



## ROBERT "BOB" GREGORY

July 19, 1931 - March 22, 2023

Robert "Bob" Gregory, of Hueytown AL, passed away March 22, 2023. Bob served in the Navy during the Korean War on the USS Collett- Destroyer and later retired as a Draftsman. He attended Concord Baptist Church in Bessemer AL.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Venita "Sue" Gregory; daughter Venita Vetrano; brother Olden G Webb; and mother Lorene Baskerville. He is survived by his daughter Vanessa White (Terry); son-in-law Ronnie Vetrano; grandchildren Tyler White (Lauren), Chris White (Sara), Amanda Thorson (Zac) and Cameron Vetrano; great grandchildren Paxton Everett, Pierson Everett, Mia White, and Wesley White; sister Margaret Webb Cook; and nephew Paul Cook (Brandy).

The funeral service with Navy Honors will be at 12:30 PM, Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo. If you plan to attend please be at the cemetery at 12:15 PM.

The family request that memorials be made to: Concord Baptist Church, 5951 Warrior River Road, Bessemer AL 35023

# Tribute Wall

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“ When Bobby and I were young teenagers we were on the first "work crew" at Camp McDowell, the Episcopal Camp and Conference Center in Winston County, Alabama. At that time Bobby was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, and the Rector of that congregation was the Rev. B. Scott Eppes, who had been chosen to build a church camp. At that work camp we cleared an area where cabins could be put, made trails through the forest, and found the best area for swimming in Clear Creek. It was August of 1947, and by the next summer we were having camps, and the cabins were bought at a very small price from Fort McClellan near Anniston that was downsizing from the expansion it had during World War II. That work camp which was such a wonderful experience for about a dozen teenage boys and a few men was the beginning of building a camp in Winston County which is now the largest Episcopal Camp and Conference Center in the United States. I talked with Bobby a few weeks ago, and at that time I believe he and I and Allen Bartlett, the retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, were the only ones left of that original and famous first work crew.

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**Douglas Carpenter** - March 25, 2023 at 12:19 PM