



Robert "Bob" Vanover Sr.

September 3, 1925 - April 3, 2013

Robert "Bob" Vanover , Sr.of Willcox died April 3, 2013 at the age of 87.
Graveside Services will 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at Southlawn
Cemetery in Tucson, Arizona.

Cemetery Details

Southlawn Cemetery

5401 S. Park Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85706

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 6. 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Vanover Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Robert Vanover was my uncle. When I was a young girl we visited him and his family on a pig farm in Arizona. He showed me how to shoot a rifle. He was a quiet, dignified man. May he rest in peace.*

Janet Reinig - April 09, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Wanda F Vanover was added to the Family Tree.*

George Vanover - April 30, 2013 at 02:39 PM



“ *It is PURPLE*



George Vanover - April 30, 2013 at 02:37 PM



“ *Nancy Dennee lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Vanover Sr.*



Nancy Dennee - April 30, 2013 at 01:43 AM

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“ *Today I don't shake all over
Today I can hear a pin drop
Today I don't need my glasses
Today I don't need my cane
Today I no longer hurt
For today I went to dwell in the
House of the Lord forever.
Today I meet my Lord and Savior
Today I saw my grandparents again
Today I saw my parents again
Today I saw my son again
Today I saw my sister and brother again
For today I went to dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.*

Love you Daddy

Nancy Dennee

Nancy Dennee - April 26, 2013 at 03:54 AM



“ *The greatest man i'll ever know is a man who helped me grow.*

*The greatest man i'll ever know took me on the best of adventures
at hand,*

He took me to the finest land.

The greatest man i'll ever know is the one i call my hero.

He never minds to give a hand.

The greatest man i'll ever know taught me all i needed to know.

*The greatest man i'll ever know would walk across the world and
back Just to give me what i lack.*

*This man i speak of i've never been more glad to say he's the one i
call my dad.*

George Vanover - April 25, 2013 at 07:18 PM



“ Robert M Vanover Sr. went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ in heaven on April 3rd, 2013.

Robert M Vanover Sr. was born on September 3, 1925 to Riley M & Inez E Vanover in Paw Paw Kentucky, moved to Tucson, AZ in 1926, due to the drier climate. His mother was one of the strongest women there had to be to move during prohibition with a very sick husband and three very small babies. The smallest was Robert. He considered himself a native of Arizona due to moving here as such a small age.

He tried to volunteer several armed forces that turned him down. He was colored blind, but due to the draft they all thought he was lying and trying to get out of going into war, once the draft was in full effect

The army accepted him in 1944 and he served until 1946. He served in New Guinea, the Philippines and was with the expendable troops in Japanese waters when the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. After the Japanese surrender he was in the Army of Occupation.

Robert was honorably discharged from serving active duty from his country.

On February 24, 1946, after being released from the armed forces, he married Wanda Smith after just one date before being over seas to serve in war. They were married in Gardena, CA and spent the rest of they're beloved life together. In the state of Arizona he either had to wait to be 21 or have parental consent to get married legally. His mother signed for him to get married so there was no waiting to it. After only one date before serving over seas they planned wedding by mail and spent the rest of their life together. Never was there a more cherished love that lasted as long as the two of them did.

After several attempts to share their love with babies, on February 9, 1959 they proudly adopted Nancy Jane Vanover. Never did two people love and respect a baby like they did with this adoption. You would never know this baby was adopted. She was loved just as much as any baby could be. Robert pampered this baby as far as to going to have a satin pillow in the middle of their truck so as not to have anything happen to this beautiful newborn baby girl they chose and wanted so badly. Nancy grew up to be quite the daddy's girl. What a lucky baby to have the parents she had.

Then, by the grace of God, Robert M Jr. & Riley T (twins) were born. Riley died after only 2 days and is buried next to his grandmother. Robert will be buried just next to his mother Inez E Vanover and his father Riley M Vanover. Roberts sister Connie McCollough is also next to them.

God has Graced both Robert and Wanda with Nancy Jane Vanover-Denee, a live twin Robert Vanover, and George Vanover.

Twelve grandchildren, numerous great and great-great grandchildren.

Robert (Bob) could do and did all kinds of work including, farming, mining, machine repair, building & repairing houses. Wired all the homes down the San Pedro River Valley when main electric lines came in the late 50's and bulldozer work.

Interests and hobbies: hunting deer, elk & javalina, fishing, crossword puzzles, church, card games and grandchildren. He was definitely a God fearing man and knew he was headed for heaving. He raised his children in the same manner.

He is survived by many family members, and knew he was ready to go see God, our Lord and Jesus Christ. He was ready without a doubt. He is now with our heavenly father and is in no longer any pain.

We will all miss him, and all the things he still had to teach us all.

But living our lives right, we will once see him again when our time is right. He will be there waiting for us and meet up when it is our time, with that beautiful smile we all know him for. In the mean time, GOD had yet another wonderful angel waiting for us when we get to heaven. By living our lives right, we will once again see Robert when it is our time. GOD has another angel in his choir.

George Vanover - April 17, 2013 at 09:56 AM