



## CPO (Ret) Bobby Gene Crawford

August 15, 1937 - November 12, 2019

Bobby Gene Crawford, was born in Ravenden Springs, Randolph County, Arkansas, to the late Luchian and Geneva (Owen) Crawford on August 15, 1937.

On January 18, 1956, Bob joined the United States Navy. He reported to Great Lakes, Illinois for recruit training. On completion he reported to Portsmouth, Virginia to serve on the USS Cambria, APA 36. He served on and put into commission, LST USS Wood County 1178 and was based at Little Creek, Virginia. He served as a base police at Memphis, Tennessee where he graduated from Memphis Police Academy. Bob served two tours in Rota Spain, first on the USS Canopus AS34, Submarine tender 1965-1969 and second at Port Department Naval Base Rota, 1971-1975. Between these Rota tours, he served in Vietnam on Mobile Base 2 at Tan-AN support and maintenance of PBR's and advisor to Vietnamese Navy. Bob earned several awards; some of which include, Good Conduct Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Armed Force National Defense Service Medal Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, National Defense Service Medal. He retired in 1975 as Chief Petty Officer.

On August 26, 1961, Bob was united in marriage to Sandra Lee Weldon of St. Louis, Missouri. They were married in St. Louis and were blessed with three sons.

Bob served as a school bus driver for the Waynesville R-VI School District for one year before working with the Postal Service as a contract mail route carrier. He delivered the mail on the old Route 2 for over 21 years.

Bob was a member of John J. Kestly Masonic Lodge #60 at NAS Rota Spain, an affiliate of the Grand Lodge of France. In his spare time, he enjoyed working on his place, especially in his garden. When his sons were in school, he coached their baseball teams. Most importantly, he loved his family and spending time with them.

Bob passed away Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in the Missouri Veterans Home of St. James, Missouri having attained the age of 82 years.

Bob will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Sandra Crawford of Waynesville, MO; three sons: Donald L. Crawford (Nancy) of Waynesville, MO, Rick E. Crawford of Sullivan, MO and Steven S. Crawford (Jean) of Crestwood, MO; two grandsons: Coty Crawford of Springfield, MO and Patrick Bobby Crawford of Crestwood, MO; one granddaughter: Lily Jean Crawford of Crestwood, MO; two sisters: DeWilla Catherine Elam (Leon) of Pocahontas, AR and Sharon Bearden Wilson (Russ) of Piedmont, MO; several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, November 16, 2019 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with US Navy Chaplain Doyl McMurry officiating. The songs "In the Garden" and "Amazing Grace" by Elvis Presley were played. Serving as escorts were the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville with the military honors being provided by the United States Navy and the Missouri Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Bobby Crawford to the Fleet Reserve Association or to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of CPO (Ret) Bobby Gene Crawford*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - November 15, 2019 at 04:14 PM

SK

“ *Stone Kensley lit a candle in memory of Bobby Crawford*



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**Stone Kensley** - February 25, 2025 at 09:45 AM

LI

“ *lily sent a virtual gift in memory of Bobby Crawford*



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**lily** - October 07, 2024 at 04:39 PM

LI

“ *We miss you*

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**lily** - October 07, 2024 at 04:38 PM

LI

“ *lily lit a candle in memory of Bobby Crawford*



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**lily** - October 07, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ *CPO (Ret) Bobby Gene Crawford*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Ed Martin lit a candle in memory of CPO (Ret) Bobby Gene Crawford*



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**Ed Martin** - November 23, 2019 at 10:22 AM

MC

“ *So sorry to hear about Bob. We didn't know of his passing until the evening of the service. Michael said to tell you he thought a lot of Bob and enjoyed working with him. So sorry for your loss*

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**Mike & Mary Case** - November 17, 2019 at 09:27 PM

