



Bobby Dean Hancock Sr.

November 21, 1945 - January 8, 2025

Bobby Dean Hancock, Sr., age 79 of Sale Creek, passed away at Parkridge Medical Center in Chattanooga on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. He was born in Dayton on November 21, 1945, the son of the late Floyd and Cora (Shadwick) Hancock. He was also preceded in death by his son, Bobby Hancock, Jr.; and his siblings, Floyd Hancock, Jr., Charles Hancock, Helen Montgomery, Joby Morgan, Judy Kaylor and Betty Keltch.

Bobby retired as a supervisor from Robinson Manufacturing, where he was employed for over 40 years. He enjoyed bowling, hunting and mowing the lawn, and was a member of Sale Creek Church of God.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Laura (McSpadden) Hancock of Sale Creek; his daughter, Angie (Rick) Headlee of Dayton; his step-children, Jason (Cathy) Gentry and Beth (Jeff) Keylon, both of Sale Creek, and Becky (Jeff) Runyan of Winston-Salem, NC; his grandchildren, Daniel (Brandy) Headlee of Dayton, Nicole (Dylan) Smith of Dayton, Jessica Hancock and Paige Hancock, both from Florida; his step-grandchildren, Ryan (Megan) Keylon of Dayton, Madeline (Andrew) Henry of Chattanooga, and Michael Runyan and Matthew Runyan, both of Fort Wayne, IN; his great-grandchildren, Audrey Headlee and Robert Headlee; his siblings, Billy Ray (Brenda) Hancock of Graysville, and Gladys (Rick) Clark of Pikeville; several nieces and nephews; and his great-grand bunny, Cinnamon.

Funeral services for Bobby will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 12:00 noon in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Terry Bolton, Rev. Quinton Carter and his step-daughter, Beth Keylon officiating. He will be laid to rest at Rigsby Cemetery.

Please share your memories and photos of Bobby on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN, where they will receive friends on Monday, January 13, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Funeral Service

JAN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Burial

JAN 14 (ET)

Rigsby Cemetery
Dayton Mountain
Pikeville, TN

Tribute Wall

“ The day Pops passed away; I stayed the night with mom. And that night I dreamed that I was sitting in the pew watching myself give a speech. The next morning when mom and I woke up, I told her what I said in my dream. She said my speech was precious and asked me to share it at the services.

Bobby was my bonus dad. But in our blended family Bobby had many names. He was lovingly called Papaw, Pops, Poppy, Bobby Dean, Brother, Daddy and mom affectionately called him Honey. He had special names for us too. Becky was Squirt, Ryan was Timmy, Jason was Slim, Bobby Jr was Punkin, and Angie was Kiddo. I was just Beth but teased them that I was his favorite. Even though I knew we were all his favorites and very special to him.

If you knew pops, you know that he loved bowling with his friends, deer hunting, eagles, mowing the yard for hours, his brothers and sisters, his Kids, his grand kids, his cat Lilly but most of all he loved my Momma.

For 37 years, we have all watched him cherish and adore her. He showered her with the most beautiful jewelry, picked out the most loving, affectionate cards and every special occasion or just because he loved her, Momma got a dozen or more red roses.

The last thing that Pops asked me to do Tuesday night before I left the hospital was to pray for him. So me, mama and pops held hands and I prayed that the Lord would wrap his loving arms around him, bless him and heal his body. We prayed for Papaw to keep his strength and come home to all of us and I prayed for the Lord to comfort momma.

When my son Ryan was struggling to understand and asking me why this happened, I realized and told him, the only way God could heal Papaws body and make him whole again, was to bring him home to heaven because his body was so broken it could not be healed here on earth anymore.

Mom told me she takes comfort knowing he's in Heaven now with

all his family; his mom and dad, his son Punkin, and all his brothers and sisters. I know he is surrounded by his pets, Susie, Sadie and Gizzi looking down on all of us smiling hoping that we all remember him and all the fun times that we've had with him.

For those of you that are here today with a heavy heart filled with sadness and sorrow because you didn't get to see Papaw or talk to him one last time, please know that everyday mom and I have told him that you were all asking about him, sending your love and prayers his way. And you should know that Pops expressed the same love in return for each of you. So please don't let this weigh on your heart anymore, know that Pops is no longer suffering. And I pray that you all go home today with peace, joy and love in your heart, remembering Pops in your own special way.

