



John Robert Phoenix Sr.

September 23, 1929 - May 11, 2020

On the road again, this time the Highway to Heaven. Bob Phoenix began his journey as the second son of David Dryfus and Edna Dillon Phoenix on September 23, 1929. He passed peacefully in his sleep at home, where he fought to stay until the end, on May 11, 202. Bob was 90 years old.

He was predeceased by his wife of 71 years, Irene B. Phoenix; his brother David D. Phoenix; two grandsons John Robert (Robbie) Phoenix III and Michael Robert Berry. Bob is survived by all four of his children.

Patricia P Berry of Coinjock, NC

John R. Phoenix Jr. (Mary) of Bidwell, Ohio

W. Carlton Phoenix (Nancy) of McLeansville, NC

Pamela M Phoenix (Dee), of Reidsville, NC

Sister, Rebecca P. Porter of Lake Tahoe, Nevada

23 Grandchildren

40 Great Grandchildren

5 Great Great Grandchildren

5 Nieces and nephews on the West Coast

Very early in his life he not only met and married the love of his life but he also discovered what he wanted to do with that life. First came his family and then the open road.

His grandfather was a mule trader and Bob learned to drive moving equipment, hay bales and stalls. Well, that wasn't the only thing he learned. He learned how to barter. His first venture was around the age of ten. His chore that day was to take care of his younger sister, Rebecca. She was in her pram and off they went on a walk around the neighborhood. They soon came upon a gentleman with a fine looking goat. Bob proceeded to trade his sister for that goat. When he returned home with a goat and not his sister, well he learned another lesson. FYI sister was returned safely. In conversation a little bit ago Bob still says he had the better end of that deal.

Back to our Asphalt Cowboy. Bob began delivering milk and bread. He worked for Central Motor Lines for many many years before he bought his first rig and became an independent driver. After his children left home it became a "Mom and Pop plus Dog" operation. Bob and Irene enjoyed their time together crisscrossing the USA. They met

friends from all over as well as visiting family scattered across the the USA. Bob never met a stranger and you learned that if you were in a hurry don't say hello.

Bob and Irene were both active members of the Lighthouse Baptist Church where they enjoyed their time of worship and their faith in God matured and deepen. Bob was known as the "candy man" as he was never without the sweet treats for both the young and young at heart.

The family would like to thank Lighthouse Baptist Church, as well as friends and neighbors, for the prayers, well wishes, the many good deeds and wonderful meals shared during his time of shut-in.

Due to the Coronavirus-19 a private graveside service will be held at Lakeview Memorial Park. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

In lieu of flowers donations to Lighthouse Baptist Church or Hospice would be appreciated.

Thanks to both Hospice and Forbes and Dick for all their help and services during this difficult time.

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“ Sending Love & prayers to Pam & family.



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