

James Robert Boren Obituary

June 14, 1950 - February 27, 2008

The funeral service of Chief Bob Boren, 57, of Albany, Georgia who died Wednesday, February 27, 2008 will be conducted at 11 AM Saturday at Kimbrell-Stern. The Rev. Walter Flint, Dr. Andy Goode both of Albany will officiate the service. Chief Don Cheek will give the Eulogy. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Born June 14, 1950 in Hopkinsville, Kentucky and a Macon, Georgia native, he was a graduate of Mark Smith High School in Macon. After graduation he joined the United States Marine Corps and was attached to Naval Security Group. He started his law enforcement career with the Bibb County Sheriff's Department, then moving his family to Albany in 1988 to become the Assistant Police Chief for seventeen years. In 2004 he was appointed Interim Chief. Chief Boren retired in March of 2006 after serving thirty-three years in law enforcement. He then returned to work with Beauchamp Law Firm as Chief Investigator and Law Firm Administrator. Chief Boren received a Criminal Justice Degree from Macon College and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice at Brenau University in Gainesville, Georgia and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Georgia. Chief Boren was a graduate from the F.B.I. National Academy / Session 148 and was professionally involved with the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Georgia Chapter FBI-Na Associates, International Association Chiefs of Police, International Association Bomb Technicians and Investigators, SOWEGA Sheriff's and Police Intelligence Unit, Chairman 1993, Georgia Police Accreditation

Coalition, Chairman 1991, Peace Officers Association of Georgia, Fraternal Order of Police, Albany Chapter, Police Benevolent Association, Flint River Chapter, U.S. Attorney's Local Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee and Georgia State Intelligence Network. Chief Boren was involved with charitable organizations. He was a member of the Dougherty County Rotary Club, Board of Directors, Albany-Dougherty Historic Preservation Commission, March of Dimes, Greater Sowega Division, Chairman, Albany Association of Retarded Citizens, Board of Directors, Boy's Club of Albany, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries of South Georgia, Inc., Board of Directors, Leadership Albany Class of 1989-1990, Dougherty County Child Abuse Task Force, Extended Day Care Program, Board of Directors, Liberty House of Albany, Board of Directors, Leadership Albany Alumni Association, Board of Directors, Dixie Youth Baseball National League, Board of Directors, The Walter H. Burt American Legion, Post 30 Executive Board and The Lily Pad, Board of Directors. Pallbearers are Mickey Pearce, Hayes Cook, Ty Solis, Foy Shemwell, Gregg Creech, Barry Townsend, Tim Hannington and Jimmy Jones. Honorary Pallbearers are all Law Enforcement Officers. Surviving within his loving family include his wife, Priscilla Rackley Boren, son, James Beaumont "Beau" Boren and his wife Melissa of Macon, daughter, Amanda Faith Shiver of Pelham, son, Rackley Thomas Boren of Atlanta, grandchildren: Jordan Bryce Pollock, Anthony Eugene Hutto, Harley Kathryn Boren, Jacob Bradley Boren and Abigale Marie Boren, brother, Thomas Garner Boren and his wife Patricia of Atlanta, mother-in law, Nelle Kathryn Rackley of Camilla. Honorary family: Bob Beauchamp, Brocky Brock, Larry Clark, Larry Cook, Gene Drew, Ken Hodges, Russell McDonald, George Negrea, Blake Raney, Bill Snowden and Mrs. Imanell Gable. He was preceded in death his parents, Virgie Witherspoon Boren and James Ollie Boren, a son, Robert Bradley "Brad" Boren and a brother, Joel Abner Boren. The family will receive friends from 6 PM until 8 PM Friday at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors. Those desiring, please make memorials to The Lily Pad, P.O. Box 467, Albany, GA 31702. You may sign the online guest book and share your own thoughts and

memories with the family of Bob by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dougherty County Police Chief Don Cheeks, Sheriff Eddie Fairbanks & Detroit Blue Pigs Police Chief Tinisha Fairbanks*

Sheriff Eddie Fairbanks - November 19, 2025 at 06:00 PM



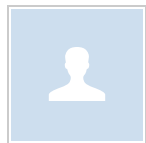
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“ *Bob (and Priscilla) were wonderful friends to us. He treated us like family. We will always have wonderful memories of both Bob and his family. We will miss you Bob. All of our love. Semper Fi.*

Bruce and Mary

Bruce and Mary Nickle - March 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU.

FRANKY AND WANDA SCOTT - March 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Chief Boren was an excellent leader, mentor, and person. He will never be forgotten by the law enforcement officers who served under him and with him. May God bless the family. Go with God Chief.

