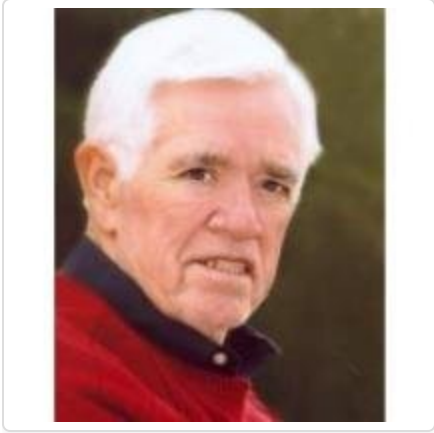




John Robert Crowell

November 24, 1932 - May 12, 2011

John Robert Crowell, age 78 of Pikeville, died early Thursday morning, May 12, 2011 at his home. He was born November 24, 1932 in Orlando, FL to the late Thomas Raymond and Forest Paul Crowell.

A resident of Dayton Mountain since 1993, John lived most of his life in Kissimmee, FL. He was a graduate of Florida State University with a degree in public administration and was a booster club member for over 25 years. He was past president of the Kissimmee Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Kissimmee Kiwanis Club, Lieutenant Governor for the Central Florida Region and a lifetime member with 40 years of perfect attendance. He was honored by his club with the Nixon Fellow award which is the highest honor bestowed a Kiwanian. He was also a member of Silver Spurs Riding Club and served as "Big Boss" (president). He was a former member of the First United Methodist church of Kissimmee where he served on every committee. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and served on the Disney Community Service Awards committee. He served as a director of Florida National Bank in Kissimmee and was the former owner of Park's Furniture and Park's Propane and Appliances and the owner of the Hutch and Such Bridal Shop in Kissimmee. He was also a Dayton City Manager in the early 1960's, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Dayton and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Dayton. John served his country as a Staff Sgt. with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years Nina Sue (Simmons) Crowell of

Pikeville, son John Robert Crowell, Jr. of Lewisburg, PA, daughters Janet (Wayne) Cook of Monticello, FL and Judith Crowell of St. Cloud, FL, adopted daughters Mary (John) Hale of Dayton, TN and Marion Vandervoort (Frithjof) Rot of Amersfoort, Holland, brother Charles (Betty Lu) Crowell of Punta Gorda, FL, sister Elizabeth (Charlie) Saunders of Austin, TX, grandchildren Henry Clayton Crowell of Newark, DE, John Patrick Cook and Lyndsey Erin Cook both of Monticello, FL, adopted grandsons John Hale, Jr and Brian (Michal) Hale of Dayton, TN, adopted granddaughters Julia and Lisa Rot of Amersfoort, Holland and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for John will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm at First United Methodist Church of Dayton with his son-in-law Rev. Wayne Cook, Rev. David Huggins and Rev. Kenneth Pierce officiating, followed by a white dove release. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the funeral.

Burial, with military honors, will be at Chattanooga National Cemetery Monday morning at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Dayton, TN.

Please visit John's on-line guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **15.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
Dayton, TN

Service

MAY **15.** 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
Dayton, TN

Tribute Wall



“ you and your unconditional love for your dfeinrs like Chandi are amazing.I am really amazed at how wonderful you are she is when you are together.It is a pity that you cannot come to ChristChurch and spread your inspiration around here as our non-human dfeinrs have been completely unsettled by our continuing earthquakes.If I make it to England one day to see you and Chandi perform I will be happy to meet you and shake your hand.Watching your videos are so inspiring and bring happiness to our bleak days###imported-begin##Imane##imported-end##

April 08, 2012 at 05:59 AM



“ Nina (and family),
Have hope in tomorrow, have faith in the everlasting, and take comfort in the love of friends and famiy. Prayers are with you always.###imported-begin##Neal, Laura, Chris & Cassy##imported-end##

July 02, 2011 at 10:16 AM



“ A kind man and a friend to all will be sorely missed.###imported-begin##Lori Rogers##imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 04:25 PM



“ May God keep giving you all the stregth to share the love that John always shared with everyone he met in this life.###imported-begin##Donis Fam##imported-end##

May 22, 2011 at 12:34 AM



“ Bob was a great guy! So friendly, always smiling! My first encounter with him was probably at Parks Furniture store as that is where we got all our furniture for our new house. Of course I probably knew him as the husband of a teaching colleague. And of course I remember him as a neighbor in Renee Terrace. It has been fun to watch the family grow. All will miss his warm smile and pleasant personality.##imported-begin##Linda Sims Kreimeyer##imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 08:15 AM



