Bobby was always very generous with donating to the program. It was certainly a privilege to know Bobby through the years, he was a good man and I'll miss our talks.* Rick & Phyllis Emenheiser  
563 Blossom Trail

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**Rick & Phyllis Emenheiser** - June 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *To the Roaten Family, may peace and comfort find you during this difficult time. As a longtime friend and associate through the National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB) Bob was well respected within the Balancing and HVAC Community, a true problem solver & professional at his craft. Respectively,* Bart Rado

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**bart rado** - June 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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**bart rado** - June 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I always enjoying seeing Bobby when he would come in for lab work. Having patients like him make my days special. I enjoyed such pleasant conversations and we built a friendship over the years. When my son was looking at colleges in the South, Bobby shared maps and stories of his experiences in Hilton Head and Beaufort. He was always so kind and sharing. What a blessing you all had to have him as family. My heartfelt condolences.

Barb Kennedy - June 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ We loved Bob's southern accent and thank God for your sweet 62 years together, Barb. Praying God enable you and family to grieve well. Our children were at Donegal together! Warm caring, Herb and Lucy Frey

Herb & Lucy Frey - June 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ We are thinking of you and your family at this sad time. We always enjoyed talking with you both on our walks in your neighborhood. Our deepest sympathy

Jim & Marlene Zuch - June 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ My sympathy to you and your family. I always enjoyed talking to the both of you while you visited the office. Former receptionist for Manning & Rommel, Mary Anne Vogt

Mary Anne Vogt - June 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *What a wonderful man. I will never forget our great times as children and your family. Basketball and when you guys moved and a number of us helped. He was joy to speak with at all times. God bless and keep you all during this difficult time.*

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**Jim & Lynda Shrum** - June 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My sincerest condolences to the entire family. Bob was a great man and I enjoyed our times together. He will surely be missed. I will always remember the times at Port Herman: going for coffee and donuts and trading stories on our deck.*

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**John Baker** - June 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

J'

“ *To Barbara and family. We express our condolences to you and your family.*

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**Jim and Judy Shank, Donegal '57** - June 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Sincerest condolences from Duck & Hazel Germer and family..Donna, Deana and Betsy. Bob was such a great man and always so kind and friendly. He will be missed greatly.*

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**Deana Germer Hollister** - June 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *He was a wonderful man and well respected by all that crossed his path. To Barbara and Tim and rest of the family we send our prayers. e*

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**jay@jandj.net** - June 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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jay@jandj.net - June 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I knew Bobby through His son's, I graduated with Tim and through the years I ran into Bobby and I really enjoy talking to him. He was very proud of his family. Since I was a Veteran we talked about the Army and life in general. To the Roaten family my respects.

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Craig Johnson - June 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Barbara and family, My sympathies for your loss. I will always appreciate Bob's kindness to our family. He shared his blessings with us.

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Jan Wells-Davis - June 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM