



## Robert Lawson Scruggs

February 5, 1921 - September 28, 2019

Robert Lawson (Bob) Scruggs, Sr. passed in peace September 28, 2019, at the age of 98. He was born February 5, 1921, in Atlanta, Georgia, spending most of his adult life in College Park, East Point, and Peachtree City. He was preceded in death by his parents Martha (Hope) and Charles C. Scruggs, Sr., brother Charles C. Scruggs, Jr., and son Robert L. (Bob) Scruggs, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Hazelwood-Scruggs, two sons, Carlton (Darline) Scruggs and Rick (Deanie) Scruggs, daughter-in-law Bonnie Scruggs, two step children, Leigh Anne (Bart) Lundy and Russ Hazelwood, five grandchildren, Stacye (Stefan) Scruggs-Bock, Cathy (Eric) Vitosh, Jennifer (Guy) Picketts, Matthew Scruggs and Emily (Brady) Ellsworth, and twelve great grandchildren.

Robert, who was beloved by many, lived a full and successful life. He had a passion for flying and sports, especially baseball. After graduating from North Fulton High School and North Georgia College, where he played baseball, basketball and trumpet in the band, he enrolled at Georgia Tech, but his love for flying drew him in another direction. During World War II, Robert served his country in the Army Air Corp. In 1946, he became a pilot with Delta Airlines and retired in 1981 after 35 years of flying. His name is synonymous with Post 50 American Legion Baseball, having coached them for 25 years with an unprecedented winning record. He was a longtime member of the Canongate Clubs (now Club.Corp) and played golf with The Fryer Group, regularly shooting his age. Bob had many other interests over the years. He was an avid sailor, played the banjo, tennis, and owned 2 businesses, including Southern Maid Donut Shop in East Point. He was also a realtor and builder. Among the many apartments and homes, he built in the metropolitan Atlanta area, was the first talking house in Atlanta. After retiring from Delta Airlines, he was a scout for the Atlanta Braves Baseball Club.

He was a member of Heritage Christian Church and The Primetimers in Fayetteville. His funeral service will be held at Heritage Christian Church on Saturday, October 5 with Brother Danny Haynes (former Post 50 player) officiating. Visitation/Viewing at the church will be from 11:00 – 12:00 followed by a Memorial Service at 12:00 noon. A reception will be held in the Church Café afterwards.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Abbey Hospice in Social Circle, GA. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at [www.parrottfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrottfuneralhome.com). Parrott Funeral

Home & Crematory, (770) 964-4800.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**                      11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Heritage Christian Church

2130 Redwine Road, Fayetteville, GA, US, 30215

**OCT**   **Funeral Service**    12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Parrott Funeral Home** - October 03, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ Ricky, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Karen Watkins Jordan

**Karen Jordan** - October 03, 2019 at 02:42 PM

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“ My cousin Robert was 13 years older than me, so I missed out on the early years. However, we really got to know each other after I went to college, However, the tales of Robert and Charles circulated our house as their exploits were well known and admired. After college Robert called to see if I wanted to play on his semi-pro baseball team. I jumped at the chance, I joined him for three summers, and we were good.

In getting to know Robert, we shared many stories particularly about my family relationship as he was growing up. .Most were humorous, many about his and his brother's dealings with my sister, the princess.

Incidentally, if you put Robert's picture next to that of my brother, you could not tell them apart.

We will all miss him greatly. and hope to spend eternity with him sharing more stories. Maybe there will be a baseball team

Buzzy Hope

**Buzzy Hope** - October 15, 2019 at 12:47 PM

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“ I remember Bob fondly. Always good for a laugh. Enjoyed flying with him. One of the "good guys".

Betty Warren.

F/A class of 05/07/56.

**Betty M. Warren** - October 03, 2019 at 08:14 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss Ricky. I have sweet memories of your Dad. What a wonderful life he had. Sending prayers for comfort.

**Keron Till Witcher** - October 03, 2019 at 03:28 PM

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“ 38 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Parrott Funeral Home** - October 03, 2019 at 09:20 AM

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“ Coach Scruggs touched many lives. He was the first true baseball coach I had. He did not get upset much but if you did not respect the game he would let you know. I saw him a few years ago and he was still telling baseball war stories remembering every pitch. He was really proud of our 1980 state championship with 12 players. He will be missed

Greg Woodward

**Greg Woodward** - October 03, 2019 at 06:55 AM

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“ Ricky I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Tina Fain Bennion

**christina bennion** - October 03, 2019 at 12:59 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Damon Frost (DAL Ret '91)

**Damon Frost** - October 02, 2019 at 03:45 PM

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“ All I know was that Bob was a mellow man that made my friends Mom happy. And he was an aviator like my father. RIP to a great man.

