



Robert "Bob" Edward Boyd

November 8, 1945 - May 22, 2017

Robert Edward Boyd, 71, of Siler City, North Carolina passed away, with his wife and daughter beside him, on May 22, 2017 at Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro in Pittsboro, North Carolina. He was born on November 8, 1945 in Yonkers, New York to Harold and Catherine (Taylor) Boyd.

Robert Edward Boyd, who liked to be called Bob or Bobby, was the youngest son in a family of four children. His oldest brother, Bill, lives in New Jersey, and another brother Ken and younger sister Carol are deceased. His father, Harold, worked on the Railroad, and his mother Kay was "a good homemaker from Alabama!" Bob told many stories about his relationship with his father, whom he followed in a career of working on the New York Central Railroad, Pennsylvania Railroad, and MetroNorth Commuter Railroad systems. He began as an electrician, became a foreman and regional supervisor before retiring after more than 25 years of service. In the 90s, living in Cary and later in Silk Hope, North Carolina, he briefly worked on The Carolinian rail service from Raleigh to Charlotte and IBM PC Manufacturing in Research Triangle Park.

His wife Maxine and Bob met in Fishkill, NY. She had just transferred from Pittsburgh, PA with her job and he had moved up from NYC. They enjoyed laughing and dancing together from the start. They traveled and lived in many places, always taking changes in stride. This year they would have celebrated 45 years together. Their daughter Kathryn Leigh (Boyd) Moore , who was born

when they were living in Highland Mills, NY, lives with her husband Steve and their children Kailynn and Clara McNeil, and Aiden and Elijah Moore in Clayton, NC.

As a young man, Bob participated in all kinds of sports which he continued to enjoy later on in memory if not actively. He played football and ran track in his teens, caddied and loved to play golf throughout the years. He never stopped hunting: deer, turkey, antelope, and elk. He fished many places in and outside the U.S., deep-sea and freshwater, especially, trout. Action and sports events, and Maverick and John Wayne westerns were his favorites on TV. Many of Bob's hobbies were shared with his father while he was alive. Bob did basically "everything outdoors" with his dad. "We were always together, on Carmel Lake or the Hudson River." When his dad, a man of few words, called him "a natural," it was the best compliment Bob said he ever received. He was especially keen to tell about his shooting the two biggest whitetail deer of his life in 2014 in Chatham County!

Joining Piedmont Adult/Senior Healthcare (PACE) in February 2016, Bob attended the Pittsboro Center three and then five days a week until recently moving to Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro.

Excerpts from an interview by Piedmont Adult/Senior HealthCare (PACE) in 2016 are paraphrased.

Funny Hunter Valentine

A hunter's light went out today in North Carolina.

The hunter was the Funny Valentine I met

in a ridiculous instant of an hour

on a Saturday night in Fishkill, NY.

I never gave him my number, my last name, but eventually

we bought a "ticket to ride" the big journey together.

He never changed his hair for me or cared

whether I was smart or not. We were not like Barbie and Ken.

His idea of vacation was looking for bear at an Adirondack campground,
while mine was going to Paris or Rome.

But they say opposites attract and odd couples
somehow balance what's missing or complete what's not.

We danced all the dances; we were "two for the road."

He brought me flowers every chance.

We enjoyed dressing up and eating out.

He told me he loved me more times than I could count.

We traded in our '80 Camaro for a station wagon when our daughter came;
and, with her, we could live the fun all over again.

I learned from him how to laugh at myself
and to give as good as I got.

He rescued me when I locked my keys in cars,
was lost, or ran out of gas.

I like to think, with me and my light, he became a better driver.

In his light, I grew to be the woman I am.

So, I say, "Go, sweet, Funny hunter Valentine.

We're okay. Enjoy your peace."

Your light now, we know, is shining from the stars
in Orion's Heavenly bow.

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Tribute Wall

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“ I will always hold memories of Uncle Bob dear to my heart. He was the best fishing and golfing buddy a little boy could have wished for. He was always so patient and generous when I would create a huge mess of the fishing line or lose another one of his prize lures. He is missed deeply.

My sympathies go out to Aunt Maxine, Kate and family. I am really looking forward to celebrating his wonderful life with you in September.

