



Robert Cover

February 15, 1961 - August 3, 2013

Robert Lee Cover, age 52 of Dayton and formerly of Gatlinburg died Saturday evening, August 3, 2013. Robert was born in Knoxville on February 15, 1961 and was preceded in death by his mother, Roberta Green. Robert was a graduate of Rhea County High School class of 1979. He had been employed as both a chef and manager at restaurants in Dayton and Gatlinburg. He was a member of the Salem Baptist Church in Dayton and enjoyed fishing, gardening, reading and writing.

He is survived by his father, Jim (Sandra) Cover and his sister, Christy Cover both of Gatlinburg, niece, Lindsay McCown, great-niece Grace Kenny, cousins, Robert Morgan and Jeri Morgan all of Dayton, Anna Weber of Coral Springs, FL and his aunt, Dr. Helen Morgan of Dayton.

Funeral services with military honors for Robert will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00pm in the funeral home chapel with Fr. Charles Livermore officiating. The family will attend graveside services Thursday morning at 11:30am at Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Please share your memories of Robert on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Wednesday after 5:00pm.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Chattanooga, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Christy Cover lit a candle in memory of Robert Cover* ”



Christy Cover - April 29, 2016 at 03:04 PM



“ *The Mystery behind the Man, Robert Lee Cover*

Good Evening. Thank you for joining us to remember and celebrate the life of my brother, Robert. I'm here tonight to speak for my brother, because I'm told that I always have, from the time we were toddlers. So tonight, I guess it is only fitting that I do so once again as we say goodbye. Hopefully, tonight, he will be pleased.

My brother's full name was Robert Lee Cover. He was named for our grandfathers, George Robert Green and Leeland Hiram Cover, two extremely talented and wonderful, but very different men. As I look back and attempt to share the mystery behind the man that was my brother, his name says it all!

Robert was the paradoxical blending of these two men, he vacillated between extremes. He was simple but complex, loving and remote, generous and self-indulgent, frustrating and comforting, hilarious – but with a twisted sense of humor. At times, he was very social, but he was primarily a loner. From his life style, one would think that he had no self-discipline, but, as you can see, he excelled in the military. He was blessed with a brilliant mind, but lacked any common sense. Robert was the epitome of a dysfunctional, unheralded genius. And, due to all of the above, he was to a large extent, misunderstood.

So let me share the things that I understand and know to be true about my brother. He was weird and wonderful. Very much a unique individual! He sought out, treasured, and cultivated the unusual, the odd, the eccentric things in life and, in the process, he broadened our horizons. He hated pretense and hypocrisy. A true non-conformist. He loved books, the written word. The Webster's dictionary was his favorite book. He was a Scrabble aficionado and a gifted writer. An excellent student, he studied Latin in high school and loved mathematic equations. Movies were his passion.

He enjoyed all kinds of music and to this day, my daughter and I treasure and enjoy the works of the artists that he 'turned us on to'. He was something of a purist. He loved iced tea and considered it

contaminated if it had lemon or sugar. Chinese food, catfish and a good old monster movie were the joys of his life. As you probably know, fishing was his favorite pastime, and he was good at it. The things he loved enough to do, he did with excellence.

He didn't have a lot of friends, but those he had, he loved, cherished and looked after with great diligence. They knew that anything they ask of Robert, he would do. He was fiercely protective of his loved ones and had a great capacity for love. My daughter, Lindsay, was the apple of his eye. The day she was born, he came to the hospital with a brand new cane fishing pole as her 'welcome to the world' gift. He wanted to share his loves with her, and he did, much to her delight. As she will tell you, the admiration and love was mutual. When we were blessed with Grace, he greeted and treated her with the same enthusiasm and love. To him, they were known as 'Boog' and 'Boogette'. As a bit of comic relief, I'll tell you that I had several nicknames...none of which can be shared with decent company!

I would also like to give any of you that are concerned about Robert's final destination peace. He was a man of faith. He shared his beliefs with me and others close to him. I have no doubt that he, Mom, Aunt Anne, all of our loved ones are having a picnic beside the still waters in heaven as we gather here this evening. There is music, laughter, dancing and a baited fishing pole leaned on an oak tree. Our sorrow tonight is for ourselves, for they are in celebration. In summary, I think the central theme of Robert's life was this... Dare to be different, be proud of you are, Because therein lies the spice, the joy, the pleasure of living! So when you have time and you think of Robert, fill a glass with Your favorite beverage and raise it to Robert Lee Cover, my brother, my kindred spirit. Carpe Diem!

Christy Cover - August 10, 2013 at 10:20 AM

MO

“ I just learned of my friend Robert's passing and deeply saddened. We were great friends in high school and he w3as a very talented writer and had a great sense of humor. We lost touch after he moved to Gatlinburg, but I'll never forget him and the great times we spent together with robert harvey listening and watching Monty Python. He will be greatly missed. Mark Owings

Mark Owings - August 08, 2013 at 10:32 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Cover.



August 07, 2013 at 02:02 PM

RH

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Robert Harvey - August 07, 2013 at 11:52 AM

RH

Christy, Jenny and I send our heartfelt condolences to you and the family . I am going to miss Robert making me laugh and that Cheshire Cat grin he would get on his face, just after he had hooked you with one of his tall tales, but before you realized it.

Robert Harvey - August 07, 2013 at 12:10 PM

JE

“ I wish to express my condolences to the family...

Robert would visit us here at Dayton Recycling, always with a smile and such a pleasant disposition. His visits would brighten up the day, he will be missed.

Jenny

Jenny - August 06, 2013 at 01:58 PM



“ *Christy, this is Elise Catlett. I am the sister of Sarah Norris. We met in the ICU waiting room at Erlanger hospital. I just want to say how sorry I am about your brother. I have been where you are and I sympathize with you. Look to GOD for guidance and support through this trying time. Most of all I wish peace for you and your family.*

Elise Catlett - August 06, 2013 at 07:20 AM

PB

“ *Paul & JoAnna Byrd lit a candle in memory of Robert Cover*



Paul & JoAnna Byrd - August 05, 2013 at 12:29 PM

JB

“ *JoAnna Byrd lit a candle in memory of Robert Cover*



JoAnna Byrd - August 05, 2013 at 12:24 PM