



## Robert C. Byars, Sr.

September 21, 1933 - February 17, 2010

Robert Clair "Bob" Byars, Sr., 76, of Garwood, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010 at Princeton Community Hospital following a long illness. Born September 21, 1933 at Itmann, he was the son of the late Pink Byars, Jr. and Cora Mae Tolliver Byars. Robert was raised on Bud Mountain and then at the age of eighteen he joined the US Marine Corps and served from April 1951 until April 1954, having served during the Korean Conflict. During his working career, Bob was a retired coal miner and former truck driver, which he really loved to do. He was also a member of UMW. He was the oldest living member of the Herndon Freewill Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a brother, Mickey Byars; several other infant brothers and sisters; a son-in-law, Bennie Raye; and a nephew, Dale Byars. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Norma Jean Shaw Byars, whom he married on May 5, 1954, and who still resides at Garwood; his children, Robert (Bucky) Byars, Jr. of Salisbury, NC, Debbie Raye of Bud, Kathi Elliott and husband, Estil, and Michael Byars and wife, Teresa, all of Bud Mtn., Kevin Byars and wife, Donna, of Princeton, and Angel Downing and husband, Jason, of Garwood; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Freeman Byars and his wife, Patty of Crown Point, Indiana, Benny Byars and his wife, Lora, of Plymouth, Indiana; sisters, Etta Byars of El Cajon, CA, and Betty Wesley and her husband, Acie, of Ravenscliff; and numerous friends. Services will be 1:00PM Saturday, February 20, 2010 at Herndon Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. William O. Tolliver and Rev. Ricky Shrewsbury officiating. Burial will follow in the Moran Cemetery, Bud Mtn. Friends may call one hour prior to services Saturday at the church. Pallbearers will be Elmer (Fudge) Ramsey, Michael Byars, Brian Raye, Kenny Raye, Noel Bishop, Preston Jenkins, Kevin Byars, and Jason Downing.

# Comments

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“ kevin & Donna, I am very sorry for your loss!!!

**Larry L. Byrd** - May 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are so sorry to hear about Bobs passing. We went to church with him and he was such a friendly guy. I know he is at peace now and made whole again. The family is in our prayers. God Bless.

**donnie and linda lawson** - March 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Deepest sympathies from Calvin & Jean Belcher and family.

**Carolyn Belcher** - February 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Kathi ~  
I can't tell you how sorry I am to hear about your Dad. May you and your family find comfort in the wonderful memories. I will continue to keep your family in prayer. God bless you!

**Kathy Cecil** - February 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Debbie, We are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Randall & Danni Combs** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Norma, Kevin, Angel and rest of family:

I am so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. I really enjoyed talk ing to at the diallysis center. He always lifted my spirits if I was feling a little down. Love you all.

Carolyn

PS congradulations to you Ang

**Carolyn Musick** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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**Carol Byars** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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To the Byars family. I worked with Bob at Itmann No 3 back in 1973 to 1974. He was a fine hard working family man and a good friend to have. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss.

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**Butch Joynes** - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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Jean and Family you are in our thoughts and prayers. What a wonderful gift it was for me to see and talk to Uncle Bob when we could come into WV. I will always cherish those visits. God Bless each and everyone of you and give you strength to endure your

**Joe & Diana McKinney Easter** - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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Cresta,  
Thinking of you and your Family.  
Much love to all

Your Sears Family

**EMC** - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Jean and Children,  
How we wish we could be there with you today. But the doctor will not let me travel until I am stronger and without this disease. Our hearts will be with you tomorrow even if our physical body can't. He was a wonderful brother a

**Freman, Patty & Jason Byars** - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that your friends at the Corinne Baptist Church have you in their prayers

**Charles Mckinney** - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ My Prayers & Thoughts are with the Family....May God Bring Comfort and Peace during this difficult time.

**Mary Rose Kennerly** - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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**Phoebe Buchanan McLain** - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of grief. Bob was a very special friend and person. He always had a smile and would do anything for anyone. Our loss is Heavens gain. We love you all and are here if you need us.

**Cleila Spratt** - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ to a family that holds my heart  
you were so blessed to have Uncle for a dad he was a Fantastic man and a wonderful human being my heart really hurts for your loss

**Betty lou Jenkins** - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM