



Robert Eugene Chaffee

March 8, 1942 - January 14, 2026

Robert “Bob” Eugene Chaffee, affectionately known as “Chaf,” was born to Earl Wayne Chaffee and Eleanor Ethelyn Hasseburg Chaffee Edens on March 8, 1942, in Ochelata, Oklahoma. At the age of two, they lost Earl Wayne in a tragic accident, and Robert “Chub” Edens became the only father Bob knew. Bob was raised and attended school in Wann, Copan and Barnsdall, and was the valedictorian of the Dewey Bulldogger class of 1960. That summer, he married his high school sweetheart, Frances Carol Blenden, who became the mother of his four children.

After high school, he began a 38-year career at Phillips 66 Petroleum Company, where his natural gift for computers opened doors of opportunity in the budding computer programming field. He quickly moved from delivering computer mail into technical programming and then systems programming, where the technical elite worked on the operating systems of the mainframe computers. He was a pioneer in communication systems to connect remote computers. Retiring from there in 1998, “Chaf” continued to lead a very active life and enjoyed a wide range of sports and hobbies including: hunting, fishing, tennis, fast-pitch softball, waterskiing, golf and archery. He rode and worked on motorcycles alongside his younger brother Tony Chaffee. In fact, Bob was well known for being able to fix just about anything.

On May 19, 2002, he married his country and western dance partner, Mary

Alice McWhorter Epperson and gained 3 adult Epperson children. Bob and Mary Alice enjoyed traveling in their RV and were active members of their church communities together.

During his life, Bob loved to read and study the Bible, and collected many different translations. He and Mary Alice loved to attend Bible conferences together. Bob was always ready for Biblical theology or eschatology discussion with anyone interested. He even led his younger brother, Tony to salvation.

He was an avid sports fan; playing basketball, coaching softball, cheering for his favorite football teams (Dallas Cowboys, OU and OSU). Some of his favorite moments included cheering on his children and grandchildren at their sports competitions.

Preceded in death by his parents and sisters Roberta Seagraves, Helen "Pete" Woody, Anita Dyer.

Survived by wife of 23 years, Mary Alice Epperson Chaffee, his children Lisa Lippert (Troy), Viki Chaffee Hanke (Terry), Bobby Chaffee (Kerri), Gena Hobbs (Nick), his Epperson children, Lori Shelton (Rick), Mike Epperson, Julie Gee (Shawn).

Grandchildren Mathew Burnett, Meagan Novak, Ben Burnett, Erica Lippert, Riley Hobbs, Brooks Hobbs, Keiralise Hobbs, Taryn Chaffee, Averi Chaffee, Harper Chaffee, Kyllee Perdomo, Korrie Moore, Taylor Moos, Brody Gee, Austin Epperson, Abbie Anderson, Doug Shelton, Bryan Shelton, Kenny Shelton, and Robert Shelton.

Brothers, Tony Chaffee (Glenda), Howard "Doc" Edens (Patrica), Bill Edens (Jerry), and sister, Ann Chaney. Hosts of very dear nieces and nephews,

cousins, great grandchildren, friends, and his golf crew, “The Dorks”.

Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Dewey Cemetery

HWY 75 North
Dewey, OK 74029

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-7665
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Family and Friends Gathering

JAN 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-7665
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

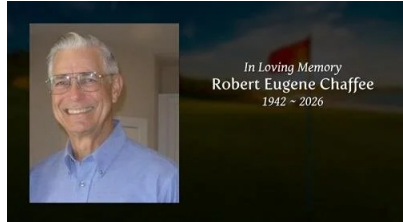
JAN 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-7665
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

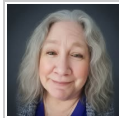
Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Eugene Chaffee*



Davis Family Funeral Home - January 20 at 01:46 PM



That was a beautiful tribute video. We are praying for you.

Stacy Lynn - January 29 at 01:56 AM

AR

“ *Dear Mary Alice and Bob's family, Andy Reese, my late husband, and Bob were best friends. We nearly always paid Bob a visit when we were in OK. When they were a bit younger, they played tennis. In recent years we would have lunch and lots of conversation. Andy considered Bob a brother. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a good man.*
Alice Reese

Alice Reese - January 21 at 08:21 PM



Thank you, I remember a few Andy Reese stories. ❤️

Gena Hobbs - January 28 at 11:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Eugene Chaffee.



January 20 at 01:43 PM



“ Legacy Christian School Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Eugene Chaffee.

