



Robert Elliott Vanzant

May 27, 1967 - March 12, 2016

Robert Elliott Vanzant, age 48, went to be with the Lord on March 12, 2016 surrounded by family and friends at the Shiloh Health and Rehab in Springdale.

Robert was born in Springdale, AR on May 27, 1967. He was the fifth of six children from a farm family and graduated from Shiloh Christian School in 1985. He was a life-long resident of Northwest Arkansas. Robert was a beloved hair stylist for many years in Fayetteville, AR where he later became a manager for Old Navy. His passions in life were cooking, gardening, playing the piano, and making people laugh.

His grandparents Harvey Phillips and Mabel Moody Graham of Lowell, and Fred Lafayette and Frances Harp Vanzant of Springdale; and his beloved niece Erin Kahylene Propst of Little Rock precede Robert in death.

He is survived by his parents Fred and Kahylene Vanzant of Lowell; and siblings Regena Shelby (Ron) of Rogers, AR, Teresa Houston (Noyl) of Jonesboro, AR, Katharine Arno (David) of Charlotte, NC, Stephen Vanzant (Cheryl) of Lowell, AR, and Angela Courtney (John) of Las Vegas, NV; eight nieces, four nephews; six great nephews and two great nieces and close friend Rusty Eldridge.

The family would like to thank Shiloh Health and rehab Facility in Springdale for the love and care they showed Robert and Washington Regional Hospital in Fayetteville.

Funeral Services will be held March 18, 2016 at 11 am at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale with Pastor Gary Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in Bluff Cemetery in Springdale.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Bluff Cemetery

795 N. Shiloh Street
Springdale, AR 72764

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
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Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Dennis lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant*



Dennis - December 19, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Robert Elliott Vanzant*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM

AN

“ *Angela lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant*



angela - November 12, 2016 at 04:39 PM

AN

“ *Angela lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant*



angela - October 12, 2016 at 04:07 PM

A.

“ A.C. lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant



A.C. - September 12, 2016 at 07:41 PM

AN

“ Angela lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant



angela - August 13, 2016 at 08:45 PM

AN

“ Angela lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant



angela - June 27, 2016 at 04:07 PM

AC

“ Angela Courtney lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant



angela courtney - May 13, 2016 at 03:44 PM

AC

“ *Missing you so so much, sweet brother* ”



angela courtney - April 15, 2016 at 03:20 PM

RS

“ *Steve and Sheryl, I just found out today that your brother had passed. I'm very sorry. I love you both. Sincerely, Robin Smith* ”

robin smith - April 04, 2016 at 02:55 PM

AC

“ *Angela Courtney lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant* ”

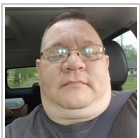


angela courtney - March 21, 2016 at 06:01 PM



“ *Prayers for family* ”

Cathy Miller - March 19, 2016 at 11:56 PM



“ *Until we meet again friend.* ”



Brandon Napier - March 18, 2016 at 11:54 AM



“ Robert and I met in Houston and remained friends forever. I have not spoken to him in some time and wish I had. He was a good friend and confidant and will be missed

John Jugo - March 18, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ Until we meet again my friend.



Kim McDowell - March 18, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ Rhonda Kelly-Duncan lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant



Rhonda Kelly-Duncan - March 17, 2016 at 11:19 PM

RK

“ Robert and I took many trips together... On one trip were heading to Baton Rouge Louisiana. Somewhere around Talulah LA. I was driving super fast in my little black mitsubishi eclipse while Robert slept in the front seat. I flew past a traffic cop going triple digits (yes triple) and immediately pulled over since I knew there was no way I would ever get out of acting like I wasn't speeding.... I waited for the policeman to catch up and pull in behind us and turn on his lights. The officer came to the car as Robert woke up started waking up when I pulled over. He asked where we were going. I said, "Baton Rouge". He then asked where we were from... "Arkansas". He asked if Robert had, "wet me do awwww da dwiving"? I swear the officer sounded just like Elmer Fudd with a cajun accent. It was very difficult not to giggle when he spoke. At the time I had a LSU tiger sticker on my car, a joke since I had family in Ethel Louisiana. The Officer noticed the sticker and simply told us that we were just getting a warning and that, " yew betty swoooo down, day's a wat o Twoopors Between Heeeewre and Baaatonn Wouge" .

Rhonda Kelly-Duncan - March 17, 2016 at 11:18 PM

AF

“ All our love, Paula Gregory and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert Elliott Vanzant.



