



Robert F. Bender, Minister

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Robert F. Bender Jr., Minister 60 of Umatilla, passed away on April 16, 2011. He was born in Massillon, Ohio and moved here from Sarasota in 2000. Mr. Bender was the Lead Minister at Lake Eustis Christian Church of Eustis. He was a graduate of Kentucky Christian College and loved spending time with his grandchildren. Bob is survived by his wife Jane, they were married for 37 years, his children Mari L. (Mark) Gaeta of Monroe, Georgia, Marshall P. (Melissa) Bender of Bonita Springs, Florida, Melissa J. (Kasey) Kuyper of Jasper, Georgia, Martin W. (Leia) Bender of St. Cloud, Florida and Morgan K. Bender of Bradenton, Florida, his sisters Becky Baker and Sandy Bender both of Canton, Ohio and eleven grandchildren. Memorial services were held in the Lake Eustis Christian Church 315 East Orange Avenue, Eustis at 11 AM Friday April 22 with Mark Gaeta, Minister and Jack M. Bliffen, Minister officiating. The family requests those desiring direct memorials to the Lake Eustis Christian Church in memory of Mr. Bender.



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Anonymous posted:

We just learned of Bob's passing as we are going to stop and see you in July on the way to church camp and wanted to get directions. Jane, you and Bob have been tremendous blessings in our life. We always look forward to seeing the light of Jesus in both of you. We pray for you, Jane, in the loss of such a wonderful companion, always full of God's joy. Thankfully, our Father has given us a wonderful Savior to comfort us when we hurt.##imported-begin##Bill&Colleen Johnson##imported-end##

June 21 at 2:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Jane and family,I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, Jane. I never met him here, but it sounds like he is a wonderful brother in the Lord. May God bless you all with His comfort daily--Love in Christ,Pam Gavin##imported-begin##Pam Gavin##imported-end##

April 22 at 1:17 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your children today. Love, Uncle David##imported-begin##David Fultz##imported-end##

April 22 at 9:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear about Bob.. he was really a nice guy. I met Bob in school back here in ohio.. Bob was always a gentleman. I am not surprised he chose to go into ministry.Again so sorry for your loss. God bless you all.. Tammy Mckinney##imported-begin##tammy mckinney##imported-end##

April 21 at 8:12 AM



Anonymous posted:

Jane and family our hearts ache for you. We are very sorry for your loss. Bob will be greatly missed. We thank God that we were able to know Bob and make some fond memories. Memories are the legacy of love. Carl and Pam##imported-begin##Carl and Pam##imported-end##

April 20 at 12:47 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Jane and Family, So many great memories of our time together at KCC. Bob was a great man and I am sure you all miss him very much. He left a living legacy through his family and ministry that will follow him into eternity. Praise God for Bob's life of faithful service. Be strong and lean on God, Jane. With love from a Sister in Christ, Nickie (Baumgardner) Ostick##imported-begin##Nickie Ostick##imported-end##

April 20 at 10:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

We are all very sorry for your loss. Uncle Bobbie was an exceptional man and Michael especially has many fond memories of him. Uncle Bobbie celebrated our marriage with prayer at our wedding and we will always be forever grateful for him starting us out on the right track. His humor was such an amazing trait of his and he will be greatly missed. Please know that you will all be in our prayers now, and in the months to come. Much love to you all.##imported-begin##Michael, Ann Marie Baker and family##imported-end##

April 19 at 9:32 PM



Anonymous posted:

What an inspiration Bob was to so many people!! He lived a life of a true Christian example and we are privileged to have had the opportunity to worship with him. May God give you the comfort and peace that passes all understanding. Kasey and Missy...know that you are your boys as well as the rest of the family are in our prayers. We love you all. Chad and Amber##imported-begin##Chad & Amber Lanier##imported-end##

April 19 at 7:21 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janie, We are very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. This must be a very trying time for you and your family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Uncle John & Aunt Sandy##imported-begin##John & Sandy Bliffen##imported-end##

April 19 at 5:15 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your dad. You and your family are in our prayers. Bob is now at peace with our LORD.##imported-begin##Maureen Segda##imported-end##

April 19 at 1:55 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Jane:We were sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We knew Bob through the Florida Bible Conference. He was a true warrior for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.We know these are difficult times for you and your family, but remain strong in your faith for God & His Son, Jesus and He will lead you through all the confusion and heartaches to a time of understanding.God Bless,Robin & Joan FortnerPrinceton, Indiana##imported-begin##Robin & Joan Fortner##imported-end##

April 19 at 7:53 AM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry for your loss. I dated Bob in junior high and high school. We went to junior prom together. He was such a wonderful guy and so bright.##imported-begin##Jacki Byers Quinn##imported-end##

