



## Robert "Bob" Leroy Metz Sr.

March 15, 1943 - September 18, 2011

Robert (Bob) Metz passed peacefully from this life here on earth at home on Sunday, September 18, 2011. He was 68 years old and had been suffering from metastatic lung and bone cancer since November, 2010.

Bob was born in Custer, S.D. He served in the U.S. Army and retired after 20 years, including two tours in Vietnam. He worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, retiring after 20 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents Herbert and Hilda Metz; sisters Hilda, Elsie, Barbara, Pauline Marrion, Betty Longenecker, and Mildred Nistler; and brothers Marvin, Dewayne, Kenneth, Loyd, and Herbert.

He is survived by his wife Ginger, sons Robert (Carol) Metz Jr., Ernest (Marcy) Metz, and grandchildren Ashley and Patrick, stepsons Lee and James Graham, step grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by sisters Susie (Horace) Pilgrim, Virginia Pitts, Linda (Wayne) Pilgrim, and Judy (Dillard) Cupp; and brothers Raymond and Ronnie.

Bob loved God, his church family, and his family and friends. Serving at First Christian Church as a deacon, in the kitchen cooking, working with the Relationships Team or the Men's Group, and being involved with the church's Relay for Life Cancer Busters Team were what he was all about. He also

actively participated in Journey through Bethlehem and volunteered at Huntsville Memorial Hospital.

Dinner and movies with friends, fishing, playing 42, dancing, bowling, traveling/cruising, going to casinos, golfing, and Sudoku were all high on his list of activities to enjoy. One of his favorite pastimes was simply visiting with people.

Special thanks go to Dr. Larry Wells and all the staff at Huntsville Family Practice; Huntsville Memorial Hospital nurses, staff, and fellow volunteers; Dr. Maria Sosa and the Sam Houston Cancer Center personnel; and Dr. Elham Abbasi, Linda Stanley, and staff at the North Houston Cancer Clinics.

It is too soon to say goodbye, but it is best for him that his suffering came to an end. What we who were touched by Bob hold in memory cannot be improved upon by time, considering his cancer's aggressiveness. He will be sorely missed.

Visitation will be held Wednesday evening, September 21, 2011, from 5:00 to 8:00 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park, in Huntsville, Tex. Funeral services will be held at First Christian Church Huntsville, 1900 Avenue R, on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be Friday morning, 10:30 a.m., September 23, 2011, at Houston National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Bob wanted friends to make donations to First Christian Church Huntsville, 1900 Avenue R., Huntsville, TX 77340; to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org); or to a charity of your choice.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Leroy Metz Sr.*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Ginger and family, So sorry to just now hear about Bob's passing. He was a wonderful man and I enjoyed working with him when he was at TDCJ at the warehouse. I lost touch after he retired. May God continue to give you strength and courage in the days ahead.*

*Love Laura.*

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**Laura & Doc Smallets** - September 23, 2011 at 11:31 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Bob was a good friend with a great sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

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**Reba Sylvester, Susan & Mitch Mitchell** - September 22, 2011 at 11:04 AM



“ *Dear Ginger I am so glad that God blessed me to meet you and Bob. You and Bob are so very special to me and will always be. So caring about how I feel when we meet make me know I have some very good friends. When you and Bob would come home from his treatments and he ask me how I felt made me to know he cares about me even when he's feeling not so good. It always put a smile on my face to see y'all. I know that God got Bob in his hands as he have my Tommie, they're talking now up in heaven. Love forever  
Maxceen*

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**Maxceen Crawford** - September 22, 2011 at 09:37 AM

JH

“ Ginger,

*I am so sorry to read about Bob. He was such a character. I really liked working with him for all those years. I have lots of fond memories of you and Bob. God Bless and care for you and yours.*

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**Jeannie Hightower** - September 21, 2011 at 02:23 PM

DW

“ *Ginger, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.*

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**Deanna Wickes** - September 21, 2011 at 02:00 PM

LS

“ *Thinking of you Ginger. One day at a time.*

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**Linda Stanley** - September 21, 2011 at 11:29 AM

HB

“ *Ms. Ginger I am greatly sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. You and Mr. Bob have and always will hold a special place in my heart! Love, hugs and many prayers.*

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**Heather Bauer** - September 20, 2011 at 08:00 PM

JR

“ Ginger,

*I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of bereavement.*

*God bless you all.*

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**Juanita Richardson** - September 20, 2011 at 07:05 PM