All our love, Paula Gregory and Family - March 17, 2016 at 11:20 AM

JW

“ Praying for your family at this difficult time. God Bless Janet Hooks Worley

Janet Worley - March 17, 2016 at 07:33 AM

MY

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

Kelly Yarbrough, Barbara Yarbrough, and Renee Yarbrough Terry

Mr. Kelly Yarbrough - March 16, 2016 at 09:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert Elliott Vanzant.*



March 16, 2016 at 09:46 PM

LD

“ *Lee Dobbs lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant*



Lee Dobbs - March 16, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Elliott Vanzant.*



March 16, 2016 at 03:30 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert Elliott Vanzant.*



March 16, 2016 at 01:54 PM



“ *I only knew Robert for a short time. I was fortunate to have been able to spend some time with him having talks and several laughs. Robert will be missed but his memory will live on forever.*

Jamie Hollingsworth - March 16, 2016 at 07:35 AM



“ *Kevin Terry lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant*

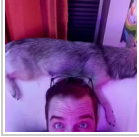


Kevin Terry - March 16, 2016 at 12:17 AM



“ *I've never experienced life without you...my big brother, world travel buddy, cheerleader, and kindred spirit. The unconditional love was one for the books in our case. The peace God has granted me is to rejoice in the fact that your body is new again and you're in Glory with Christ...no more pain, sorrow, unrest or defeat. I'll desperately miss our talks, adventures, and you seeing my children grow up, but I'm assured you're on the best adventure yet. Love you deeply, always and forever. ~Pooh*

angela courtney - March 15, 2016 at 10:50 PM



“ *Tony Lickiss lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant*



Tony Lickiss - March 15, 2016 at 10:25 PM



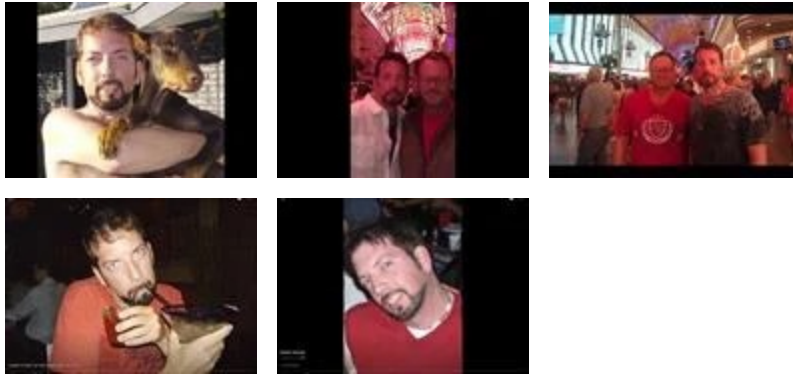
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Elliott Vanzant.*



March 15, 2016 at 10:05 PM

RU

“ You left us too soon, God needed you before we were ready to let you go, your pain and tears are all gone, but ours have just began, your tired weary body is healed but our hearts are broken, we will remember you for the giving, loving , selfless and heart warming person you were,, fly high Berto,, eat all you want now and never be sick again, until we meet again,, we love you and miss you ,, Rusty and
Everyone who knew you!



rusty - March 15, 2016 at 08:25 PM

LD

Great words Rusty.

Lee Dobbs - March 15, 2016 at 08:52 PM

SJ

So true Rusty ..God BLESS YOU

Shirley Jones - March 17, 2016 at 01:54 PM

CY

“ You liked him the first time you meet him. Never knew a stranger.
Prayers going out to his family

Carol Yeakley - March 15, 2016 at 06:38 PM

LD

“ It was always a pleasure to visit Robert at Vanzant's Home. Especially during spring and summer, setting on the back deck having coffee or Dr. Pepper and admiring all the pretty flowers and plants Robert worked so hard on. The gardens were absolutely beautiful. Saying hi to his mom and dad. Visiting the store and seeing all the great decorations and tasty jams. Baskets of fruit in season.

Lee Dobbs - March 15, 2016 at 05:09 PM

LD

“ 80 files added to the tribute wall



Lee Dobbs - March 15, 2016 at 04:44 PM

LD

“ I am so thankful for Robert giving me such an amazing opportunity to go to Paris, France. He called me up one day and asked if I wanted to go to Paris for only \$269.00 round trip and stay with his sister Regina who lived in Paris. I had just started working at Dennis Home Furniture and said I had to see if my boss's would allow me the time off . I was able to get time off and in February 1997. We went up in the Eiffel Tower, took a river cruise on the seine, visited Notre Dame, went to the Louve, visited Versailles, went to Euro Disney and had to be cheesy tourist and buy berets that we wore the rest of time in Paris.

In 1998 Robert, Tony and I went to San Fransico and had a blast. We visited the wine country, rode cable cars everywhere, saw Beach Blanket Babalon a long running p,as that we laugh our guts out. Had tea in a chinese gardens in golden gate park. We all stayed in a cheap full size bed hotel for a week, three of us trying to sleep n this little bed. We made it work. We came back from wine country by way of Oakland and as we went over Oakland Bridge we had to stop and pay at a toll booth with this large black lady that saw Robert in the backseat of our car and said to him "you look lonely , you need a playmate". We laughed so hard. We have such hilarious memories with Robert. He was our Best Friend. Even after we moved from Arkansas he was the only one we kept in touch with. Time nor distance never separated us, he was the kind of friend you just picked up as if neither of those factors ever existed.