**Alex Durkin** - October 02, 2019 at 04:22 AM

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“ What an amazing man he was. He is going to be missed by so many. I agree with you Brenda. No matter the age or the process of dying the grief is indescribable My heart and love and prayers are with you especially now. Rest In Peace Bob in the loving arms of the Savior you served for so many years. A life well lived and so accomplished. You are now receiving your rewards which you do deserve. You are missed on this earth

**Cheryl V. McGinn** - October 01, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ Thanks for those sweet words. It's surreal.

**Brenda Scruggs** - October 01, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ I was Bobs first officer back in the 1960s. What a great guy to fly with. God bless him wherever he is. Pete sellen

**Pete sellen** - October 02, 2019 at 11:57 AM

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“ Bob Scruggs..he was always positive and kind. Played for Post 50 with him. One of my favorite baseball coaches among many. Bob Jr. and I played sports together in HS. Bob was always around to encourage our efforts. His positive persona and attitude will always remembered in my thoughts of one terrific, caring individual..I last saw him on the practice range at 7:00 a.m...getting prepared to enjoy the day he was given @ 92!!! Thanks Bob for always being there for helping someone with n need..

**Tommy Fields** - October 01, 2019 at 06:29 AM



“ My fondest memories of Bob are teaching him banjo, and remembering the numerous times he came to see Cedar Hill and I perform at the Atlanta Airport Marriott in the 1980's. He was a kind and wonderful friend. May God bless his family, and give them great comfort, knowing that Bob is in Heaven and we will see him again—a great reunion— when God calls us home.

Jim Adkins

**Jim Adkins** - October 01, 2019 at 11:19 AM

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“ When Mr Scruggs called you an offered that invite to REPRESENT Post 50-you knew you had made it. The "JACKET." You walk into a place with that "JACKET" on-everybody knew you were special. Better than any trophy you could ever win, it was our "badge of honor." Anyone who wore it will say the same. The three years I played for Bob-1st year he just pulled me up and gave me a uni to ensure I'd play for him the next 2 years. We go down to Tampa - St. Pete where I met the great Lancer, Chuck Fowlke for the first time in a hotel room. We're up on Puerto Rico 4-0 after a Joe Monroe gran slam in the first. Our stud, Brad Campbell, who was as dominant as anyone I had ever seen gets to take the mound with a 4 run lead. He don't make it out of the 1st inning. Bob tells me to go warm up. I had NO idea I'd play til the following season-he just got me a week earlier. I thought he just wanted to see me throw a little in the pen. After a couple more line shots in the gap and now down 6-4 with only ONE out, he goes to the mound, looks my way and raises his arm in the air looking at me. I was just a kid!!! I asked the catcher what he was doing? He said "you're in the game kid." I go in throwing maybe 86 mph sidearm after Campbell was getting lit up throwing 92. I finished the game and we lost 6-4. An education I'll never forget. I knew I could play with the big boys All thanks to MR. SCRUGGS! I loved his class and the way he carried himself. One other story-I heard Mike Ivey's dad told Bob Mike would bat 4th. Mr. Scruggs said he didn't know yet where he'd hit. Mr Ivey said well, we'll just go somewhere else. Bob just said good luck and that was the end of that! Mike walked away, stopped then went back and told Mr. Scruggs he'd stay. He had so much talent, he didn't need 1-2 players. TEAM is what he preached.

Rick Johnston - September 30, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ Wow! Awesome tribute.

**Brenda Scruggs** - October 01, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ Just recently found out that Coach Scruggs had passed. A lot of fond memories from our 1980 Post 50 Team. He always treated us like men even though most of us still had a lot of 'boy' in us. Looking back, he really had a love for the game of baseball. Thanks for the memories Coach Scruggs!

**Todd Moore** - October 12, 2019 at 07:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



diane kurzawski - September 30, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ Oh Diane, how perfect. Our Supper Club meeting for Mexican weekly for over 20 years was always a highlight.

**Brenda Hazelwood Scruggs** - October 01, 2019 at 08:43 AM



“ Brenda , Bob will always have a special place in my hear6t . I am so glad we were neighbors . Love you ,  
sara

**sara caldwell** - October 01, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ Lots of good memories. Love to you all. Marion Stanton

**Marion Stanton** - October 02, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ Simply put, the Best!!

**Paul West** - October 06, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ Brenda, we both remember what great neighbors and wonderful couple you were together. May God provide you with His love, blessings, and comfort at this time of your loss. Don & Barb Van Dyke

**Barb Van Dyke** - October 11, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Lawson Scruggs.



September 30, 2019 at 01:02 PM