To my Pops, me and Becky always gave you the first kiss hello cause you liked to tease mom that you were first. We did it because we knew it made you both laugh and smile. But now we give you our last kiss goodbye. We all love you, Pawpaw, and already miss you so very much!

P.S. Ryan says fly like an eagle Pawpaw. Jason says you sure are Sittin' Fancy now!

Love You, Beth Keylon

Beth Keylon - January 16, 2025 at 09:07 AM

SS

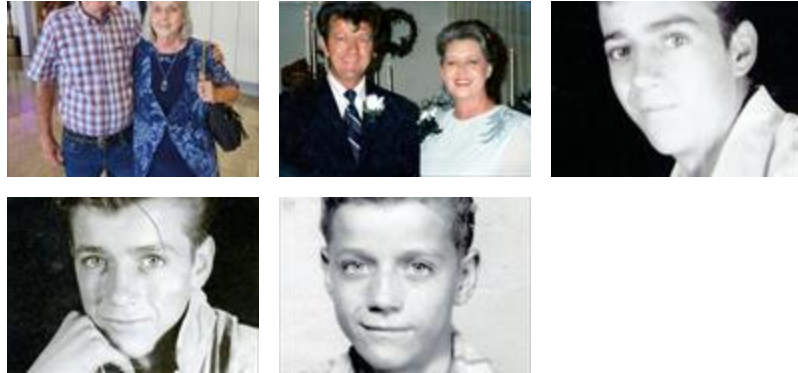
“ *Sandra Morgan Shipkey lit a candle in memory of Bobby Dean Hancock Sr.*



Sandra Morgan Shipkey - January 15, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ 39 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - January 13, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ Randy,Lynne Henry and Pat McDade purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bobby Dean Hancock Sr..



Randy,Lynne Henry and Pat McDade - January 13, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ Randy,Lynne Henry and Pat McDade planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobby Dean Hancock Sr..

Randy,Lynne Henry and Pat McDade - January 13, 2025 at 08:21 AM

DP

“ Bobby always remained a part of our family and was always my brother in law and my friend my girls loved their Uncle Bobby you will be missed we love you rest in peace



Donna Price - January 12, 2025 at 12:38 PM

DP

“ Donna Price lit a candle in memory of Bobby Dean Hancock Sr.



Donna Price - January 12, 2025 at 11:38 AM

FC

“ Fairview Construction purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Bobby Dean Hancock Sr..



Fairview Construction - January 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM

FC

“ Fairview Construction planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobby Dean Hancock Sr..

Fairview Construction - January 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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“ *Daddy,
Thank you for being such a great father. You took me fishing, helped with our softball team and bought me a LOT of bells. I promise you someday I will get them all displayed. I miss you a lot. Every time I see a deer I always think of you & Punckin. I Love you very much!
Love your Daughter, Angie
The whole family Loves & misses you!*



Angie Headlee - January 11, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bobby Dean Hancock Sr..*



January 10, 2025 at 11:59 AM



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January 10, 2025 at 11:59 AM

RY

“ *Rhonda Yeargan lit a candle in memory of Bobby Dean Hancock Sr.*



Rhonda Yeargan - January 10, 2025 at 04:33 AM

DP

Bobby always remained a member of our family and my brother in law my girls loved their Uncle Bobby you will be missed rest in peace my friend

Donna Price - January 12, 2025 at 11:37 AM

LG

“ *Love Always Michele and Todd Griffin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bobby Dean Hancock Sr..*



Love Always Michele and Todd Griffin - January 09, 2025 at 06:27 PM

LG

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Love Always Michele and Todd Griffin - January 09, 2025 at 06:27 PM

TS

“ *Bobby was a great man and will be missed by everyone at Crystal Lanes Bowling!!*

Teresa Sorrow - January 09, 2025 at 01:39 PM

AC

“ Bobby is our cousin. He was loved by everyone. My mom and her husband moved to Tennessee to be closer to him. He was a Michigan State fan and he loved his wife Laura dearly. I will miss saying hello to him when I call to speak to his wife.



Angela Chapman - January 09, 2025 at 01:07 PM

DP

“ Debbie Hughes Potter lit a candle in memory of Bobby Dean Hancock Sr.



Debbie Hughes potter - January 09, 2025 at 11:34 AM

DP

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Donna Price - January 12, 2025 at 11:21 AM