“ NinaSue,
So sorry to hear about the passing of John. I pray that God will give you and your family grace and inner peace as you grieve your loss. I know you have the confidence in knowing that you and your family will be reunited again. God bless you.
John Campbell##imported-begin##John Campbell##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 07:41 PM



“ Nina Sue...you, Robert and Mr. Henry were three of the first wonderful people that I met when I moved to Kissimmee in 1968. Robert was always, like you and your father, kind and helpful to me and was never hesitant to offer me his opinion. Such a wonderful trademark of his, helpful, kind and dedicated to the welfare of Osceola County. My prayers are lifted for you and to affirm the great things that Robert did on this earth. God has made a special place in His kingdom for this Seminole. With my thoughts to you and family...Leon Hobbs##imported-begin##Leon Hobbs##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 10:00 PM



“ *Nina Sue and family...just read about Bob passing in the Osceola Gazette..Nick and I will keep you and your family in our prayers. We so miss your family here in Kissimmee, but know ya'll moved on to a new adventure.
Love to you all...Linda and Nick###imported-begin##Lind Goodwin Nichols###imported-end##*

May 19, 2011 at 09:06 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during these difficult times. If there is anything you need, please let me know.###imported-begin##Brian Beatty###imported-end##*

May 19, 2011 at 02:04 PM



“ *Dear Nina Sue and Family
I have fond memories of your family. I was very saddened to hear of your loss. May God comfort and bless you always.
Jan###imported-begin##Janet Linville###imported-end##*

May 19, 2011 at 12:37 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of John's death. It's a tough period but I'm sure he is with my parents in heaven. Praying for you and all of your family###imported-begin##Ray Barrette (coach0###imported-end##*

May 19, 2011 at 10:06 AM



“ SO sorry to learn of Bob's passing. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Willie, Tom & Beth, Mark & Anjel###imported-begin##Willie Ausherman###imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 07:00 AM



“ We send our love and sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. May God comfort and guide you during the days ahead.###imported-begin##Bill & Betty Jane Frakes###imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 05:51 PM



“ We were sorry to hear of Robert's passing. We know how much you will miss him. Although you know that he is in the place of our dreams surrounded by loved ones and our Lord, the void in your heart is huge. We pray that your memories and your faith and family will comfort you during this time of your life. With love and sympathy, Dolores and George###imported-begin##George and Dolores Rocker###imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 03:54 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to NinaSue, Judi and the rest of the family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.###imported-begin##Cheryl Smith###imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 12:45 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Crowell passing. He is one of the best bosses that I worked for. My family & I extend our condolences to your family##imported-begin##Susan Mendez##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 11:54 AM



“ Nina Sue & family,
My thoughts and heartfelt sympathy are with you during this time. The Crowell family has always been special to me and I will remember all of you with fondness.

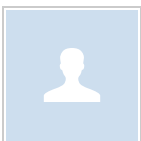
Love & a hug,
Clemie Jo##imported-begin##Clemie Jo Lamb##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 10:55 AM



“ Nina Sue I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I don't know if you remember me, I was Cindy Davis's assistant for many years before becoming a teacher. Take care of yourself and love the Lord.##imported-begin##Kathy Fleming##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 10:53 AM



“ Nina Sue & Judi -
You are in my thoughts & prayers at this time. It is never easy to lose someone so important to you. It helps to know our loved one is safe in the arms of our Lord. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.##imported-begin##Karen Pruitt##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 07:45 AM



“ We are sending you our thoughts filled with love, sympathy and prayers.##imported-begin##The Dymmek Family##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 07:43 AM



“ Janet and family,

My prayers are with you in this difficult time. You were an inspiration to me during the years I taught at OHS.

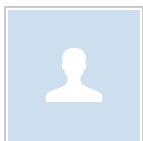
Katie Wilkes##imported-begin##Katie Wilkes##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 10:23 PM



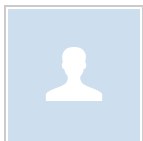
“ Nina Sue, you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Pat Sham##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 08:15 PM



“ Are prayers are with you at this time. and always##imported-begin##Bud & Kathy Keffer##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 06:23 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Nancy and Rey Villabona##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 03:16 PM



“ *Judy and family,*

My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time of sorrow. May God give you strength and comfort in His love.

