



## Robert Ellis Koch

September 25, 1947 - January 29, 2016

Robert “Bob” Ellis Koch, age 68 of Oklahoma City, passed away in his home Friday, January 29, after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 25, 1947, to the late Roy and Martha Koch of Beggs.

Bob graduated from Beggs High School in 1965. Because he had transferred to Beggs from Nathan Hale High School, many of his friends gave him the nickname “Nathan”. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Physics from Northeastern State University in 1976. Bob went on to retire from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service. During his time in the military, he completed two tours in Vietnam.

Bob had many passions: OU football, severe weather, fireworks, trains, and his five granddaughters, who affectionately called him Papa. He spent many evenings and weekends watching t-ball and softball games and tournaments, always volunteering to go show the coaches how to do their job.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Mrs. Melba Koch; son Richard Koch and wife Julie of Wiesbaden, Germany; daughter Melanie Willis and husband Chris of Moore, Oklahoma; grandchildren Addison Willis, Kailee Willis, Kennedy Willis, Bryce Cooley, and Devyn Willis; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and sister Vicki.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 3, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 4, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Beggs. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday

at First Baptist Church of Beggs with Rev. Chris Gore officiating. The interment will follow at the Beggs Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Beggs Cemetery

West Hwy 16  
Beggs, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs  
205 West Main  
PO Box 750 (for mail)  
Beggs, OK 74421  
(918) 267-4444  
info@mcclendon-winters.com  
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

## Viewing

FEB 4. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs  
205 West Main  
PO Box 750 (for mail)  
Beggs, OK 74421  
(918) 267-4444  
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## Funeral Service

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FEB 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Beggs  
110 W. 5th ST.  
Beggs, OK 74421

# Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Ellis Koch*



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - February 04, 2016 at 11:21 AM



“ *Robert Ellis Koch*

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December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this. Knew his family most of my life. Deepest sympathies to all his family.*

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**Vicki Brose** - February 04, 2016 at 12:35 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. Larry loved sitting with Bob at the OU games and talking football with him. Bob was a special person and will be missed by all of us that had the privilege of knowing him. Our thoughts and prayers for your family. Love and hugs, Larry and Teyna McMackin*

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**larry mcmackin** - February 04, 2016 at 10:22 AM

LC

“ *Linda Crook lit a candle in memory of Robert Ellis Koch*



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**Linda Crook** - February 03, 2016 at 10:45 PM

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“ *I am so glad Robert was able to come to our 50th Class Reunion. It was so good to see him after all those years. I am so sorry for your loss and Prayers of comfort to your beautiful family.*

*Nancy and Richard Harmon*

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**Nancy Harmon** - February 03, 2016 at 09:04 PM

LF

“ *Linda Fultz lit a candle in memory of Robert Ellis Koch*



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**Linda Fultz** - February 03, 2016 at 08:27 AM



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - February 03, 2016 at 08:26 AM

RK

“ *RIP Brother. Thoughts & Prayers with family.*

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**Robert Kellington** - February 02, 2016 at 06:19 PM

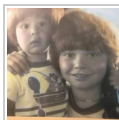


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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - February 02, 2016 at 01:56 PM



*That photo is so Bob...God's comfort to the family and many prayers for all of you..*

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**Kathryn Bell** - February 02, 2016 at 07:07 PM

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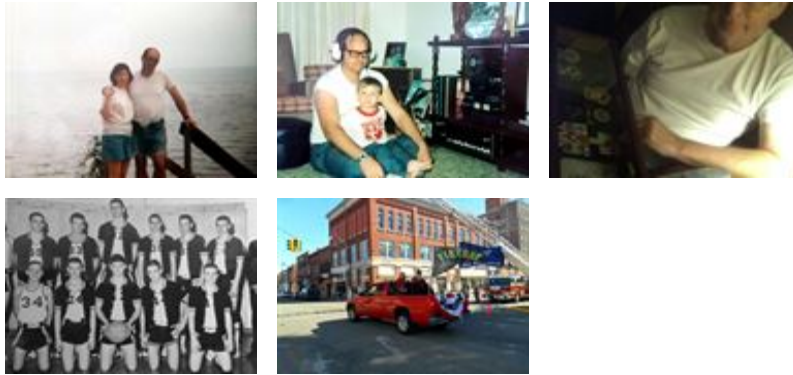
“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I have fond memories of him good-naturedly teasing me when I was in high school & considering me his daughter's "twin" during that time. He was a huge cheerleader of us cheerleaders & softball players. Melba, Richard, & Melanie, my thoughts are with you.



Cindi (Adkins) Bergman - February 02, 2016 at 01:12 PM



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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - February 02, 2016 at 12:05 PM