GG

“ *Blessings to you and your family at this time. Many fond memories of our days at First Christian with Bob and Ginger.*

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**Greg and Dani Gathright** - September 20, 2011 at 06:24 PM

JW

“ *During my thirty years with the prison system, Bob Metz was one of the finest men that I had the pleasure of working with. I always enjoyed his company and am thankful that God gave me the opportunity of knowing Bob.*

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**Jim Willett** - September 20, 2011 at 04:36 PM

KU

“ Dear Ginger and Family,

*I am saddened to hear of your loss. But with all of the suffering, Bob is in a better place right now.*

*I will miss him at the golf course, especially on the driving range where we did all of our talking about all of the things he and Ginger were into - fishing, traveling, family, and more. Engaged in conversation, it's no wonder we never finished a bucket of balls. But at least we talked with a golf club in hand. Well, now he'll have a new place to talk and hit some balls.*

*I send you my condolences and a lot of love.*

*Kathy*

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**Kathy Utecht** - September 20, 2011 at 04:09 PM

AJ

“ Dear Ginger,

*Bob and his fish, that's how I'll remember him, and our working together, you and Bob and I, in the fellowship hall. You and Bob have made such a difference in my life, and I will miss him so. Our strength is in God.*

*Love,  
Annette*

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**Annette Jergins** - September 20, 2011 at 01:35 PM

NM

“ *I wanted to let you know how sorry I am to hear of your loss. I have so many wonderful memories of you and Bob. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**NITA MCMURPHY** - September 20, 2011 at 12:22 PM

CC

“ *Our prayers are with you. Hang on to the memories. He will always be with you.*

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**Cathie, Steve and Courtney** - September 20, 2011 at 10:41 AM

MW

“ *Metz Family: I am so sorry for your loss of Bob. There aren't any words I can say that will ease your pain but please know I am here if any of you need anything whether it's to talk, to borrow my shoulder or just a hug. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless and be with you.*

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**Misty Witt** - September 20, 2011 at 10:16 AM

AK

“ *Metz Family:*

*May your memories be filled with joy and your heart full of love. I am here for you anyway you need me.*

*All my love,*

*Amber*

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**Amber Knapp** - September 20, 2011 at 09:28 AM

JJ

“ *Art and I are so sorry to hear the sad news. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.*

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**Jeannine Jacoby** - September 20, 2011 at 08:29 AM

VD

“ Dear Ginger, I am so sorry for your loss of Bob. I did not know him personally, but I do know that he brought much happiness into your life, and I am sure that you did the same for him. Life takes us through many twists and turns, but we must stay strong and make the most of each day. God bless you, Vergie Dotson

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**Vergie Dotson** - September 20, 2011 at 08:21 AM

LC

“ Ginger,  
You are so very special to me. I am so sorry for your loss. All your loving memories will bring you through this. May The Lord keep you in His hands and comfort you at this time. "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."  
1 Peter 5:7  
Love to you, Lorraine Coleman 9/19/11

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**Lorraine Coleman** - September 19, 2011 at 11:10 PM

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**Lorraine Coleman** - September 19, 2011 at 11:09 PM

JM

“Ginger, our deepest sympathy to you and the family in this difficult time. There are no words that can be said to take away the pain. I'm so thankful for the times we were able to spend together. We were all very fond of Uncle Robert. Great memories come flooding back from the awesome family reunion you and Uncle Robert hosted. Hugs and prayers coming your way. Love you!

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**JR, Michelle, Shelby and Jarred Metz** - September 19, 2011 at 09:36 PM

KS

“Ginger,  
Memories from our shared Christian ministries warm my heart. Bob is resting safely in His loving arms and know you will be cradled in those same comforting arms at this time. My love and prayers are with you.

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**Kathy Smith** - September 19, 2011 at 08:06 PM

JB

“Sincere condolences to the Metz family, We are so sorry for your loss of Bob. We first met Bob about 25 years ago when my husband, Don & Bob were fishing partners in the Huntsville Bass Club and then I worked many years with Bob together at TDCJ, until his retirement. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless...  
Jamie & Don Brinegar

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**Jamie & Don Brinegar** - September 19, 2011 at 02:30 PM

RB

“Sue and are so sorry for your loss, We will be thinking of you and the memories we had on the cruise with you and Bob.  
Richard Boudreaux

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**Richard Boudreaux** - September 19, 2011 at 12:57 PM