J.D. Bullington - March 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ A GOOD MAN HAS GONE TO REST FROM THIS LIFE BUT HAS GONE TO LIVE WITH OUR FATHER FOREVER. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH HIS FAMILY, THE MEMORY AND GOOD TIMES WILL LIVE IN HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT FAMILY FOREVER. GOD BLESS ALL OF US.

DUNCAN MATTHEWS - March 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My deepest sympathies are with the family of Chief Boren. Chief Boren was an outstanding leader who understood how to lead by example. His character was certainly one of his greatest aspects. He will be sorely missed by me, but I will be forever grateful for the caring and positive leadership he provided for the members of the APD. Thank you for uniting our agency and helping us to realize that no matter how small our individual roles are, they are important to the overall mission and were valuable to you. Rest in God's unchanging hands Chief.

Marlene

Marlene Ramsey - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I rode patrol with Bob when he was with the Bibb County Sheriff's Office. He was a good officer and loved the job. Tried to tell Priscilla not to marry him when they first met, but you just can't get past love. After all these years I'm glad she didn't listen. We will miss Bob. I'll never forget him volunteering to be shot in the chest with a beanbag. Crazy, but that was just the way he was and it never really changed. He loved life and we loved him for it. Our prayers will be with the family. Didn't get to see him often over the past few years, but considered him my friend. Thanks for the memories.

Jimmy Allen - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ the family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parrish wish to express our deepest sympathies for your loss.

Laurie Parrish - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I KNEW BOB AS BOB NOT ASST CHIEF OR CHIEF. I WORK IN THE BIBB COUNTY JAIL WITH HIM AS ASST. JAILER'S AS WE WERE CALLED IN 1973. I WORK RADIO, PATROL WITH HIM. IN JAN 1981 WE WAS TRANSFERRED TO CID THE SAME DAY AND ASSIGNED AS PARTNERS. WE WORKED MANY HOURS TOGETHER SOLVED MURDERS NOBODY EVERY THOUGHT COULD BE SOLVED. I NEVER WORRIED ABOUT MY BACK BECAUSE I KNEW BOB WAS THERE AND WOULD HAVE DIED FOR ME BEFORE ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN TO ME. I COULD GO ON ON WITH WITH WAR STORIES ABOUT CASES WE WORKED. HE WAS CLOSER THAN MY OWN BROTHERS TO ME. IN THE EARLY 80'S HE NAMED HIMSELF THE GADFLY WHICH WE ALWAYS KIDDED HIM ABOUT. HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY BUT NEVER FOREGOTTEN. WE LOVE YOU BOB AND MAY YOU BE WITH GOD.

MIKE SMALLWOOD - March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time in your lives, may the gracious Lord above calm your fears and ease your pain. Bob was an exceptional person as I remember his instructional gifts. He was an instructor when I attended Police Mandate in 1982. He touched so many with the love and dedication he lived during his career. A Good Man...*

Lt. Denise A. McDaniel - March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Bob, it was sorrowful to learn of your passing. You made an impression and will be missed. I am proud to have had the opportunity to walk along side you for a short while on our journey here and there will always be that warm touch in my heart for you and yours. We will walk alongside again and reminence. God is good and God Bless you and yours.

Leo Harrison - March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I think of Bob with great fondness. He was dear and helpful to me when I was a member of the Albany Drug Unit. He was very supportive in the fight against Underage Drinking, in which I was the grant coordinator for the APD Grant. He will be greatly missed.

Tracy S. King - March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Bob was our childhood friend as well as adult friend and we had many fun times. He was a great person. Our hearts go out to his family today and the days ahead. Bob is at peace now, free of pain and smiles down on all of us. Let us all remember him with love.
Martha Griffin Kitchens & Ronny Kitchens

Martha Griffin Kitchens Ronny Kitchens - March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Bobby was a good friend and wonderful person. He will be sorely missed by all his friends in law enforcement.
May God bless his family richly with His presence.

Johnny E. Wilkes, Jr. - March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Priscilla, Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Adayna Broome - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EQ

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your famieyl. may God bless you.

Emma B. Quimbley-Coroner

Emma B. Quimbley - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I grew up with Bob and joined the Marine Corps with him. He was always someone you could count on. I will always remember "The Big Guy". SEMPER FI MARINE .

David Matthews - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ I had the opportunity to work with Chief and grew to respectve him very much. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May he rest in piece with the angels up above.

