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Known to his grandchildren as “Bops”, Bobby Lee Coffey, son of the late Orville and Marie Worley Coffey, was born on September 8, 1930, in Parma, Missouri and met his Lord and Savior, surrounded by family on February 14, 2020, at his residence in Dexter, at the age of 89.

Bob was a gifted athlete and as a senior in high school he was discovered by a scout for the St. Louis Browns. He was offered a tryout in July 1950, and after homering three times in Sportsman’s Park that day, he was offered a contract, on the spot, receiving a \$750 sign on bonus. Before getting a chance to play baseball for the Browns, the Korean War conflict began and he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he was stationed in Kansas for the four years.

Bob became a Christian at the age of 25. In 1955, he became a member of First Baptist Church and in 1960 was ordained as a deacon. Bob taught Sunday School for 50 years, he began teaching a group of high school boys on Sunday mornings and later transitioned into the role as a teacher for the adult Sunday school class. In 1992, he began traveling with a group of men to the country of Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Mexico over the next several years. There they built churches and distributed food to the villagers while sharing the love of Jesus.

He was an owner in Bootheel Petroleum, bringing one of the first fuel transport trucks to the Southeast Missouri region. Growing the business from one transport truck to multiple tankers, he developed a vast number of consumers. Farmers in the area will remember

him as a thoughtful business man, allowing them to pay their fuel bills once harvest was completed. He was honored to serve on the board of directors at Citizens Bank and First Midwest Bank for many years.

On July 17, 1951, he was united in marriage to June Barbour in Dexter. He cherished their life together. She preceded him in death May 16, 2015. One of his greatest joys in life was in giving to others. He loved spending mornings with his coffee-drinking buddies on the front porch.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Kay Coffey of Cape Girardeau; by three daughters and their spouses, Jan and David Reimann of Cape Girardeau; Vicki and Jody Lemmon of Dexter; and Lisa and Greg Mathis of Dexter. He is also survived by one sister, Janie and her husband Chuck Caby of Kansas City, Missouri; by eight grandchildren and their spouses, Chad and Liz Reimann of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, J.J. Lemmon of Dexter, Christy and Brandon Vaughn of Dexter, Eric and Brittany Mathis of Birmingham, Alabama, Josh and Katie Reimann of Salt Lake City, Utah, Aaron and Brittany Mathis of Dexter, Bobby Coffey of Cape Girardeau and Rachel Coffey of St. Louis, Missouri; by thirteen great-grandchildren, Eliott Reimann, Garrett Reimann, Natalie Reimann, Lily Reimann, Noah Reimann, Isaac Reimann, Chloe Lemmon, Delaney Lemmon, Brayden Vaughn, Mabree June Vaughn, Taylor Ward, Harper Mathis and Blake Mathis.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 17th, from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Dexter.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, February 18th, at 11:00 a.m. and will also be at the church.

Memorials may be made to:

George and Carol Ann Truelove, 3026 Lone Pilgrim Road, Tanneyville, Missouri 65759

Kids Against Hunger of St. Peters, PO Box 668, St. Charles, Missouri 63302

The Berean Liberty Foundation (Acts 17:11), c/o Jay Scribner, 105 Galewood, Branson, Missouri 65616

Crown Hospice, 2858 Professional Ct., Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63703

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of all arrangements

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