



Robert C. Hardwick

January 16, 1939 - September 2, 2013

Mattoon, IL-Robert C. Hardwick, age 74, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 9:00 p.m., Monday, September 2, 2013, at Mattoon Health Care Center. The funeral service in his honor will begin at 12:00 p.m., Friday, September 6, 2013, at the First Baptist Church, 1804 South Ninth Street, Mattoon, IL, with Reverend Dennis Strawn and Reverend Robert Clark officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the service begins. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Born January 16, 1939, Robert was the son of Robert E. and Betty L. (Shores) Hardwick. Survivors include one sister, Janice Morgan and husband Robert of Toledo, IL; two nephews, Steve Morgan and wife Teri of Neoga, IL, and Jason Morgan and wife Kelly of Mattoon, IL; three nieces, Julie Gerkin and husband Mike of Mattoon, IL, Shelly Scott and husband Mark of Mattoon, IL, and Amy Maninfior and husband Jeff of Mattoon, IL; and great nieces and nephews: Matthew, Molly, Michael, and Michelle Morgan; Jordan, Jacob, Sophie, and Sam Gerkin; Noah Scott; Blake, Nick, and Lily Maninfior; and Nathan and Olivia Morgan. He also leaves his loyal friend and former secretary, Carol Perrie of Leonard Town, Maryland. He was preceded in death by his parents and one niece, Danielle Scott.

Mr. Hardwick was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mattoon and was instrumental in the development of the television ministry program there. Having earned his Master's Degree, he served as the Executive Assistant to the President and Director of Planning for the Prince

George Community College. \r\nRobert enjoyed traveling to Europe and was fond of the opera. \r\n\r\nMemorials in his honor may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research-Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777.\r\n\r\nPlease visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.\r\n

Tribute Wall



“ Robert C. Hardwick

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ I met Mr. Hardwick while I was a student at PGCC, 1992-1995. I was referred to him by a friend who suggested that i meet him for mentoring. Mr. Hardwick certainly turned out to be a great mentor and he assisted me with my transfer applications to 4 year universities. He really went out of his way to help me select classes and get involved in activities at PGCC that would prepare me for university. He wrote me nice recommendation letters and even came with me for campus visits and really did all he could to help. I will always be grateful for his assistance and friendship. RIP Jeff Delgado

JD - April 06, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ Farewell my beloved SIU classmate and life-long friend. Bob and I referred to each other as "Kiddo." We met many moons ago as college freshmen. Later, we both navigated to the Washington, DC area. He was delightful and full of spirit and energy as he willingly shared his gifts and talents with others. I shall miss him. Rest in peace, Kiddo. Lovingly...Bev

Beverly E. Coleman - January 10, 2014 at 02:25 PM

GB

“ Bob was a wonderful colleague of mine and a dear friend to both of us. We have missed having him in the D.C. area. We are so glad that he was able to join us for the Retiree's Luncheon during the 50th Anniversary Celebration at Prince George's Community College.

Gail and Jay Boyar - September 09, 2013 at 07:11 PM

CV

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your brother. Mr. Hardwick was a wonderful man that will be remembered fondly by all that knew him. I have always called him Mr. Hardwick instead of Bob since I met him when I first began working at PGCC at the age of 18. I wish all that work here now could have known him and the wonderful person he was. May your memories comfort your grief. He will be missed by many.

Cindy Varnado - September 05, 2013 at 12:40 PM

ML

“ Bob - I am sorry I did not get a chance to say a final good bye. You were an amazing mentor. Thank you for opening up doors to an amazing life. Michael

Michael Lennon - September 05, 2013 at 04:47 AM

AS

“ Janice and Family,\r\nBob will be missed by his many friends at PGCC. He was the mortar that held the institution together for many years. We worked together as a team and we often told others that we were twins born to different mothers. When he was unable to communicate by telephone, I felt that I had lost a wonderful friend. While he could read the notes, I could not hear his voice. I will truly miss him. Earth is a better planet because Robert C. Hardwick occupied space here. He will be remembered by many.\r\nLove to the family and I look forward to wrapping my arms around you at the funeral services.\r\nAlonia

Alonia Sharps - September 04, 2013 at 09:26 PM

BA

“ Mr. Hardwick was a wonderful and compassionate man. He always had an open door and an open ear. He was always the one who you could pour your heart out to and always made you smile. I have lots of memories of him and will always remember that. Another beautiful angel!

Barbara - September 04, 2013 at 09:14 PM

TP

“ He was a great guy to work for and a great friend. My condolences to all his family and friends. I will miss him. May he rest in peace.

Tina Price - September 04, 2013 at 01:52 PM

CW

“ I first met Bob 50 years ago this month and we formed a friendship that lasted 50 years. Sports and higher education were our common interests. We shared New Years Day bowl games for almost 25 years. He was a true and loyal friend and the best higher ed administrator I ever met. His concern for students and their welfare could not be matched. Space does not permit me to relate the events, the games, and the laughs we shared. I cherish those memories. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Charles "Tot" Woolston - September 03, 2013 at 10:15 PM