JB

“ Julie Boswell lit a candle in memory of CPO  
(Ret) Bobby Gene Crawford



Julie Boswell - November 14, 2019 at 07:35 PM

DB

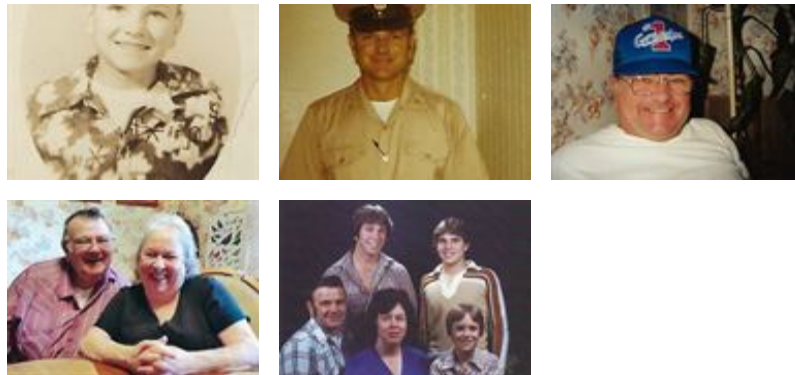
“ Douglas Boswell lit a candle in memory of  
CPO (Ret) Bobby Gene Crawford



Douglas Boswell - November 14, 2019 at 07:34 PM



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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 14, 2019 at 01:18 PM

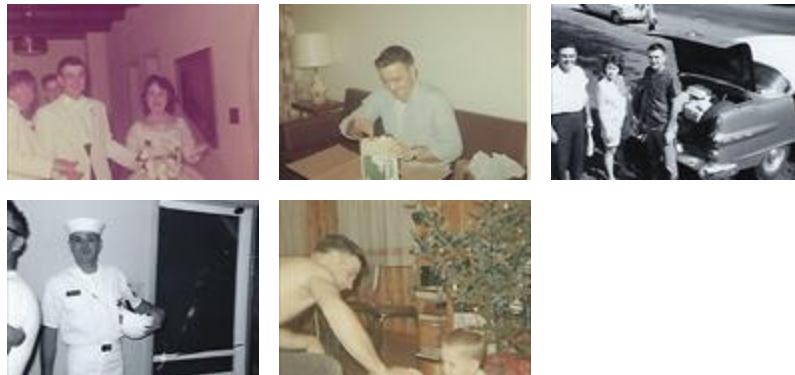
DS

“ I'll forever be grateful to Bob pulling my car up an icy hill by his house late, late at night, except that he then ratted me out to my parents for being in that "neck of the woods". :)  
My mom was a substitute mail carrier for Bob and she has always adored him. She always liked running into him occasionally while shopping. We all send our deepest condolences to Sandy and the rest of the family.

Debbie (Taylor) Savoie - November 14, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Memories Album



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 14, 2019 at 12:13 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of CPO (Ret) Bobby Gene Crawford



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - November 13, 2019 at 07:54 PM

JR

“ *My condolences to you and your family. May the memories be a comfort at this time. Prayers for comfort. JoAnn Roberts*

JoAnn Roberts - November 13, 2019 at 12:35 PM

MM

“ *Sandy and all, sorry for your loss. I remember you & Bob as our mail carriers when I was still at the farm. God bless you. Mary Morgan*

Mary Morgan - November 13, 2019 at 09:28 AM

RK

“ *Ruth Keen lit a candle in memory of CPO (Ret) Bobby Gene Crawford*



Ruth Keen - November 13, 2019 at 01:38 AM

LW

“ *Linda And George Wheeler lit a candle in memory of CPO (Ret) Bobby Gene Crawford*



Linda and George Wheeler - November 12, 2019 at 09:39 PM

DM

“ *Debby Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of CPO (Ret) Bobby Gene Crawford*



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**Debby Myers** - November 12, 2019 at 07:44 PM

PS

“ *Pamela Seda lit a candle in memory of CPO (Ret) Bobby Gene Crawford*



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**Pamela Seda** - November 12, 2019 at 06:06 PM