April 18 at 9:17 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janie and kids and Sandy, My heartfelt sympathy is extended to you all. I understand fully your decision you had to make for Bob. He will be missed by many. He was a wonderful friend to Earl and me over the years. We all had wonderful times together as we served the Lord in congregations and at christian service camps. Those times are cherished memories. And, now, I know Bob and Earl are rejoicing in Heaven together and having a wonderful time praising God. I hope they are not too ornery. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. With all my love, Connie.##imported-begin##Connie E. Moses##imported-end##

April 18 at 7:04 PM



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Anonymous posted:

It was nice to meet this wonderful man when Martin and Leia married, I heard so many good things about him. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole Bender family in this time of such a loss.##imported-begin##Wendy Pratt##imported-end##

April 18 at 7:02 PM



Anonymous posted:

My heart goes out to all of you. Thank you all so much for always welcoming me into your home and gatherings on so many occasions and making me feel like family. They were some of my fondest memories. I will truly miss him and even the fun teasing and jokes he made. All of us Kuyper's and Ross' are thinking and praying for you guys. He was an amazing guy and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Jessica Ross##imported-end##

April 18 at 3:25 PM



Anonymous posted:

Love, Brian, Katherine & Sydney##imported-begin##Katherine S Houben##imported-end##

April 18 at 2:43 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janie and Morgan, We send our condolences to you and your family at this time of loss. We pray Jesus' comfort and peace upon you. We pray God's strength and guidance into your life. Bob was a terrific guy and he and his bright smile and great sense of humor will be missed.##imported-begin##Terrie Holden##imported-end##

April 18 at 1:38 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jane, family and Lake Eustis Christian Church; Our hearts are broken as we grieve with you. But we also, are full of joy knowing that Bob has received his well deserved reward. Bob was a true friend to me and I know he will really be missed by so many. How thankful we are that we can meet him again and spend eternity with him. Our prayers and love are with you all! In Christian Sympathy and Love, Kim Huffman and the Goshen Christian Church in Goshen, Indiana##imported-begin##Kim and Janet Huffman##imported-end##

April 18 at 11:48 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I am sorry for you lose here on earth. I know truely in my heart that he is with Jesus and telling stories of what he experience here. I hope and pray you all find peace in you time of losing a prescious one. God bless you. Rita##imported-begin##Rita Boettner##imported-end##

April 18 at 10:41 AM



Anonymous posted:

We are going back to Ohio. Sorry we will not make it to the service. Bob will be missed by us. We will be praying for Jane and the family. Clarice & Harold##imported-begin##Harold & Clarice Henry##imported-end##

April 18 at 10:14 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our prayers are with all of you during this time of tremedeous loss. We knew Bob for a short time but his impact on our lives was great. We felt his great love for God. We will greatly miss him and his teaching of our Lord and Savior.##imported-begin##Joe and Sandy Torman##imported-end##

April 18 at 10:08 AM



Anonymous posted:

Jane and the Mari, Marshall, Melissa, Martin and Morgan and your families,I was so sadden to hear of the loss the one the best people to ever grace this earth. My thoughts and prayers will be with you. I biggest regret is that as my career left me with very little time that I would have made time to keep in touch with the people that mean the most to me. I love you all.##imported-begin##Shelly McKay##imported-end##

April 18 at 8:54 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Jane and Family, our prayers were constant for Bob, Jane and the Family. We prayed for a miracle and the healing miracle happened on the 16th., no more pain nor suffering, and praise our Heavenly Father Bob rejoices with the Hosts of Heaven. We will continue to pray for you Jane and the Family. Bob had a great ministry at Lake Eustis Christian Church. Clyde & Audrey##imported-begin##Clyde Shearer##imported-end##

April 18 at 8:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our love and prayers to Jane and all the family. We will certainly miss Bob at the family gatherings. Who will make fun of Lizi's boyfriend now? I guess Kasey or Mark will have to step to the plate. Blessings to all the family! Love John & Becky##imported-begin##John & Becky Bliffen##imported-end##

April 18 at 12:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

Bob was a fun guy...and knew how to diagram a sentence...what a hoot it would have been to try some of the Bible verses...he will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Sally Hasson##imported-end##

April 17 at 10:20 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mari,So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You and your family are in my prayers.Beth##imported-begin##Beth Morley##imported-end##

April 17 at 6:27 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I have the privillage of gowing up with the Bender Family. The entire family is amazing and my heart goes out to them for their great loss. I will always carry the memory of a lock in I went to at Mr. Bender's Church when I lived in Sarasota it was amazing and has stuck with me through the years. He installed his one of a kind sense of humor in Martin that was a joy for me thorough out high school. I consider my self lucky to have known such a wonderful man. All my thoughts and Prayers are with the Bender family in this time of great loss.##imported-begin##Michael Herron##imported-end##

April 17 at 6:26 PM



Anonymous posted:

John and I give you and your family our deepest sympathy. The loss you are going through is tremendous. Although we have never meet we are friends of Mark's and a facebook friend of Becky. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. John and Barb Clark##imported-begin##Barb Clark##imported-end##

April 17 at 5:14 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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