



## Bobby Murphey Coutts

March 30, 1945 - September 17, 2020

Bobby Murphey Coutts, age 75 of Whites Creek, Tennessee, died Thursday, September 17, 2020 at his home.

He was born on March 30, 1945 in Springfield, Tennessee to the late Joe Clinton and Julia Bell Murphey Coutts, Jr. Bobby was born again June 17, 1956 and dedicated his life to the Lords work. He served as a missionary with the International Mission Board, SBC as an evangelist and church planter in Benin, West Africa for 35 years. He was a member of Parkway Baptist Church and Springfield Baptist Church was his home Church.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by an infant brother, Joe Clinton Coutts, III.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Rebekah "Becky" Jan Haltom Coutts of Whites Creek; sons, Joshua John Coutts and Rocco Daniel Dominic Coutts; brothers, Gary Edward (Dottie) Coutts and William "Bill" Porter (Sandra) Coutts; sisters, Marilyn (Ken) Lee, Carolyn (Larry) Mitchell, and Joanne (Terry) Eden.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at Springfield Baptist Church with Brother Ken Castleberry officiating. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery with Brother Jerry Heflin conducting the committal service. Josh Coutts, Rocco Coutts, Murphey Coutts, Jack Coutts, Todd Walker, Matthew Coutts, Terry Eden, and Larry Mitchell will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Coutts, Ken Lee, Sam Haltom, Ron Hollifield, Rocky Monda, Ken Williams, Clint Eden and Rick Barkley.

Visitation will be held on at the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield, TN on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 4-8pm and again on Sunday at the church from 2pm until the hour of service at 3pm.

The family request that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the International Missions

Board, SBC. All donations may be sent in care of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Cemetery

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## Elmwood Cemetery

1029 Richard Street  
Springfield, TN, 37172

# Events

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**SEP 19** Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St., Springfield, TN, US, 37172

**SEP 20** Visitation 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Springfield Baptist Church  
400 North Main St., Springfield, TN, US, 37172

**SEP 20** Celebration of Life Service 03:00PM

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Springfield Baptist Church  
400 North Main St., Springfield, TN, US, 37172

# Comments

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“ Becky, We grieve and rejoice with you in the going Home of Bobby. You all made us feel at home at Parkway during our Stateside times and when we retired. It was always a pleasure to visit with you on Sundays, Wednesdays, ESL, the Middle Tennessee missionary meetings and when we just ate out together. The Celebration service reminded us of what a great privileged it was to have known such heroes in the faith as yourselves.

May our Lord Jesus give you peace and comfort as you walk through this time.

Blessings,

Ed & Deborah Royals

Ed Royals - September 21, 2020 at 11:35 AM

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“ Becky,

Thank you guys for making our time in Togo full of laughter on your visits. I believe you guys ran the Dr. Pepper Express. LOL. I remember coming to Benin to audit the books for Bobby. He, like most missionaries ran a pretty tight ship. He wanted me to find some money that he lost and he felt it was in the books someplace. I looked hard but everything look ok, from an audit perspective.

I'm sure glad you guys got to come briefly to the Togo Reunion. That may be the last time we will get together this side of heaven. Anyway Sheila and I are praying for you and know that you will miss him terribly.

Becky, I do a good many funerals in my retirement. I always tell people that in the waves of grief come, whether it is at birthdays, holidays, or your lonely hours; tell God exactly what you are thinking and feeling. It is a form of confession. Don't push it down but tell God about it. Be descriptive. When you do, grace comes rushing in and the presence of God becomes so very sweet.

Take care and we love you.

Larry & Sheila Bailey  
4220 Patti Anne  
Jonesboro, AR 72405

Larry & Sheila Bailey - September 20, 2020 at 09:15 AM

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“ Dearest Mama Becky,  
Our hearts are heavy , we have some wonderful memories of you all. Thank you for putting us under your wing and introducing us to the Parkway Family. You and the family are in our prayers.  
The Sledge Family  
Alexis, Johnathan & Katrina



**Katrina Sledge** - September 19, 2020 at 05:11 PM

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“ Becky and family, my heart is heavy as I think of you in the loss of Bobby. He always reminded us of our time at Southwestern and the part he said I played in the two of you getting together.

We pray that you will find comfort in all the memories you have and with you children and grandchildren.

Nellie Peek Walters

**Nellie Walters** - September 19, 2020 at 03:49 PM

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“ Becky, Josh and Rocco, our hearts go out to you at this most difficult time. I was thinking of you just this past week and wishing we could see you again. Becky, we will never forget how you and Bobby came immediately to be with us when we learned of our daughter Lori's death. What a comfort you were to us! We also have fond memories of enjoying a meal in your home at Christmas time and how you invited us to share Thanksgiving with you and some of your friends from another mission. Holding each of you close in our hearts. Bobby was a great man and will be missed. Much love, Kaye and Charles Morrison

**Charles and Kaye Morrison** - September 19, 2020 at 03:16 PM

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“ Dear Becky, Joshua, Rocco and families,  
My heart feels with you over the passing of Bobby. I send my deepest sympathy and prayers for God's comfort and peace to fill each one of you.

Myrtice Owens - September 19, 2020 at 12:44 PM

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“ Dear Rocco & Family,  
I'm so sorry to hear about your father's passing. I know this is a very sad and difficult time for you and your family. You have my very deepest sympathy.



Emad Pulous - September 18, 2020 at 06:44 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bobby Murphey Coutts.



September 18, 2020 at 06:39 PM

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“ From Nashville Rescue Mission Women's Campus purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bobby Murphey Coutts.



From Nashville Rescue Mission Women's Campus - September 18, 2020 at 04:52 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bobby Murphey Coutts.



September 18, 2020 at 04:33 PM

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“ Lokossou Laura Et Hermann lit a candle in memory of Bobby Murphey Coutts



**lokossou Laura et Hermann** - September 18, 2020 at 12:36 PM

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“ Lokossou Laura Gabin Et Hermann lit a candle in memory of Bobby Murphey Coutts



**lokossou Laura Gabin et Hermann** - September 18, 2020 at 12:32 PM

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“ I am very sorry to hear of this loss. I only spoke to Mr. Coutts in his sons driveway but It was very clear that Mr. Coutts loved his God, family and especially his grandchildren very much. I am sure they will keep special memories close to their hearts always and forever.

your friendly neighbors, Lauren and David

**Lauren Marie** - September 18, 2020 at 11:52 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Murphy Coutts.



September 18, 2020 at 11:38 AM

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“ I spent many hours with Bobby in Togo and Benin and we had so many laughs. He will be missed by so many. Thoughts and prayers to Becky, Josh and Rocco.

Love,

Paula Settle

**Paula Settle** - September 17, 2020 at 08:07 PM