



## Robert Mabry Dalton

September 11, 1949 - November 18, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

At the age of 74, Robert Dalton passed away Saturday morning, November 18, 2023, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, Mississippi.

The family will receive friends on April 13, 2024, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the family home.

Robert Mabry Dalton was born on September 11, 1949, in Fort Worth, Texas. He attended Burnet High School in Burnet, Texas and graduated from Mary Carroll High School in Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1969 and served in the US Air Force from 1973 to 1977. Using the GI Bill to finish college, Bob earned a Bachelor's degree and teaching certificate from Texas A&I (now Texas A&M-Kingsville). He taught middle and high school science from 1983-2002 in San Antonio and Poteet, Texas, where he served as a 4H leader, Poteet Rotary member, and President of the Rossville Historical Association. In 2007, he moved to Oxford, Mississippi, with Ellen, where he taught biology and earth science at Oxford High School and Learning Center. Bob devoted his life to teaching, as well as sharing his generous heart, wisdom, and good humor with anyone in need. A beloved member of the community, every outing involved socializing with those he knew, and putting a smile on the faces of those he didn't. He was adored and remembered by many students and

individuals whose lives he touched. His hobbies included cooking amazing food, throwing tennis balls for his Golden Retrievers, traveling, and watching the sunrise on the front porch with his wife and a cup of coffee. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, students and those who knew him.

Bob and Ellen Foster, his wife of 16 years, lived in Abbeville, Mississippi, with their daughter-by-choice Micaela Melendez and her children Oliver (7) and Lilian (2), and two Golden Retrievers, Merlin and Sarah. He is also survived by two sons - James (Jacqueline King) of Lockhart, Texas; and Michael (Kristin Darling) and grandson Dorian (17) of San Antonio, Texas; and first wife Karin Woodward Dalton of Lockhart, Texas; three brothers, a sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Merrill Dalton and Rosalie Mabry Dalton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the University of Mississippi School of Education endowment/award for science education (<https://umfoundation.com/rmd>) or a local charity of choice.

The Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford staff is honored to serve the family as they walk through this challenging season of life.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends

APR 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Family Home

# Tribute Wall

VL

“ *A beloved best friend/brother to my Father and a great man in general. Tree will be missed dearly by all those who knew him. My prayers are with all who's lives he touched as there are many who mourn this great loss.*



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**Vanessa Lamb-Eskridge** - November 24, 2023 at 09:50 PM

DL

“ *Share a memory,that would be a tuff one met Robert when he moved to Corpus Christi,spent many hours at his parents home,,lake place in Burnet was loved by litery hundreds,he was my best friend for 54 years smartest man I ever knew,brother,mentor,big hearted giant of a man,we called Tree for many years  
I was blessed,to be with him Sept 17th thr the 21st.Fishing I On the 18th,then two months later on 18th.Call I never thought possible  
Ellen was his life. Daniel Lamb C.C  
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**Daniel Lamb** - November 24, 2023 at 09:33 PM

BL

“ I loved Bob Dalton from the moment I met him. He was a gentle soul with a heart as big as his home state of Texas. He made me laugh when I was desperately in need of laughter and he made me feel valued as a teacher every time we talked. His warm hug and big smile made a whole lot of days better. I loved watching him interact with students. He could take the measure of a hot-headed teenager and know just what to say and do to defuse a potential explosion. I admired him and loved him more than I can say, and I am so glad that he and Ellen had 16 years of love and happiness together. Much love to you, Ellen, and to all of Bob’s friends and family. I know you will miss him.

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**Barbara Lowe** - November 21, 2023 at 06:00 PM

JM

“ I taught next to Bob Dalton at Oxford High School and attended St. Peter's with Bob. It did not take me long to see how he treated our students and teachers. Bob was incredibly gracious and overly generous. He wanted to see the best in all people. Children took such a liking to him. Big Bob Dalton from Texas! He had a giant personality-it was contagious. He was someone I looked up to as a man and mentor. That smile never ceased, even on the tough days. I send my warmest prayers and kindest regards.

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**John Mistilis** - November 21, 2023 at 04:39 PM

RM

“ I have known Robert and Ellen for several years and my heart is broken for your loss. He always brought a smile to my face . He will be greatly missed.

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**Rebecca Moore** - November 21, 2023 at 11:02 AM

AF

“ So much love to Ellen and her family during this challenging time. The love you felt for Bob radiated off of you - he will be missed. You are loved.

Angelika Wahl and family - November 21, 2023 at 07:56 AM

DS

“ I am Robert's sister Dana (DeDe) . I adored Robert from the 1st day mother brought him home from the hospital just a few days before my 3rd birthday. We played together, fished together, explored the world together. He was my best friend. He was always there for me and my family. My kids loved Uncle Robbie so much. He was funny, kind, and thoughtful. He was fiercely loyal to those he loved. I am so thankful he had Ellen in his life as she made him so happy. And his latter years were brightened by his "daughter" and her two children. Robert loved kids and they knew it. He cared not one drop what color or nationality or religion they were. They were kids and he cared. The world will be a darker place without him. I loved him so much! My heart goes out to Ellen.



May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Dana Dalton Burke Stoba - November 21, 2023 at 01:37 AM

RJ

“ I am Roberts older Brother in Texas. Having known him his whole life, He had been a brother and a dear friend. I am still in shock as at his passing.however:  
Life deals strange hands, it is Gods way. We mourn now we are of the Understanding that life is hard but his soul is now in a better place in the arms of our lord Jesus Christ who sacrificed himself so we would have everlasting life.

Richard Merrill Dalton, jr - November 20, 2023 at 05:42 PM

RD

“ I met Bob in the company of his wife, Ellen, just six weeks ago. I spent seven days in their company, in Iceland. I was charmed by Bob; this wasn't a surprise because I've know Ellen for five years and she had spoken of him so often. I am so grateful that I knew him, even for a short time. I will miss him. Blessing on his family, and his friends.

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**REBECCA L DODGE** - November 20, 2023 at 01:09 PM