*MaggieVazquez##imported-begin##Maggie Vazquez
(Bernardy)##imported-end##*

May 17, 2011 at 02:36 PM



“ *Nina Sue, We were so sorry to hear of Robert's passing. We miss you down here. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Mary and Mark Lawson##imported-begin##Mary Lawson##imported-end##*

May 17, 2011 at 02:30 PM



“ *Judy and family,
May you all have the peace of God in your sorrow and remembrances.*

Austin Herrington##imported-begin##Austin Herrington##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 02:15 PM



“ *Thinking of all of you and praying for God's peace to fill you during this difficult time. Sending hugs even though we are far apart.*

*Love to you all,
Patsy##imported-begin##Patsy Garon##imported-end##*

May 17, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ *What a handsome and community-minded gentleman. I know his family misses him. I think Judy looks a lot like her dad! God bless all the Crowell family.##imported-begin##Sharon Lowen##imported-end##*

May 17, 2011 at 01:20 PM



“ *Robert, I valued the time that I got to know you. I will always remember you as a kind, generous, person who would do anything to help his fellow man. May you rest in peace with the Lord. I will miss you and always remember you.*

Your friend,

Wilma##imported-begin##Wilma A. santiago##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 01:13 PM



“ *I am so blessed to have such wonderful memories of Mr. Crowell from my childhood. I am also so thankful that God brought such a wonderful person into my life.*

I am keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.

With much love to all of you,

Marcia##imported-begin##Marcia O'Grady Parker##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 01:05 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I had asked Judi about you a few weeks ago. I will keep you in my prayers.

Linda###imported-begin##Linda Allegood Leopold###imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 12:56 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with you today and always. Bob will always be remembered by me and my family.###imported-begin##Willie Mae McGee###imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 12:39 PM



“ My heart goes out to you and your family at this time.###imported-begin##Winona Heischman###imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 12:35 PM



“ My most sincere sympathy goes to you Nina Sue, Judi, Janet, and others.

I am fortunate to have known Robert for many years in Kissimmee through my dear, dear colleague Nina Sue and through his business and civic ventures here.

I pray that you will be strengthened through the memories of him and his kindness to others.

My love to you all.###imported-begin##Dan Grell###imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 12:22 PM



“ *Nina Sue -*

I wanted to express my sympathy to you and all your family on the loss of Robert. I also wanted to say that I feel very fortunate to have known him and will always remember our trip to Tennessee. He went out of his way, as did you, to make Nancy and I have a wonderful time and I will never forget it. God bless all of you.##imported-begin##Sally Lay##imported-end##

May 16, 2011 at 11:49 PM



“ *Mrs. Crowell, John and family, we were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Joseph and Sally (Gersch) Blazina##imported-end##*

May 16, 2011 at 08:30 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Robert. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Ken and Mona##imported-begin##Ken & Mona Sandiford##imported-end##*

May 16, 2011 at 07:09 PM



“ *God Bless you and your family. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ruthanne Howard##imported-end##*

May 16, 2011 at 11:04 AM



“ Dear Judy,
I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I will always be here for you if you need to talk. Hugs to you, Donna Foster###imported-begin###Donna Foster###imported-end##

May 16, 2011 at 07:52 AM



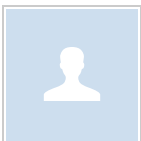
“ May God grant you strength and comfort at this difficult time. Your husband, father, grandfather & friend was a great man indeed. He helped so many people in countless ways. Heaven will be waiting for him with open arms, but he will still be watching over each and everyone of you. My prayers and thoughts are with you. God Bless!###imported-begin###Patty Hilla-Shoup & Mark Shoup###imported-end##

May 16, 2011 at 07:45 AM



“ John, So sorry to hear about your dad. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through these trying times. Best wishes to you and your family.###imported-begin###John and Adrienne Klecha###imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 05:36 PM



“ We are thinking about you and your family. Come to see us sometime.###imported-begin###Audry Austin and Family###imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 05:11 PM



“ I'm thinking about you and your family.
Come to see me sometime.##imported-begin##Audry Austin and
##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 05:11 PM



“ Sadness is too small of a word to express my feeling of loss and
love for you. I have admired the Crowell family for over three
decades and Robert's passing is a very big deal to me. I am so
sorry for your loss. Willa##imported-begin##Willa Bell##imported-
end##

May 15, 2011 at 02:42 PM



“ Loved him and miss him. Love you all. In my heart and prayers.
Keep in touch, if there is anything I can do just let me
know.##imported-begin##Jill Jarrett##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 02:34 PM