Annette Kiep - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Priscilla and family:
What a loss we feel today at
the death of Bob Boren! He
was a great man...totally dedicated to his family, to his community
and to making
Albany a better place to live. I won't forget him as
a coach to my grandson, Jay
Funderburk.....Jay KNEW that
'coach Boren' believed in him
and wanted to do his best for
'coach'.....We will all miss
him and want you to know you
are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Patsy Martin - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO EACH OF YOU IN YOUR TIME OF
SORROW. BOB WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL MAN AND WE
HAVE ENJOYED SEEING HIM AND TALKING WITH HIM WHEN
WE WOULD SEE HIM AT LEGION GAMES. HE WAS ALWAYS
SMILING AND COACHING THE KIDS FROM THE STANDS AND
GIVING THEM WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. HE WAS THE
KIDS GREATEST CHEERLEADER. HE WILL BE GREATLY
MISSED. TO PRISCILLA AND RACKLEY AND THE FAMILY...HOW
PROUD YOU MUST BE OF A GREAT HUSBAND AND FATHER!
WE PRAY FOR YOU AND HOPE YOU WILL HAVE PEACE AND
COMFORT IN YOUR TIME OF LOSS.
JOE, SHERRI & CORY CARTWRIGHT*

SHERRI CARTWRIGHT - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Jeff, Renee, Matt and Lacey Cato - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I worked with him at APD for many years and admired his professionalism. If I met him in the hallway, he always had a smile and a kind word. He will be missed.

Tamara Piercey - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Bob was a great man in his professional and personal life. I appreciate all the work he did within the community. I also appreciate his efforts on behalf of the Lily Pad. I will miss his positive influence and attitude, but know he is now in a better place.

Miranda Crissinger - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Priscilla, nothing is harder than losing a loved one. Take strength in your memories and have faith in tomorrow. Faith, family and friends will help heal your loss. Those of us who knew him in Macon will cherish the memories of a wonderful, fun, loving friend who was always there when needed. May God bless you and your family.

Tina W. (Baggarly) Pratt - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ I played baseball under Coach Boren for Post 30 for several years. Coach Bob mad a lasting impact on my life. I had just lost my Dad to lung cancer & I lost a sister in a car wreck a few years previous. When Coach Bob found out about that he told me that he had lost a son. He told me that when someone dies and are no longer physically with us that you keep their memory alive in your heart and never forget them. Every time I would go up to bat his signal to me would be a pat on his chest over his heart. Reminding me that my Dad and my sister were in my heart to make proud. Coach Bob I know you are free of pain in the glory of God with my Dad and sister....But your memory, guidance and goodness will live in my heart forever. Rest in Peace Coach Bob. Ms Priscilla, Rackley and Family remember all of the good times you had together and this will get you thru this difficult time.
Love,
Blake

Blake Owens - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. He will be missed by many.

Rocky and Dawn Stone - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Bob was a fine man and his loss is felt by many. Priscilla, you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dawn Hobby - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Chief Michael Peacock - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ My heart goes out to the Boren family for their loss. May God bless you and give you strength during this time of sorrow. I always liked and admired Bob, even though at times we had our difference. Bob, you will be missed.

Bob Prickett - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Chief Boren was a great leader who knew how to inspire his troops. Those of us who had the honor to work under his command would have walked through fire for him.

Although he didn't get the credit he deserved, he was the person who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure we received the pay raise we deserved.

"Eternal rest grant to him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

Angel Bradford - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ When Bob was working for Bibb Co. S.O., he was one of my training officers when I attended the Police Academy. He was a great mentor and I am thankful for his guidance. I will keep his immediate family, as well as his law enforcement family, in my prayers.

Vanessa Stephenson Wall - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Bob - You were a brother in arms, a mentor, a sounding board - but most all you were a friend. We've traveled a bunch of roads together through the last 20 years - there've been some bumps in them - but the great thing was that we always seemd to end up at the same place - and that was on a common ground doing what we both thought was right. I'll remember the countless cups of coffee, the stresses of deadlines and getting a job done, lunches at the Kwickie, the GSIN trips, the drop in and shoot the breeze times, and too many more to name. Most of all I will remember your energy, your strength (the stubborness too!!), and the fact that I am a better man for having worked with you. I owe you a lot - and I'll miss you. Go with God!

Don Cheek - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *Godspeed Bob, Robert Edwards*

Robert Edwards - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the Boren family in your loss. Also to law enforcement who lost a dedicated officer. May God give you strength and peace during this difficult time.*

Rita Brown Cline - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *Please accept my condolences on the loss of your beloved husband. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and the city of Albany.*

Thomas Neal - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Our son Herbert Rambo, who now lives in Minnesota ,was a police officer under Mr. Boren in the 90's . He always spoke very highly of him. We send our deepest sympathy to the family

Mrs. Herbert Rambo - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ You will be missed, God bless.

