



Mr. Robert E. Proudfit

March 31, 1937 - August 4, 2013

Robert E. Proudfit

Robert E. "Bob" Proudfit of Casselberry, Florida passed away on August 4th at the age of 76. Born in Champaign, Illinois, he was preceded by his father, James T. Proudfit and mother Hattie Jennave Proudfit of St. Joseph, Illinois. He was employed as an electrical engineer at Shive Hattery in Bloomington, Illinois prior to his retirement. Bob was a man of many interests, including piloting small planes and earning his amateur radio license. Moving to Chandler, Texas upon retirement, he took up guitar and bass, sharing his wonderfully deep baritone voice by singing bluegrass, gospel and country music with his wife Carol and local musician friends. He continued playing upon moving to Florida in 2008, having the fortune of making talented friends in both Cassia and Sanford.

Bob is survived by his wife of 37 years, Carol (Schweighart) Proudfit, son Michael Proudfit and daughter Doyne Liverett, both of Quincy, Illinois, daughter Theresa Creighton and her husband Paul Creighton of Winter Park, Florida, step-daughter Tammy Israel and her husband Todd Israel of Armington, Illinois, step-son Timothy Hickernell of Chicago, Illinois, grandchildren Jason and Jenny Swango, Jennifer and Michael Creighton, Jacob and Tanner Israel, and 3 Greatgrandchildren. He will also be greatly missed by his extended Australian family, Paul, Elizabeth, Amy and Emily

Hicks.

Visitation will take place at St. Mary's Church, 1247 County Road North, Pesotum, Illinois on Saturday, August 17th at 9am followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10am. Interment will follow the mass at St. Joe's Cemetery. Click here for a map: <https://maps.google.com/maps?q=1247+County+road+north,+pesotum,+IL&hl=en&ll=39.921323,-88.227596&spn=0.072013,0.110378&sll=27.698638,-83.804601&sspn=10.629274,14.128418&hq=1247+County+road+north,&hnear=Pesotum,+Champaign,+Illinois&t=m&z=13&iwloc=A>

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Lung Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Katie Nail lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Proudfit*



Katie Nail - August 17, 2013 at 09:09 PM

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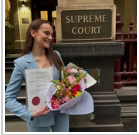
“ *I told Bob one night that he looked like Pope John Paul.....hahahaha well... we laughed till I cried at the things he said. I called him "Sugah Bear" because he was so sweet and I am so southern.I just adored him. Someone told us one night to " Get a room" We were just in tune to each other...thats all. A fine man he was....and I will always smile when I think of him.*

Katue Nail - August 17, 2013 at 09:06 PM

KN

Katie Nail is the name.....

Katue Nail - August 17, 2013 at 09:08 PM



“ I hit the jackpot when in July 1980 as a 16 year old AFS exchange student from Australia I got to live with Bob & Carol Proudfit in Lexington Illinois for a year. They became my second family and we remain close after more than 30 years. My wife Elizabeth & 2 daughters Emily & Amy absolutely love their US family and we all go to miss dad/Grandpa Bob very much.

I retain a love of US sport, particularly baseball and football because of the indoctrination I got in Illinois!! My only observation would be the Cubs & Bears are bloody frustrating teams to support!! Dad was very supportive of my feeble attempts to adapt to football & basketball and we formed a very close bond in the time I was in Lexington. Bob & Carol Proudfit were wonderful second parents to me and they played a major role in my formative years.

Bob & Carol showed me love and support that was unique in exchange experiences I believe. I could not have wished for a better family or community to be placed with. I love and will miss dad dreadfully. Mom you were a great & devoted couple, I wish you health and happiness and we hope to see you in again soon - in either continent. Serious consideration was given to attending the funeral, but it just wasn't to be.

We will be there in spirit when you remember and celebrate the life of a wonderful man, one I love very much.

Paul

Shaggy Hicks - August 13, 2013 at 09:09 PM

CG

“ Bob, we always remember we met you at Moe's were we all came to jam. You were learning how to play guitar and went to another state to pick up one you ordered. You have always been a kind person and so glad to have known you. Your Life on earth is over and you have begun a new one. We know we will see you again one day, chuckling like you always did...making the best out of life. Till Then RIP. Stephen and Connie



Connie Giles - August 08, 2013 at 11:13 PM



Thanks for the memories Connie & Stephen

Terry Creighton - August 09, 2013 at 10:38 AM

CB

“ I never had the privilege of meeting Bob Proudfit but my wife who has many medical and physical problems has to stay close to home while others travel as we once did. Her connection with the world is on her computer and she made many friends on face book. Bob became her friend and they began communicating. Though he had many medical problems of his own he was always there to encourage and stress to her the best is yet to come. I exchanged a few words with him through my wife and even though I will never get to see him in this life I know that by the grace of God and the gift of his Son by faith I will walk with him in the presence of God. Out thanks to Bob and his family for sharing his life with us and having a friend that was always there. Jackie always referred to him as the brother she never had. Our prayers are with you and we will never forget you.
Clarence and Jackie Burford.

