



## Robert Harold Brinkley

April 14, 1944 - April 29, 2022

Robert Harold Brinkley Jr. passed this life on Friday, April 29, 2022 at the age of 78. Graveside services are scheduled for Friday, June 3, at 11 AM at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10-11 AM at Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home.

Robert Harold Brinkley, Jr. was born in Tullahoma, Tennessee, on April 14, 1944. He was the only child of Robert Harold, Sr. and Eleanor Brinkley. To his family and friends in Tullahoma, he was known as Bobby. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and listening to music, especially music by Elvis Presley!

He was graduated from Tullahoma High School in the class of 1962. A search through his yearbook, "Wildcat '62" reveals that he used the phrase/proverb, "For fools rush in where angels fear to tread" alongside his senior class photograph. The Collins Dictionary version of the meaning states "if you say that someone rushes in where angels fear to tread, you are criticizing them gently because they get themselves into dangerous or difficult situations without thinking carefully enough about what they are doing." This begs the question of whether Bobby was "waxing philosophical" or just merely stating the name of one of his favorite Elvis songs?

Bobby graduated from MTSU in 1967 with a major in Biology. Following his BS degree, he was drafted into the US Army where he served two years active duty. From there, he went to Optometry School in Memphis, Tennessee

and obtained a degree. He practiced as an Optician before returning to school, this time to study medicine. He graduated with an MD degree from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis, Tennessee. He then began a specialty in anesthesiology and completed a four-year residency program. He practiced medicine as an anesthesiologist for many years.

He lived in Dallas, Texas, Memphis, Tennessee and Austin, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, and is survived by his long-time partner, Sharron Clare of Austin, and his best friend from childhood, Bob Jernigan of Tullahoma, Tennessee. He also leaves a great number of friends who were fortunate enough to be involved in his life over the years in many various ways.

Online condolences may be made at [www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com). Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

Tullahoma, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home  
401 N Jackson Street  
Tullahoma, TN 37388  
(931) 455-3481

## Graveside Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Oakwood Cemetery  
Tullahoma, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Harold Brinkley*

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM

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*My first love. Cyndee Sue Wooten Lehmann*

**Cyndee Sue Wooten Lehmann** - February 23, 2023 at 08:03 PM

SD

“ *My Condolences go out to Sharron Clare the love of Bob's life!!! Also send my condolences to his friends that had been part of his life since high school days!  
I only met Bob once briefly, thru Sharron Clare, as she is my landlord in Pipe creek, Texas, & I have been leasing from her 17 years!!  
I hope she finds happiness, because losing Bob has really torn her up!!  
They had great love for each other!!  
Sharron took wonderful care of Dr. Robert Brinkley, Jr.  
All our Condolences go out to Sharron Marie Clare Brinkley!!  
With Warm Regards, Suzanne DeSpain in Pipe Creek, Texas  
Johnny J. Sanchez in Bandera, Texas*

**Suzanne DeSpain** - September 29, 2022 at 02:27 PM

BI

“ *Billie lit a candle in memory of Robert Harold Brinkley*



**Billie** - September 01, 2022 at 03:29 AM

AF

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I have known him for many years, since medical school. As mutual friends with Joe and Mickey Pennington and Nancy Auer, we spent a lot of time together over the years, skiing, etc. We will miss Bob especially his sense of humor. Audrey Tuberville Foshee

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**Audrey Foshee** - June 02, 2022 at 04:49 PM