George Camp - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Chief Boren was a great mentor to me just as he was to other members of APD. I will be forever grateful for his leadership and guidance. He has been missed at APD since his retirement by those of us that worked with him. He will continue to be missed in future years. I pray for strength and comfort for his family during this time. Rest in peace Chief, we will never forget you.

Jim Brackin - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My prayers are with you & your family, Ms. Bowen. I rode the school bus with Bobby & Tommy. I graduated from Lassester High School next to Mark Smith. You never forget the faces & names of people in your youth. Again, remembering you in my prayers. (478) 746-0066. 3478 Franklinton Rd., Dry Branch, GA (Steve & Jance)

Janice (Brantley) Hortman - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *They are not long, the days of wine and roses: Out of a misty dream
Our path emerges for a while, then closes within a dream.
To Bob's Family, my prayers for your comfort as you grieve. The
times you had with him will live on as wonderful memories, as well
as for everyone who knew him; he will be missed. One of a kind, all
know we've lost a diamond. May he rest in peace beside Brad.*

Joann Walker Boren Corley - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Priscilla, we just wanted you to know we are so sorry for your loss
and are remembering you in our prayers.*

*Donald & Annetta Williams
Rhonda Grant Graham & Family*

Rhonda Grant Graham - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *We will miss Bob and we send our strength to ALL of you.*

*When we needed moral support a few years ago Bob and Priscilla
were there for us. You both have been very kind, caring, and special
human beings.*

With love and respect,

Hugh, Lela and Zak

Dr's Hugh and Lela Phillips - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF A FRIEND AND FELLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.
OUR HEARTS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU DURING THIS TIME AND MAY GOD WATCH OVER YOU.
SINCERELY, JOE AND KAREN
THAMES

JOE AND KAREN THAMES - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ We extend our sympathy to Priscilla, Rackley and family. May God bless and comfort each of you in the coming weeks and months. Bob was a remarkable individual who did so much for this city and community. We appreciate the qualities of his professionalism in his job and for his dedication and love for his family.

Carol and Tommy York - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Bob,
Our thoughts are with you now as you are with our dearest family members, my mom, daddy daddy...eat, drink and be merry..for all of your accomplishments on earth and many more to come as an angel to your family....sincerely, Jennifer Henderson Rodriguez, Bernardo Rodriguez Altamonte Springs Police Department, Jazmyne and Alexa Joy Rodriguez...we love you Patti, Mark and Tyler

jennifer and bernardo rodriguez - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Bob was a good man for Albany. Not only from a professional standard, but from waht he gave of his time and talents for indiviuals with special needs. We will miss him.*

Bud Greco - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Deep sorrow to the family.
I am so sorry for your loss, Bo Lamb*

Bo Lamb - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *My sympathy goes out to your loved ones. Former resident of Albany and just wished to send my sympathy. My uncle Ed Friend was a member of the force years ago. God Bless You and remember he will always be there for you. Live in Warner Robins, Ga now.*

Carol Rowan - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Though we never know the time or hour, on our last visit to Albany, it was almost a certainty that Bob wouldn't be with us much longer. Today that fact is hard to comprehend.
To know Bob is to know a friend. What I will best remember about Bob is his love for our youth. That was very much displayed as I watched him coach my son Jay in baseball. It wasn't as important to Bob to be the best player in the game, but more that you gave it your best. I will also always remember Bob taking Jay under his wing when Jay's mom was fighting for her life.
Priscilla and Rackley, you have lots of precious memories. Treasure those in these tough days. We love you and continue to lift you up in prayer.*

John, Andrea and Jay Sikes - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Chief Boren was a great mentor for both of us and a wonderful friend. He was a dedicated public servant who truly cared about the community he served.

Jason & Toni Armstrong - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I am saddened to hear about Chief Boren. I worked up under his leadership while at APD before transferring to Cobb County and he was a great person and manager. My prayers go out to his family.

Damon Pierce - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ It was an honor to know you. You were a credit to law enforcement and you will be missed.

Tony McClung - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Bob trained me after I joined the Macon Police Department in 1976. The guidance and strength that he gave to me then, is still a profound influence in my life.

Jay Kramer - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Priscilla, I just saw this. I am ill with the stuff going around. I just wanted to tell you you are in my prayers. It will get better. Our God doesn't make any mistakes. Love, Sandi.

sandra heffernan - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM