

Robert Barclay (Bob) McElroy | Obituary

obituaries.corsicanadailysun.com/obituary/robert-barclay-bob-mcelroy-1083068081



Text size

Robert Barclay (Bob) McElroy, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, coach and friend died peacefully on August 15, 2021 at the age of 89.

Bob was born on April 10, 1932 in Norman, Oklahoma to Barclay and Ruby (Jacobs) McElroy.

Bob discovered a love of sports at an early age. Though small in stature, he was big in heart and his determination, coupled with his natural abilities, proved successful. He played running back and quarterback at Alex High and running back at East Central State University in Ada, Oklahoma.

Bob married his high school sweetheart, Virginia (Beanie) Ingenthron, in 1952. Together they had four children: Robbi Stewart (Austin), Pete McElroy (Terry), Radona Thompson (Keith) and Sam McElroy (Val); 11 grandchildren: Kristi (Jim), Wesley (Christine), Jesse (Dianna), Byron, Kodi (Josh), Nathan (Laura), Daniel (Adriana), Sarah (Gareth), Tyler (Christina), Ryan, and Madie; 11 great grandchildren: Brooke, Harper, Hudson, Keela, Wyatt, Ainsley, Milo, Eric, Asher, Tony, and Jones with another on the way in November.

Bob and Beanie moved with their family to Corsicana in 1968. Bob coached first at Corsicana High and later moved on to Navarro College as Defensive Coordinator. He became Head Coach at Navarro in 1986 and served in that capacity until retiring in 1993 with a record of 62-16-3. Under his leadership, the Navarro Bulldogs won the NJCAA Football National Championship in 1989. Bob's impact on students and players throughout his career is evident in the number of those who continued to stay in contact through visits, phone calls, cards and letters.

Bob was inducted into the NJCAA Football Hall of Fame in 2002 and was an inaugural inductee into the Navarro College Hall of Fame in 2019. He received many awards and accolades throughout his career but if you were to ask him, he would say his greatest

achievements were his children.

Bob is preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, his brothers Jack and Mike, and his son-in-law Austin. He is survived by a host of family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angelman Syndrome Foundation, St. Jude's Hospital and Navarro College Foundation/Nursing, 3200 W. 7th Ave., Corsicana, TX 75110. Robbi, Pete, Radona and Sam have been beyond blessed to have Bob and Beanie as their parents and are happy the football captain and homecoming queen are together again. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Northside Baptist Church with Daniel Harper officiating. Bob was adamant about mask wearing during these uncertain times. We ask that his wishes be honored during the service.

To plant a tree in memory of Robert Barclay (Bob) McElroy, please visit [Tribute Store](#).
Published on August 20, 2021



[Plant a Living Memorial](#)

In Memory of Robert Barclay (Bob)

Funeral Arrangements by

Corley Funeral Home

[Get directions](#)