Love Joe



Joe Hamilton - July 14, 2017 at 02:51 PM

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Never saw this photo, Joe...great! Uncle Bobby loved you too. Aunt Maxine

Maxine Boyd - July 15, 2017 at 06:08 PM

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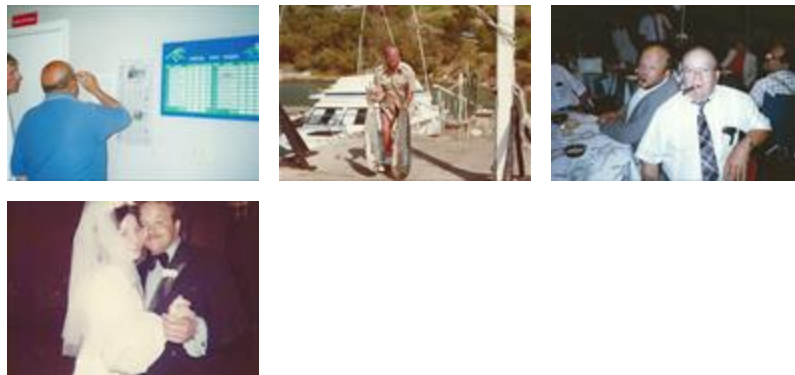
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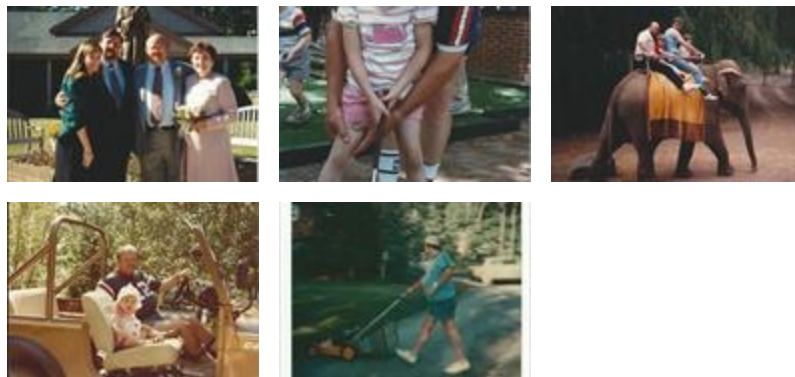
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“ Our heartfelt sympathy go out to Maxine, Kate and family in the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. May time ease the sorrow that you bear today and may you come to find peace in the knowledge that the passing of your "angel on earth" is now your "angel in heaven" and among God's chosen.
In loving remembrance,
Betty and Sharon Macken

Sharon Macken - May 29, 2017 at 11:58 AM

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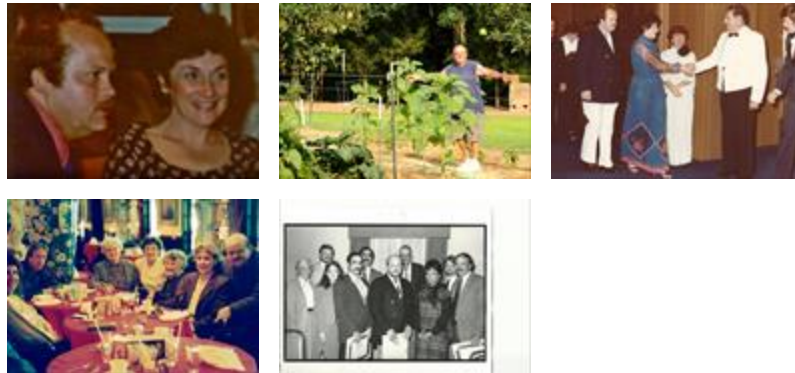
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Sweet dreams, rest easy Dad. You will forever be in my heart.

Kate - May 27, 2017 at 09:39 AM

PH

“ Dear Maxine, Kate & Family, Our Love & Deepest Sympathies are with you in your loss.

Pauli & Bill

Pauline Hamilton - May 26, 2017 at 03:00 PM

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“ I remember Uncle Bob always sneaking candy to me, Joe and Kate when the moms weren't looking. Thanks for the sweet memories Uncle Bob and may you rest in peace.

Aunt Maxine and Kate, you have our deepest sympathies and are in our prayers.

Love, Michelle

Michelle Longworth - May 26, 2017 at 02:31 PM

JF

Maxine, Kate and Family...our sympathy goes out to you during this time of loss. James will always cherish the hunting time that they shared and the good times of just hanging out as buddies. He truly loved the country life and we will miss him in the Silk Hope Community. So glad we got to visit and say Good Bye to a dear friend. Prayers and thoughts go out for you.

James Fogleman - May 26, 2017 at 06:08 PM



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