



Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.

December 10, 1950 - September 4, 2022

Robert Brooks "Bobby" Altizer, Sr. passed away on Sunday, September 4, 2022. He fought his battle with pancreatic cancer with courage and strength. We will always be grateful for the unwavering support of Froedtert Center for Advanced Care, specifically, Dr. Douglas Evans, Dr. William Rilling, Dr. Susan Tsai, the 12th Floor Nursing and all of their supporting staff and Kathy's House in Milwaukee, WI.

Bobby was preceded in death by his brother, Hubert Keith Altizer; sister, Mary Sue Newsome-Peters; and his parents, Hubert Brooks and Belva Helen Altizer.

He is survived by his wife: Tina Altizer; sons: Brooks Altizer (Whitney), and Cort Meade; daughters, Cary Petrusek (Brett), Molly Altizer, Samantha Altizer, Kameron Altizer, Elizabeth Meade, and Jensen Meade; and his grandchildren, Asa Altizer, Ezekiel Altizer, Noah Petrusek, Luca Petrusek, Francesca Petrusek, and Madeline Altizer. He is also survived by siblings: Johnny Altizer (Betsy), Janis Humphrey, and Jimmy Altizer (Teresa) as well as a host of extended family.

The fourth of five children, Bobby was born in Richlands, VA on December 10, 1950. By then, eight generations of Altizers had been born, raised, and lived in Southwest Virginia including Bobby's grandfather William Irby, who

operated a country store at the foot of Shortt Gap Mountain. His father, Hubert, mined coal and helped out with the store. Through a twist of fate, his father was able to realize his dream of becoming a commercial airline pilot. In the early days of the FAA, the old man would buzz the family home in Richlands at a hundred feet just to say "HI!". Watching his father become a pilot was a pivotal moment in Bobby's young life; as his father frequently emphasized that, no matter what your circumstances were in life, you could accomplish anything.

Bobby's parents stressed the importance of education in achieving one's goals. So, when he graduated from Richlands High School in 1969, he headed off to Virginia Tech in the fall. His best friend from grade school, Mike Combs, also attended and together they concocted a plan to start the Virginia Tech chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Bobby became first scroll and remained involved with the chapter over the years. From an early age, Bobby was fascinated in government, public policy, and elections; and, like his father and grandfathers before him, he was a staunch Republican. During his senior year in high school, he established a Teenage Republican Club and spent several summers away from college in Washington, D.C. working for various election campaigns. Bobby received both his B.A. and M.A. in Political Science from Virginia Tech. Upon graduating, he attended T.C. Williams's Law School at the University of Richmond where he would earn his J.D. in 1977.

Wanting to return to his roots in Southwest Virginia, Bobby took a job at the local law firm Gillespie, Gillespie & Hart, in Tazewell, VA, where he credited his mentors Harris Hart II, Carl C. Gillespie, Sr. and Carl C. Gillespie, Jr. for teaching him skills that made him a great attorney. He loved what he did, zealously defending his clients in a law practice that spanned over 40 years. At the time of his death, he was a senior partner at Gillespie, Hart, Altizer, & Whitesell, P.C. in Tazewell, Virginia.

Bobby gave back as well, formerly serving as President of the Virginia State Bar, Director of the Tazewell Area Chamber of Commerce, President of the Tazewell County Human Services Board, President of the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund, Director of the Virginia Tech Foundation, Director and President of Tazewell Little League Baseball, and also as an elder at Tazewell Presbyterian Church. He also loved to coach his kids and their friends in several sports.

Bobby was a high energy, passionate individual. He simply loved life, lived it to the fullest and could always be counted on for a good time. He loved his wife Tina so much. She was with whom he shared his world and she was there with him to the end. He loved his family; and he loved his HOKIES, especially Virginia Tech football. His heaven: GAME DAY!

A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, September 9, 2022 at 2pm at the Hurst Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, VA. A visitation will be held from 1 – 2 pm.

