



Bobby Boatright

September 30, 1939 - December 28, 2008

?????MANSFIELD -- Bobby Lynn Boatright, 69, passed away Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008. ?????? Bobby was born in Dennison on Sept. 30, 1939. He began playing his fiddle professionally at the age of 11. In 1954, at the age of 14, his family moved to Wichita Falls where he began playing in a band led by radio personality Bill Mack. They played two television shows a week and traveled the Texas and Oklahoma area playing dances and stage shows five and six nights a week. ?????? Bob was a member of the Original Texas Playboys, under the direction of Leon McAuliffe, from 1977 to 1986, when the group retired after giving their famous For The Last Time concert in Fort Worth. During the time he was a member of the Original Texas Playboys, they recorded a segment for the archive of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. They also appeared on "Austin City Limits" and played on the soundtrack of the Academy Award winning movie, "Places In The Heart." He also appeared on the television show "Texas Connection" with Playboys II, a group of former Texas Playboys led by Herb Remington and Johnny Gimble. ?????? Bob was presently working with the Texas Playboys, under the leadership of Leon Rausch and Tommy Allsup. He played on several cruise ships as well as having worked with Don Edwards, representing the State Of Texas Tourism in Great Britain. ?????? Bobby also taught math and physics in Bells and Cedar Hill. He retired from teaching at Weatherford Junior College. ?????? Survivors: Wife, Linda Boatright of Mansfield; daughters, Sherri Barnett of Hurst and Laura Chandler of Fort Worth; grandchild, Taylor Barnett; brother, Johnny Boatright of Katy; sisters, Sue Beach of Sherman and Jan Boatright of Bells; countless friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had Mr. Boatright for Algebra 1 my freshman year in 1977 at Cedar Hill High School. Toughest class I ever had! I worked my tail end off to make C's and D's. The next year, I was determined I would get in an easier class. I filled out my schedule, Requested a different teacher, and was quite happy with myself, knowing that I didn't have to work so hard to pass Algebra 2. Low and behold, the first day of class, I'm was sitting in my "easy" algebra class, and there's a knock on the door. The teacher opened the door and there stood Mr. Boatright! He called me to the door and asked me what I was doing in that class. I hung my head and answered, "I thought I would take a different teacher this year." Mr. Boatright told me to get my things and follow him, back to HIS classroom. So there I was, back in Boatright's class for ANOTHER long year. Sure enough, I struggled all year just to pass his class. Several years later, when I started college, I breezed through every math class I took. I knew the subject matter like the back of my hand. At that point in time, I knew Mr. Boatright had cared enough about me to not let me take the easy way out. I am eternally grateful that he cared enough about me to notice that I was not in his class and then to come find me and take me back to his class, where I belonged. I went on to be a math teacher myself (currently a principal), and always taught my students the way Mr. Boatright taught me.

Lisa Bell Lowe - January 03, 2009 at 03:57 PM

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“ Johnny and Family , We were saddened to hear of Bobby's passing . Our thoughts and prayers are with you all . From all of the notes you can see Bobby was a great man . I know the heavens are resounding with the music he is making for the Lord on the biggest stage of them all . We love and miss you , Thanks for the memories . Lawton

Lawton & Kelly Langford - December 30, 2008 at 05:26 PM

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“ Boatwright family'
Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow. May God comfort as only He can.
God Bless
Richard and Sally Harris

Sally Harris - December 30, 2008 at 11:37 AM

BK

“ We are so saddened by the loss of our friend Bob. It was such a privilege to know him as a fellow musician and a wonderful man. He will be missed by so many of us.

Bob and Frances Kelly - December 29, 2008 at 09:38 PM

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“ The music world has lost a treasure. The great swing band in heaven has gained a jewel.

We'll miss you, friend.

Leon & Sarah Chambers - December 29, 2008 at 09:23 PM

TB

“ ALWAYS A GENTLEMAN,AND ALWAYS HAD TIME TO VISIT.WAS SO GOOD TO MY FAMILY WHEN DAD PASSED AWAY.[KEITH COLEMAN]HE WILL BE MISSED BY SO MANY PEOPLE.REST IN PEACE,BOB.

TAMMY BROWN - December 29, 2008 at 07:23 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Frankie Hendricks - December 29, 2008 at 03:49 PM

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“ Linda (or Boatright as I called you!)

I was saddened to hear the news about your husband's passing. Please know I am thinking of you at this difficult time & lifting you up in prayer.

*Prayerfully,
Annette Arme*

Annette Arme - December 29, 2008 at 11:26 AM