Legacy Christian School Staff - January 20 at 01:43 PM



“ The Delehanty Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Eugene Chaffee.



The Delehanty Family - January 20 at 08:59 AM



“ Brandon and Kari Revard purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert Eugene Chaffee.



Brandon and Kari Revard - January 20 at 12:20 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert Eugene Chaffee.*



January 19 at 11:27 PM



“ *Love Misty Connell and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Eugene Chaffee.*

Love Misty Connell and family. - January 19 at 11:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Eugene Chaffee.*



January 19 at 11:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Eugene Chaffee.*



January 19 at 10:54 PM

OF

“ O’Donnell Family purchased the Simply Elegant *Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert Eugene Chaffee.



O’Donnell Family - January 19 at 10:43 PM

GR

“ Bob was one of the first people to welcome me to PPCO in 1966; we were in the same programming group and he kindly showed me the ins and outs of computing politics. We became friends both at work and with our families; we played on the Programmers softball team; and the intramural basketball teams; both of us were very competitive which caused some issues with the officials. Bob was a gifted athlete and played all sports very well; later he picked up golf; he maintained his fitness until he became ill. He showed me how to bass fish on Lake Hudson and we fished all the area lakes; He had a ski boat and our families enjoyed water skiing on Sunset and Hulah. I will miss that great smile and sincere friendship. Michelle, Kevin and I offer our sincere condolences to Mary and the Chaffee children: Lisa, Vickie, Bobby, and Gina. Rest in peace, Chaf, I love you, Re (the nickname he gave me).

Gary Reheis - January 19 at 07:09 PM

GH

Thank you. We have such sweet memories of the Reheis family. Dad loved you too! He did good picking his friends and we are so thankful for the long and loyal friendship between the two of you. ❤️

Gena Hobbs - January 20 at 09:06 AM



Thank you, Gary. I have so many memories of your friendship with Dad through the years. I remember when we'd go to your house he'd tease me that we needed to taste the glass grapes on your coffee table. ❤️

Lisa Lippert - January 20 at 11:22 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Eugene Chaffee.*



January 19 at 06:02 PM



“ *Deborah H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Eugene Chaffee.*

Deborah H. - January 19 at 02:37 PM



“ *My family (Bert & Lola Lucas) had years of history and memories with the Chaffee boys and their family. When we moved back here our son and Robert's son became best friends and have kept the strong friendship through the years. We send deep feelings of sympathy and comfort to the Chaffee families as you remember many special times.*

Norita Martin - January 19 at 11:28 AM



Thank you so much. ❤️

Gena Hobbs - January 20 at 09:08 AM



Thank you.

Lisa Lippert - January 20 at 11:30 AM

LW

“ Bob and my family have friends for over fifty years and during that time shared more memories than one can comprehend. We played softball, fished most rivers and lakes in the area, golfed most public courses in a hundred-mile radius and even skied in Colorado a few times. During all of those activities he was always the same, laughing, smiling a joy to be around. Please accept my families most sincere condolences He was more than a friend or buddy; he was like a brother. Our prayers are with the the Chaffee family. L. D. Williams and family

Larry Williams - January 18 at 03:45 PM

GH

Thank you so much. ❤️

Gena Hobbs - January 20 at 09:09 AM



Thank you, L.D.

Lisa Lippert - January 20 at 11:33 AM

MM

“ So many happy memories of Bobby from family reunions, and thankful that we were able to gather recently. Even though he was in bad health at that time, he still had his sweet, gentle spirit and a huge smile on his face. Please accept sincere condolences from the Hasseberg, Montgomery, and Dunning families, and know that we keeping you in our prayers! 🙏❤️ Mary (Hasseberg) Montgomery

Mary Montgomery - January 17 at 04:51 PM

GH

Thank you so much. ❤️

Gena Hobbs - January 20 at 09:10 AM



You are so right, Mary. He always enjoyed the family reunions. Thank you! ❤️

Lisa Lippert - January 20 at 11:45 AM

KS

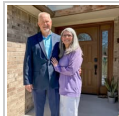
“ To all Bobby's family: I am so sorry. I will always remember Bobby for his kindness and friendship. And, it was like watching Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire to watch he and Mary Alice dance. We loved our many years of fellowship being part of Two-Steppers and J and P Dance Club. I will always cherish his friendship and the special memories of our times together.

Kathy Seigel - January 17 at 11:41 AM

GH

Thank you so very much. ❤️

Gena Hobbs - January 20 at 09:11 AM



Thank you.

Lisa Lippert - January 20 at 11:46 AM