



Robert Howard "Bob" Dover

February 17, 1936 - February 24, 2017

Robert Howard "Bob" Dover, 81, of Thebes, died at 8:30AM, Friday, February 24, 2017 at home.

He was born February 17, 1936 in Alexander County, IL, the son of Robert and Ora (Allen) Dover. He married Linda Polk.

Bob retired as a truck driver before that he did factory work in the Rockford area and was a jack of all trades. He was a talented musician playing the guitar and had his own band for 32 years called Bob Dover and The Blue Boys Band. Bob's love of music inspired many of his family and friends to be interested in music too.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Dover of Thebes, son, Jeff Dover of Loves Park, IL; daughters, Bonnie Wallin of Loves Park, IL and Barbara Fuhrer of Eldridge, MO; step-daughters, Virginia of Byron, IL, Bridget of Rockford, Melinda of Elgin and Annette of Rockford; step-sons, Ronald and Neal both of Rockford; 20 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; sisters, Beverly McHarry of Thebes and Dorothy Jones of Collins, MS; brothers, Alfred Dover of Tamms, and Floyd Dover of Charleston, MO; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Lorene Cooper; brothers,

Elroy and Jesse Dover and Jim Rhymer.

Visitation will be from 1:00pm to 3:00pm Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the Crain Funeral Home in Tamms.

Graveside Services will be at 3:30pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at St. John's Cemetery with Rev. Lacie Betts officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Service

FEB 28. 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Howard "Bob" Dover*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Bonnie lit a candle in memory of Robert Howard "Bob" Dover*



Bonnie - February 17, 2022 at 08:44 PM



“ *I played guitar with Bob in the mid to late 70's....one of the "Blue Boys" from "Bob Dover and the Blue Boys". Bob, lead on country songs and vocals, Kevin Brown, lead on rock n roll, Me (Dave Meligan) guitar, Jeff on bass, Johnny Gordon on drums I believe, and Brian Meligan vocals. I miss those days. I met my wife while playing with Bob back in 1979.*

Dave - August 18, 2017 at 03:09 PM



“ *Bill and Sharon Neblock purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert Howard "Bob" Dover.*



Bill and Sharon Neblock - February 27, 2017 at 08:09 PM

PR

“ *Phil & Kerry Rhymer lit a candle in memory of Robert Howard "Bob" Dover*



Phil & Kerry Rhymer - February 27, 2017 at 06:00 AM

JM

“ *Jody Maravilla lit a candle in memory of Robert Howard "Bob" Dover*



Jody Maravilla - February 26, 2017 at 11:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Howard "Bob" Dover.*



February 25, 2017 at 10:02 PM

Melba Fabel

“ *My Mom & Dad played music with Bob. Thats how i met Jeff. Bob was a good father & loved his kids .We used to keep our horses at their farm in Roscoe...Had alot of good times.Im so sorry Jeff,Bonnie & Barbara...Love ,Melba Kramar Fabel*

Melba Fabel - February 25, 2017 at 07:22 PM



“ *My dad loved cookouts and all us kids and grandchildren getting together..He loved planting his garden every year..Loved seeing family..He really loved playing country music, laughing cutting up and helping people when he could.*

My dad had his own band for 32 yrs.

Bob Dover and the Blue Boys Band he played everywhere and was well known.

I can remember us kids playing baseball in the front yard on Willowbrook Rd, Roscoe IL.

Riding horses. Dad taught us so much like music, gardening and hard work pays off.

I'm gonna miss him so much.

RIP dad I hope you're playing country music in Heaven..



Blueyed Mstery - February 25, 2017 at 06:20 PM

BW

“ *My dad:
Always working, always stuff to do, enjoyed country music (Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Buck Owens, Charley Pride, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, Statler Brothers, Alabama,), self taught guitar, loved western movies (heroes John Wayne, Clint Eastwood). Made the best fruit salad ever. Enjoyed his garden. Very straight forward. Hard worker. A fighter. Loved the 4th of July. Loved his family. I remember the horses, the fireworks, the homemade ice cream, Dad & his coffee. We love Brach's Cherry Cordials, lemon meringue pie, watermelon..... ALWAYS with us-You have a better view now. Keep an eye on things. Love you.*



Bonnie Wallin - February 25, 2017 at 04:03 PM