“ Everyone at Memorial Home Health is so sad to hear of his passing.
We loved him dearly and want you to know if there is anything we
can do to make this time easier please let us know. We will be
praying for you and all the rest of the family. Mr. Crowell had a
special place in all of our hearts. He hung in there and fought with
everything he had. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Rachel
Austin Millard##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 02:06 PM



“ Robert will be greatly missed. He was a beloved brother.
Sorry we can't be there with you.
Our thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathy goes out to Nina
Sue, Janet & Wayne, Judi, Johnny and all the
grandkids.##imported-begin##Charlie & BettyLu
Crowell##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 10:37 AM



“ Nina Sue, I am sorry to learn of Bob's passing. I have such
wonderful memories of all the committees and organizations we
worked on together. He was truly an asset to this community and
left a huge void when you moved. My thoughts and prayers go out
to you and your family.##imported-begin##Patsy
Heffner##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 08:30 AM



“ Nina Sue,
May the Lord give you strength as you learn to live with out your
wonderful husband. Look to the Lord and may he comfort you
during this time and fill your heart with fond memories and your life
with new activities to keep you serving Him! I will be praying for you!
Marcia##imported-begin##Marcia Clauson##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 10:52 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that God will comfort and sustain you. Psalms 34:18 says that He is near to those broken at heart and saves those crushed in spirit. He truly knows the pain you feel. He assures us at John 5:28 that a time will soon come when we will welcome back to our arms those we have lost. Know that time is very near. Let God comfort your soul until that day arrives. Please keep His promises close to your heart. I offer my deepest sympathies to your entire family.##imported-begin##S Ford##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 07:35 PM



“ We are so sorry to learn of Robert's death. We have good memories of Bill's working for your dad, Nina, and then for Robert, for many years. Along with our memories of Nina as our children's kindergarten teacher. Robert will be missed by many.

With deepest sympathy,

Karen & Bill Deitemeyer##imported-begin##Bill & Karen Deitemeyer##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 07:25 PM



“ Robert was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are so sorry we can't be there.##imported-begin##Bob and Gail Howland##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 05:01 PM



“ *Nina Sue & Family,
Bill and I were saddened to learn of Bob's passing. You will remain
in our prayers as you deal with your loss.
God Bless,
Claudia & Bill##imported-begin##Bill & Claudia Burton##imported-
end##*

May 14, 2011 at 12:46 PM



“ *A sad, respectful goodbye to a can-do-everything-man who did it all,
and inspired his family and others to do the same when it came to
leading. You and your good heart will missed by many, especially in
Osceola County (FL).
I am glad you were part of my life growing up in Kissimmee. Mr.
Justin Rogers, Port Saint Lucie, FL##imported-begin##Justin
Rogers##imported-end##*

May 14, 2011 at 12:23 PM



“ *Although I have never had the pleasure of meeting your father I feel
like I know him from all that you have shared with me. Steve, Syd,
Sam and I are thinking about you and your family. Prayers and
thoughts are with you all.
Love you,
Cara##imported-begin##Cara Cotellese and family##imported-
end##*

May 14, 2011 at 12:08 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. May God bless and keep you and your family in His care.##imported-begin##Drucilla Pope##imported-end##*

May 14, 2011 at 11:51 AM



“ *Nina Sue & Family,
It is an honor and privilege to have been blessed with your and Bob's friendship. I will treasure the memories we made on Dayton Mountain.
Stan and Bob are now together again in heaven. Please know my heart goes out to you and your family.
Love Debi Bunch##imported-begin##Debi Bunch##imported-end##*

May 14, 2011 at 11:28 AM



“ *Robert always had a smile on his face and he was always kind to everyone.
Thinking of you and the family.##imported-begin##Ed and Judy Moore##imported-end##*

May 14, 2011 at 10:35 AM



“ *Our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to your family.##imported-begin##John & Elizabeth Moody##imported-end##*

May 14, 2011 at 08:12 AM



“ Nina Sue, i am so sorry to learn about Robert's death. I have such fond memories of our years in Kissimmee involved in so many common activities. Lots of history. Robert was a such a good person. I do hope you are doing well. Please extend my sadness and love to all your family. Sincerely sue###imported-begin##Sue Luzadder###imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 08:04 AM



“ To Mrs. Crowell, John and family;
I am so sorry for your loss. I never remembered a time, whenever I saw Mr. Crowell, that he didn't have that big grin on his face and the kindness that he showed to me and my family. God Bless you all. Donna Gaines Boxell Knoxville, TN and Kissimmee, FL###imported-begin##Donna Gaines Boxell###imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 12:21 AM



