



## BOBBY JOE EARLEY

November 9, 2023

Bobby Joe Earley, 83, of Hueytown, passed away November 9, 2023. Bobby was born in South Carolina and moved with his family to Nauvoo, Alabama. After completing his first day of elementary school, he proudly proclaimed to his mother that he had met the girl he would marry and described "a little red-haired girl named Canatha". He graduated high school and they wed in 1959. They set up housekeeping in Birmingham and moved to Pleasant Grove as the children came. They lived there until the deadly tornado of April 27, 2011. He moved to Hueytown and lived until his peaceful death.

He was a member of First Baptist Church Pleasant Grove until his death. He was an avid reader and fisherman. It was known that he could catch a fish where there was no water. Life lessons he taught us through days, diseases, and deaths: you should live your life as a testament of how to suffer, persevere, give gratitude and thankfulness in all things.

Bobby was preceded in death by his wife Canatha Hyde Earley; father Alvin Earley; mother Josie Naomi Earley; and son Jonathan Lake Earley. He is survived by his daughter Cindy Earley Honea (Sam); grandchildren Cayman Leigh Honea (James) and Jonathan Lake Honea (Megan); sisters Olivia

Helms (Ronnie), Goia Cohen (Eric); and a host of friends.

A private ceremony will be held by family only. To celebrate his defeat of Diabetes for more than seven decades, the family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.