Clarence and Jackie Burford - August 08, 2013 at 04:02 PM



Thank you Clarence and Jackie. Dad had hugs each day from his "sister Jackie" and I'm sure he's still hugging you back.

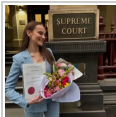
Terry Creighton - August 09, 2013 at 10:40 AM



“ *Shaggy Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Proudfit*

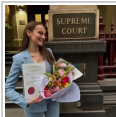


Shaggy Hicks - August 08, 2013 at 04:24 AM



Dear Grandpa Bob, you made the best bacon in the world when we went to America. Daddy tried to make it but it wasn't as good as yours. Thankyou for driving us to Disneyworld everyday even though you didn't go. I'm going to miss talking to you on FaceBook. Lots and lots of love Amy xxxxxxxxxxxxxx<3<3

Shaggy Hicks - August 08, 2013 at 04:27 AM



I love listening to you playing the guitar Love Amy xxxx<3

Shaggy Hicks - August 08, 2013 at 04:28 AM



Thanks Amy for the great memories! Grampa loved you a bunch!

Tammy Israel - August 09, 2013 at 04:35 PM



“ *When we came over and visited in 2011, Grandpa Bob spent lots of time helping me practice my guitar while I was away! We had so much fun playing instruments together. This is one of my favourite memories with him! xx*

Emily Hicks - August 08, 2013 at 04:12 AM

TI

Thanks Emily! Grampa loved you bunches!!!

Tammy Israel - August 09, 2013 at 04:38 PM

 Emily Hicks

“ *Emily Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Proudfit*



Emily Hicks - August 08, 2013 at 03:59 AM



“ *Elizabeth Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Proudfit*



Elizabeth Hicks - August 07, 2013 at 06:34 PM



When Paul & I came to visit in 1995 for Christmas, Bob & Carol had just got their puppy Duncan. It snowed which for us was so wonderful. Bob was so generous in allowing me to take over Duncan and getting all the cuddles and running in the snow! Bob and I shared our love for all dogs.

Elizabeth Hicks - August 08, 2013 at 03:54 AM

LW

“ Terry and Family,
Although I didn't know your dad for long he was a sweet man and will be dearly missed. Its been a long rough road, but he has his wings now and will be with you for everything. Sending prayers to the family.

Tom, Laurali, Amie, and Caitlin

Laurali Waldmiller - August 07, 2013 at 04:51 PM

PA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Pat - August 07, 2013 at 04:40 PM

 Tim
Hickernell

“ 4 files added to the album Misc Pictures



Tim Hickernell - August 07, 2013 at 03:34 PM

RM

“ We miss & love you. You were a very special friend to us & the best bass player in central Florida! It truly was a privilege to play in The Over the Hill Gang with you. We will keep a check on Carol. We will look forward to seeing you again.

Love, Bill & Marguerite

Roger Marcial - August 07, 2013 at 01:48 PM

LM

“ You truly enriched our lives in the relatively short time that we have known you. We will surely miss you & promise to keep tabs on Carol. Roger will forever cherish the times that he has had the honor of playing his conga drums next to you.

Love, Roger & Linda

Linda Marcial - August 07, 2013 at 01:38 PM

SM

“ I feel so very proud to have known Bob and had the opportunity to work with him at BDM back in the late 60's, early 70's. Who would have known we would both end up in Florida and would be able to reconnect through posts on Dave (Beep) Schweighart's FB page? Bob was a wonderful man, husband, father & friend. Comfort in knowing he will be laid to rest in Pesotum, IL. Will certainly miss his FB posts and keeping me up to date on the political front. God had another plan for him - heaven needed a very talented musician.

Rest in peace, Bob.