“ Nina Sue, It was such an inspiration to observe you and your positive attitude through the last few years. Robert really was a man that made a difference in the world with all of his accomplishments. Your family must be very proud of him. We wish we could have become better acquainted. Love in PEO. Mary Lou Holton and BIL Rich###imported-begin##Mary Lou Holton###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 11:48 PM



“ Mom..I'm so sorry I can't be there with all of you during this time. My prayers are with all of you. I will miss my "second" Dad very much but I know he feasts at a King's table this day. I love you!! If I can do anything let me know.. All My Love, Jan###imported-begin##Jan###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 05:37 PM



“ Our prayers are with you. If there is anything we can do, please reach out.###imported-begin##Wayne and Connie Shaneberger###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 04:15 PM



“ Nina Sue and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sorrowful period in your lives. Bob will be so missed.

Your neighbors, Frank and Virginia###imported-begin##Virginia McKinney###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 02:39 PM



“ John,

I'm sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Shawn###imported-begin##Shawn Young###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 01:06 PM



“ *Hang in there. I lost my dad about 8 years ago and I know how it feels. Let me know if I can do anything to help.*

Ryan###imported-begin##Ryan Clark##imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 12:11 PM



“ *My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May you take comfort in knowing that your loved one is in a better place. You now have a very special guardian angel watching over you. God bless you!###imported-begin##Abbie Frymoyer##imported-end##*

May 13, 2011 at 11:06 AM



“ *All of our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Chris Owen and family##imported-end##*

May 13, 2011 at 10:48 AM



“ *John,*

I am very sorry for your loss. Just want to let you know that Lori and I are thinking of you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marlin & Lori Keller###imported-begin##Marlin Keller##imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 10:47 AM



“ So sorry to hear this Nina Sue, but know he's at peace and rest now. God's blessings go with all of you##imported-begin##Everett Amos##imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 06:51 AM



“ I was very shocked to hear of the death of grandpa. I feel sorry for everyone who loved him.I wish everyone all the strength they need in these difficult times.

love from the Netherlands##imported-begin##Lisa Rot##imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 05:37 AM



“ We are shocked and so sad but at the same time so glad we had someone like our'dad' in our life. Always there like a rock, we shared the most wonderfull times when he visited us or we visited him.

He has been a very important person in my life since I was 16 and will always be a very special person to me and to us.Coming to the US will never be the same again without his jokes, his love and attention. Far away we feel very close. In our thoughts we will be with you during the coming days and the next months. We will miss Dad very much and wish everybody who will miss him too the very best.

With lots of love from The Netherlands.##imported-begin##Marion van der Voort, Frithjof Rot, Lisa Julia##imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 02:10 AM



“ Dear Nina Sue and family! You are in our thoughts and prayers. We have such wonderful memories of Bob and you all! God Bless! Love Jim, Kathy, Lauren and Katelyn##imported-begin##Jim and Kathy Gooden##imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 10:06 PM



“ our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief##imported-begin##Bob Jones##imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 09:39 PM



“ Nina Sue and Family:
It was a genuine pleasure to know Bob and to witness his optimistic attitude towards his own illness and life in general. He always was an encouragement to the two of us. We will miss Bob greatly.

Bill and Lee##imported-begin##William and Lee Ketchersid##imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 08:53 PM



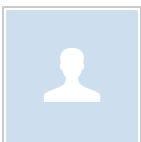
“ *Nina Sue and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers go to you and
all your family. I will always remember
our good times in Kissimmee and getting
to know and love your family. We cherish
the time we had visiting with you, Judi,
and Robert in Athens when you came up
to see us at TWC. Robert is gone to us
physically, but we all have wonderful
thoughts to keep him in our memory. Love
Sue and Bob Parham*###imported-begin##*Sue and Bob
Parham*###imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 06:56 PM



“ *Love you, Uncle Robert. You'll be greatly missed but will see you
again someday, when the good Lord decides it's time. Love to Aunt
Nina & family too. Sorry I won't be able to attend the
funeral.*###imported-begin##*Cheryl Crowell*###imported-end##

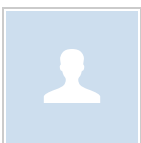
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“ *My heart felt condolence to Nina Sue and family.*

Love, Joan and Family###imported-begin##*Joan Crowell*###imported-
end##

May 12, 2011 at 06:50 PM



“ *We love you Pop, we are here for you Mum.*###imported-begin##*Mr.
& Mrs. John A. Hale*###imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 05:29 PM