In lieu of sending flowers, contributions can be made to the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund and/or Kathy's House of Milwaukee, WI and to fund pancreatic cancer research with the We Care Fund.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Celebration Of Life

SEP 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - September 09, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM

LH

“ We were so sorry to learn of Bobby's passing. He was a fraternity brother of mine at Tech and was in my wedding in 1978. He was a great guy and a wonderful friend. And he was undoubtedly the most competitive person I have ever known! (Intramural football games at Tech in 1973-74 were very intense!) Bobby was a mentor to me during and after our days in Blacksburg; he was the person who urged me to attend law school at U of R. We will miss Bobby's fun-loving nature and his unwavering optimistic attitude about every aspect of his life. Our deepest condolences to Bobby's family.
Larry & Andrea Hogan

Larry Hogan - September 28, 2022 at 10:29 AM

IR

“ Bob was always kind and always had a smile.
RIP. Prayers for the family.
Irma Mitchell

irma - September 13, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr..



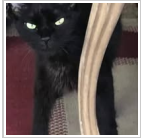
September 10, 2022 at 07:56 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr..*



September 10, 2022 at 08:34 AM



“ *watching the tribute video , the smile seemed to never leave him even though the odds were against him. this was a brave gentleman with a great family backing him . HATS OFF TO YOU BOBBY AN EXAMPLE OF FACING DEATH IN THE FACE AND STILL LIVED ON ! R.I.P. WITH THE SAINTS OF GOD !*



Davie Horton - September 10, 2022 at 02:11 AM



“ *Suzan Altizer Pafford lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.*



Suzan Altizer Pafford - September 09, 2022 at 10:14 PM

DH

“ Bobby was one of my favorite people. He and I graduated together and I always wanted him to be President. We had many good memories in school and helping people “adopting children at Christmas” thru our school. Rest In Peace my friend.



Deborah Hunsaker - September 09, 2022 at 09:18 AM

TD

“ So very sorry for your loss. Many fond memories of Bob from swim team days. You are in our prayers.

Teresa Dalton - September 09, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr..



September 09, 2022 at 07:16 AM

GM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. He and I were roommates our sophomore year in Lee Hall, and we were fraternity brothers as well (he was scroll #1 and I was scroll #3). I remember he had an ambition to be President one day (and he'd have been a great one). My heartfelt prayers and condolences go to his precious family during this very difficult time.

Gary Morris

Gary Morris - September 08, 2022 at 10:35 PM

DM

“ I cannot count the times Bobby did things for me and would NEVER allow him to pay him from a couple court cases to, drawing up deeds, doing our Advance Directives and our will. I once told him it looked like I would have to get a new lawyer because he would never allow us to pay him. He said, “ I’d better not find out if you do.” He then said, “ You’re my family Dana and I love helping my family.” Bobby, I will surely miss you and your infectious smile and attitude. Rest In Peace my cousin, my FRIEND!



Dana Altizer Moats - September 08, 2022 at 10:11 PM

MB

“ Have known Bobby since Tech days and Tazewell Jaycee’s. Bobby should have been in politics he had a grad ability to communicate with people. He really was a great lawyer and won one really hard vase. He will be missed by all who knew him. Goodbye old Friend. Martin Bowling



Martin Bowling - September 08, 2022 at 07:50 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr..



September 08, 2022 at 07:05 PM

LW

“ So very sorry to hear the sad news of Bob's passing. He was a wonderful person. I so enjoyed my time working in the law firm, although short, many years ago. Prayers of comfort and peace for all of his family. His kindness and smile will be missed by all who knew him.



Lynda Lawson Whittington - September 08, 2022 at 06:32 PM

PS

“ Bobby was always friendly, nice, and kind. I knew him in school, graduating with him; then as a Girl Scout parent when his girls were small; because he was so trustworthy I turned to him for advice for a small legal matter but my favorite memories of him are when I met him on the street or in a store and was the recipient of one of his smiles. My condolences to his family, his coworkers and his friends.



Peggy Short - September 08, 2022 at 04:54 PM

SA

“ Susie & Steve Addison lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.



Susie & Steve Addison - September 08, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr..*



September 08, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr..*



September 08, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *I have practiced law in Tazewell County for over fifty years and knew Bob well as a fellow lawyer with high ethical standards. He was an excellent representative of Tazewell County as President of the Virginia State Bar. That office is a state wide office elected by the membership. To win such an honorable position requiring a majority of the voting members speaks of the respect he had among the lawyers in Virginia! Thank you Bob, for a life well lived!*
Roger W. Mullins

Roger Mullins - September 08, 2022 at 02:06 PM

JH

“ Johnny Honaker lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.