Sharon Meneley-Crabb

Sharon Meneley-Crabb - August 07, 2013 at 12:14 PM

MM

“ Terry, my deepest sympathy to you and your family during this sad time. I remember years ago sitting at your kitchen table in Winter Park when I met your dad. He was, in fact, peeling a hard boiled egg and talking to us as we had a light brunch. What I remember so vividly was the way he looked at you....he clearly adored you. He seemed so happy and content in your home. I hope all of your recent memories here in Florida with your dad and family are a great source of comfort to you all. With love and continued prayers, your friend, Mary-Beth

Mary-Beth Mottern - August 07, 2013 at 12:05 PM



Thank you my dear friend.

Terry Creighton - August 07, 2013 at 07:14 PM

LM

“ It was truly an honor and a priviledge and a joy to know and to love this most wonderful man. The world is a much better place because he passed through it. He was a Reader's Digest "Most Unforgettable Person".

Louise Mann - August 07, 2013 at 10:30 AM

LM

“ Louise Mann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Proudfit



Louise Mann - August 07, 2013 at 10:20 AM

DL

“ *Doyne Liverett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Proudfit*



Doyne Liverett - August 07, 2013 at 10:18 AM

TI

“ *Tammy Israel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Proudfit*



Tammy Israel - August 07, 2013 at 10:15 AM

CB

“ *Terry, Mike, and Doyne, I am truly sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. You are all in my thoughts.*

Chris Bradley - August 07, 2013 at 10:15 AM



Thanks Chris, we appreciate your support.

Michael Proudfit - August 07, 2013 at 10:23 AM



Thank you Chris.

Terry Creighton - August 07, 2013 at 07:15 PM

DL

Thank you Chris...it means a lot.

Doyne Liverett - August 09, 2013 at 04:21 AM

RS

“ Ron Spunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Proudfit



Ron Spunt - August 07, 2013 at 10:12 AM

LM

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Louise Mann - August 07, 2013 at 10:11 AM



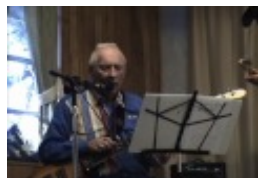
“ 1 file added to the album Bob Proudfit- Don't be angry



Sarah Bick - August 07, 2013 at 08:29 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Bob Proudfit- Cold Cold Heart



Sarah Bick - August 07, 2013 at 08:27 AM

JL

A beautiful voice and a very talented performer.

Jeannette Lowery - August 07, 2013 at 07:26 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Sarah Bick - August 07, 2013 at 08:23 AM

JS

“ *Terry, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your beloved father. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Jeanne Daly Smith and family.*

Jeanne Smith - August 07, 2013 at 07:52 AM



Thank you Jeanne...

Terry Creighton - August 07, 2013 at 09:19 AM

LB

“ *My condolences to Carol, Doyne, Mike and especially to Terry. I want to share a memory of Bob. I remember being invited to come along with Terry to Bob and Carol's on a holiday during the years my family had all moved out of Illinois. Playing songs on an organ and singing together. Bob proudly showed off the dog's ability to speak words. The words the dog spoke were "I Love You".*

Liz Boston - August 07, 2013 at 12:19 AM



That would be Chrysee, Liz. What a great memory. Bob was an animal lover. He was even more attached to her successor, Duncan. And believe it or not he even got very attached to the stray cat we rescued from Texas, "Spider Cat", and the cat slept up in Bob's recliner, between his legs, every day, all day long.

Tim Hickernell - August 07, 2013 at 03:01 PM



“ Michael Proudfit lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Proudfit



Michael Proudfit - August 06, 2013 at 09:59 PM



“ Terry Creighton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Proudfit



Terry Creighton - August 06, 2013 at 09:14 PM



“ Pat lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Proudfit



Pat - August 06, 2013 at 08:30 PM

AN

“ You are so very much missed.....Now you are singing and playing in the Angel band..... Your smile and sweetness will be missed... You always knew how to put a smile on someones face.....

Angelisa - August 06, 2013 at 05:29 PM

KN

“ I miss you ...Bob.Have a good time....just like you always did while you were with us.

Katie Nail - August 06, 2013 at 05:24 PM

EC

While Bob and Carol lived in Chandler, Texas, they played music and sang at many Music Jam Sessions.....for instance every Friday Night they would be at The Covingtons home where a group called The Sign Shop Pickers gathered....and once a month we all played music at Van Health Care Center in Van, Texas.....People loved his song THE LIGHTHOUSE.
Your Texas Friend from this groupBill & Elle Covington
Ray Tillman,, John and Betty Smith, Jean Lemonds, Johnny Trogdon and Barbara Grider and the list goes on say Bob thanks for the friendship and memories.

eloise covington - August 08, 2013 at 09:41 AM