Lee Dobbs - March 15, 2016 at 04:09 PM

LD

“ We always looked forward to each season for peaches to be picked. Robert would bring us a basket of peaches. He always had some delicious recipe for peach pie, peach cobbler, anything peach. This man was amazing, not only style hair but a fabulous cook , everything he cooked taste magnificent, then we had a grand piano that he would entertain us by playing. He played with such passion that at times you would find a tear running down your face. We loved our beloved friend so much and I'll miss making memories with him.

Lee Dobbs - March 15, 2016 at 03:46 PM

LD

“ Robert had been a lifelong friend and when Tony and I got married ask Robert o be my best man. He was honored and drive to Iowa. That first night we went out drinking and catching up on our lives. Well we all got a little drunk, we didn't put all of our Christmas decorations in attic yet but in the bedroom Robert stayed in, he woke up in the middle of he night confused of where he was, thought he been kidnapped by Christmas elves . He told us this story the next morning over coffee, we laughed so hard.

Our wedding was set to be outside and it rained so hard that day, we had a contingency plan of being at park pavilion but we didn't think about bathrooms being a little out of the way, and our mothers had bad knees and would be to far, so after thinking we decided to move all furniture out of both living rooms and a bedroom setting up banquet tables in house, and poor Robert said I thought I was best man not a furniture mover, God Bless his heart, he saved our wedding day by working so hard to make it a perfect day.

Lee Dobbs - March 15, 2016 at 03:36 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Robert Elliott Vanzant.*



March 15, 2016 at 03:02 PM



“ *I learned so much from Robert. He helped me to see things from another perspective. He was such wonderful and generous person. I will miss his clever nature, his unconditional love, his support, his kindness and his strength and spirit. I love you Robert. I am so glad you will no longer have such pain and you are free of that now.*

Cheryl Lawson - March 15, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Robert. Deepest SYMPATHY to all the family. I sure miss Robert. He told me we had a spiritual connection. That is a SPECIAL TO ME. I will never forget you. Fly high my friend.*



Shirley Jones - March 15, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ *Thank you for all the laughs and your kindness to Pookie.*

Donna J Pitts and Joyce M Williams - March 15, 2016 at 12:58 PM

LD

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Lee Dobbs - March 15, 2016 at 12:34 PM

MM

Robert always made me laugh

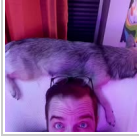
melissa myers - March 15, 2016 at 12:50 PM

RK

“ *Robert always made everyone around him laugh and smile. He was a true friend and a wonderful salon boss. i will miss him.*



Rhonda Kelly-Duncan - March 15, 2016 at 11:28 AM



“ Robert, Lee and I were walking through Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, Robert hides behind a bush ahead of us, jumps out and announced that it was a burglar bush.

Always quick witted and laughing, a lifetime of wonderful memories is the legacy he left us with. Rest in peace my dear friend, see you again someday.

Tony Lickiss - March 15, 2016 at 11:26 AM

LD

“ Robert and I friend Lee was in Paris, France at 6he Louve museum and Robert was looking up at ceiling abd tripped onto a mosaic floor art piece, and we just had to laugh.

Lee Dobbs - March 15, 2016 at 11:20 AM

DE

“ I have so many memories of Robert, most of them included a LOT of laughing. Piano recitals were way more fun with Robert and sharing a piano during ensemble was a blast. I am so sad that he has passed, but I am praying he is finding joy in Christ today.

Delores Mayes Breeding

Delores - March 15, 2016 at 08:47 AM



“ Robert was a vibrant, joyful, electric, free spirit who loved life. He was an open book and never apologized for who he was - because he didn't have to. Most of us have façades. He never did, and I truly admired him for that. He was a beautiful, honorable, inspiring, magnificent person who everyone liked within seconds of meeting him.

We love you, Robert. We shall see you again one day.

With love and sympathy to the Vanzant family,

The Bauers

Colby Bauer - March 15, 2016 at 12:14 AM

LS

“ *Luci Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Robert Elliott Vanzant*



Luci Shepherd - March 14, 2016 at 11:39 PM

LS

“ *Angela and John (family) I knew Robert through the community. I never put 2 and 2 together. (Brother/Sister) Please accept my condolences and cherish your memories always. Memories live forever. Wishing you peace and comfort, Luci Shepherd*

Luci Shepherd - March 14, 2016 at 11:38 PM

JE

We are so sorry and sadden by the passing of Robert, our hearts go out to the family and all who love him. Jamie Eldridge

JAMIE D ELDRIDGE - March 15, 2016 at 10:40 AM

VH

A day never went by at the salon Robert did not make us all laugh. He was such a joy to be around and definitely loved by all of us. You left me with many memories Robert. God's peace and comfort to all your love ones.

Vicki Hilliard - March 15, 2016 at 11:05 AM