Johnny Honaker - September 08, 2022 at 01:57 PM

SC

“ Bobby was always so fun to be around . He could turn almost anything into a good time . But no matter how much fun he was having , he never lost site of what was important in life. Love you bobby ! Rest easy



sandra carter - September 08, 2022 at 01:37 PM

CE

“ Cindi Estep sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.



Cindi Estep - September 08, 2022 at 12:44 PM

JW

“ Sincere sympathy for all of Bobby's family. Prayers.



Jerry and Pat Warner - September 08, 2022 at 12:43 PM

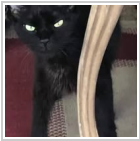
PA

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Mike and Pam Alford



Pam Alford - September 08, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ REMEMBER THE EARLY YEARS OF MIDGET FOOTBALL AND LITTLE LEAGUE. YOU OUT GREW US AND WENT ON TO GREATER THINGS. I REMEMBER YOU ALWAYS SAYING IN HIGH SCHOOL , YOU WANTED TO BE PRESIDENT. I HOPE HEAVEN IS YOUR HOME AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. R.I.P. BOBBYTHE WORLD WILL MISS YOU !



Davie Horton - September 08, 2022 at 04:35 AM

LR

My friend, Robert Altizer, has lost his battle but gained his reward in Heaven. What a wonderful example of the way a person should run this race of life. Bobby loved his family, friends, community and his VT Hokies! He wanted to serve others which he did with a passion. God had a very special purpose for Bobby on this earth. He shared his gifts with others but especially his loving heart. I am so blessed to be able to call Robert Altizer my friend and brother in Christ. Prayers for his wife Tina, children and family. May Gods love carry all of you through this difficult time.

Lynn Rash - September 08, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr..*



September 07, 2022 at 10:20 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Went to high school with Bobby. Class of 1970.*



Freda Stiltner Breedlove - September 07, 2022 at 09:52 PM



“ *Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.*



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - September 07, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *Bobby will missed by all who knew him. I will miss his smile and the love he always showed me during the many years that we knew each other. Prayers to his family, may God bless them all and give them strength.*

*Jim Steele
Bristol, Va.*

jim steele - September 07, 2022 at 08:15 PM

CP

“ Carolyn Baldwin Pyles lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.



Carolyn Baldwin Pyles - September 07, 2022 at 07:10 PM

KS

“ So very sorry to hear of Bobby's passing
Our family has many wonderful memories that include his smiling face and zest for life.
May you find peace in knowing so many care.
Prayers of comfort and love



Kathy Sneed - September 07, 2022 at 06:28 PM

AM

“ Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - September 07, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr..



September 07, 2022 at 04:31 PM

BJ

“ *Bill And Naomi Joyce lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.*



Bill and Naomi Joyce - September 07, 2022 at 03:27 PM

DM

“ *Derek, Emily, and Mason purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr..*



Derek, Emily, and Mason - September 07, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brooks Altizer, Sr.*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - September 07, 2022 at 02:30 PM

PV

Tina so sorry to hear about Bobby. You both were so happy. You and the family will be in my prayers. If there is anything I can do please let me know. Love you!!

Pat Vernon - September 07, 2022 at 06:40 PM

BT

*I'm so sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. Prayers to Tina and all of the Altizer family.
Beverly Breedlove Thomas*

Beverly A Thomas - September 08, 2022 at 10:42 AM

BC

This very sad news for his family and friends that he touched during his life. He always supported his fellow classmates from Southwest Virginia at Va. Tech putting aside high school rivalries and leading by example. He will be truly missed.

Billy Cover - September 09, 2022 at 11:58 PM

SJ

Dear Tina and Family,

*Please accept our heartfelt condolences on Bobby's death. He was a ray of sunshine and caring in the lives of so many people.
Susan and Frank Brown, Jr., Henrico County, VA.*

Susan and Frank O. Brown, Jr. - September 15, 2022 at 10:31 AM

FB

Dear Tina and Family,

Please accept our heartfelt condolences on Bobby's death. He was a ray of sunshine and caring in so many people's lives.

Susan V. Brown and Frank O. Brown, Jr.

Frank O. Brown, Jr. and Susan V. Brown - September 15, 2022 at 12:41 PM