



## Mr. Bob Ratliff

November 25, 1937 - April 12, 2026

Mr. Bob Ratliff, 88, of Henderson, passed from this life on April 12, 2026, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Robert Errol Ratliff was born November 25, 1937, in Hamilton, Ohio, and has lived in Henderson for the last 31 years where he was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Bob lived a life of service to his country and his family, and never met a stranger. Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy in September 1955. Bob completed a global deployment aboard the U.S.S. Prairie during his service and was a member of the U.S.S. Prairie Baseball and Bowling Teams. Bob received his honorable discharge in November 1958. Following his military service, Bob lived for several years on the Baron Long Native American Reservation in Alpine, California, where he played baseball for the Baron Long Chiefs and began work for the U.S. Forest Service supervising a fire service work crew for the Palomar District of the Cleveland National Forest. He later continued as a civilian firefighter stationed on the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base until his retirement. In June 1974, Bob brought his two young sons Robby and Ricky to meet Cindy Tenneson Lays and her two young daughters Darla and Suellen at Balboa Park in San Diego for a first date. Three months later, on August 25, 1974, the two married at Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach, California. They moved their new family to Escondido, California, where they attended House of Prayer Lutheran Church and both sang in the choir. They enjoyed bowling, country

line dancing, days at the beach, and creating many wonderful memories with their children and extended family. In 1989, they moved to Eugene, Oregon, where they lived until moving to Henderson in 1996.

Bob was preceded in death by his father Russell Rogers Ratliff, mother Viola Mae (Sams) Ratliff Dillard, brothers Charles Edward Ratliff and Russell Granville Ratliff, sister Lois Ratliff Jennings, granddaughter Katie Grace Perry, and great-granddaughter Layla Grace Cloutier.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Cynthia (Cindy) Ratliff of Henderson; children Robert Roger Ratliff of Escondido, California, Darla Ratliff Cano of Montpelier, Vermont, Richard Lee Ratliff and wife Ruby Katrina of Maryville, Tennessee, and Suellen Ratliff Perry of Henderson; brother Fred Ratliff of Thornton, Colorado; grandchildren Michael Ratliff, Robert Ratliff, Johnny Cloutier, Jacob Cloutier, Amanda Ratliff, Amber Ratliff, Alyssa Inklebarger, Dalton Ratliff, Atlanta Brumit, Autumn Drath, Austin Perry, Wilton Jack Perry, and Joshua Perry; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

A celebration of life for Mr. Ratliff will be held at 4:00 PM on Friday, May 1, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Steve Newton officiating under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service at a reception in the Fellowship Hall of the Church.

Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Ratliff, Robert Ratliff, Johnny Cloutier, Jacob Cloutier, Dalton Ratliff, Austin Perry, Jack Perry, and Joshua Perry.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 4:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
311 S. High St.  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Reception

MAY 1. 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bob Ratliff



Sue Henderson - April 16 at 12:04 PM

SP

“ Suellen, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. Praying for peace and comfort. Hope each day is a little better for you!

SUZANNE M. PHARR - April 14 at 08:02 PM

CC

“ Chris & Liz Buckner Cross lit a candle in memory of Bob Ratliff



Chris & Liz Buckner Cross - April 14 at 07:31 PM

CM

“ One of the nicest men. Grateful to have known and loved him. Rest well dear friend



Claudia Morgan-Gray - April 14 at 03:10 PM

SM

“ Shirley Mayo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bob Ratliff



Shirley Mayo - April 14 at 01:50 PM

AP

“ Mr Ratliff was always such a kind person, always had a smile. He will be missed. Prayers for the family.



Ashley Pruitt - April 14 at 10:37 AM

ED

“ Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Bob Ratliff



Elaine Davis - April 14 at 08:07 AM

DC

“ I got to know Mr. Ratliff while I worked at New Sound Hearing. Go rest high Mr. Ratliff. Our Sincere Condolences, Kathy & David Chapman



David & Kathy Chapman - April 13 at 06:55 PM

SC

“ *My deepest sympathy to each of Bob's family, Bob was always so kind and truly loved his family. Hugs and prayers.*



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**Suzanne Cross** - April 13 at 06:33 PM