



Robert "Bob" Carlsen II

September 8, 1948 - April 27, 2026

Some people are hard to describe in a couple paragraphs. Bob Carlsen of Milton, NC is one of those people. I think we can all agree on a few things though; he was a prankster, a hard worker, a great father, exceptional grandfather, a loving husband and the type of person that you don't find very often in life.

There is no arguing that Bob was a prankster. His favorite prank was called "snake in a bag". You can probably figure out what happened with that one. It literally was a snake in a bag. He always had a way to make a person smile. From a joke, a funny story or a hidden spider in the newly remodeled bathroom he had to show everyone. Even into the last days of his life he still had a smile on his face and a laugh to share.

Bob learned a lot of lessons throughout life like love at first sight does exist. Bob learned this when he first saw his wife, Bonnie, on New Year's Eve. That love at first sight turned into everlasting love and they were blessed with 59 years of marriage. He often said, "she was the most beautiful girl I'd ever seen and still is."

If you knew Bob then you have heard him talk about his children, Bobby, Sean and Libby. He was proud of them for becoming Christians, being great parents and for the amazing children they raised. Some of his favorite memories came

from family volleyball games in the pool. When it came to parenting, Bob felt like he did it right.

Bob lived a great life. When he was younger he would get off late from work and drive to the beach with friends just to sleep in the car until sunrise when it was time to find the best surfing waves. He moved near Mabry Mill in Meadows of Dan where he felt like his Christian life really grew and came to the belief that he was capable of doing anything through the grace of God. He was on his way to Woodstock but his buddy's truck broke down in Floyd, Virginia. His love for the Lord helped him save his brother and sisters. He built a house out of wood sourced from old tobacco barns where his sons pulled more nails than they drove. At one job Bob created a hidden area among the toilet paper boxes in the storage room so he could read his Bible when he was waiting for his ride home from work. Bob used his job as an electrician to help and bless people from many walks of life. He truly believed in the phrase 'it's never too late' and embodied that when he became a professional axe thrower in his seventies, earning a world ranking of 119 and throwing in the World Championships during his first year competing. He believed if there was a will there was a way and that family was the most important thing because when life is over it's over and all the other things won't matter.

The legacy Bob leaves behind is more profound than he could ever imagine, including his 9 grandchildren Summer Carlsen, Savannah Carlsen, Piper Carlsen, Michael Carlsen, Kris Carlsen, Carter Boon, Tanner Boon, Spencer Boon and Parker Boon. When you met him you couldn't help but notice the inner joy and light he shared with everyone around him. So be like Bob. Pick up your Bible, share love and joy to those around you, remember it's never too late, listen to more Bob Dylan and "be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry."

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes, North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the

family.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *"The Chicken in Black" (Johnny Cash) - I met Bob when he worked at my house a few months ago. When he took a break, we'd talk and laugh. During one of our discussions / laughs, I mentioned my song interests and singers from my teens, He smiled and told me to find the song, watch and listen. To this day, I think of Bob and laugh whenever I watch and listen to that song.*

Jimmy Parks

James Parks - May 17 at 03:58 PM

LH

“ *My wife and I were blessed to have met Bob after needing some electrical work several years ago. He helped us out several times and was always so honest. We always felt a closeness with Bob and were so sorry to hear of his passing.*

Lee and Amber Wells Hudgins

Lee Hudgins - May 10 at 02:53 PM

RZ

“ *Good bye my friend, we had great times in high school.....Bonnie, I'm so sorry, please take care and stay well.*

Rick Zilonka

Rick Zilonka - May 04 at 04:00 PM

KS

“ Kent & Ronda Stanley lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Carlsen II



Kent & Ronda Stanley - May 02 at 07:03 PM

BV

“ Oh, my funny brother in law. Always pulling a prank. He was a fun loving guy who knew how to do life right. Always eat the dessert first. Going to miss him a lot. Love and hugs to you all!

Brenda Vincent - April 30 at 10:16 AM

DS

“ Sorry for your Loss , Prayers for you and your family ❤️🙏

Douglas Scarce - April 30 at 08:00 AM

VI

“ I can't say enough good things about Bob , he was not only an amazing electrician but even a better person, I really enjoyed his friendship and all the talks we had on job sites not only about business but life experiences as well ,it has been an honor to call him a friend and if you needed a good laugh he can do that too !!! I'm truly going to miss you my brother, R.I.P and I'll see you on the other side....Vinny Messina (Miracle Home Improvement)

Vinny Messina (Miracle Home Imp) - April 29 at 06:58 PM

KS

Our thoughts and Prayers are being lifted up for you & your Family during this difficult time!

Kent & Ronda Stanley - May 02 at 07:05 PM

JH

“ I've known Bob for many years and he was truly a great guy and always so kind...may he rest in peace....



Jimmy Hutchens - April 29 at 06:05 PM

SR

“ Yes he was a prankster. Put a rubber band on the sink spayer. Got me! He was gifted with many skills and always just a phone call away when Henry couldn't figure it all out. But the most impressive thing to me is how passionate he was about his family, the grandchildren in particular. He and Bonnie felt a responsibility to teach them valuable lessons in work and play. His soft spoken words were powerful. Bob knew how to be a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with his beautiful wife Bonnie and their precious family. May life be kind to them as they move forward without Bob.

Suzanne Reynolds - April 29 at 02:23 PM

SF

Bonnie, my dear friend, my heart goes out to you as I know firsthand what you're going through. We both had such wonderful husbands and all we can do is be grateful for the many years. We shared their love.. only God will get you through this. I'm always here for you.

Sue Franklin - April 30 at 10:44 AM

RG

“ I remember the prankster. At a recent birthday party for a mutual friend, Bob was living up to his reputation, dancing with one of his neighbors. Neither of their wives were involved, but the guys were laughing their heads off. Fun times.

Richard Gardner - April 29 at 01:52 PM