



## Robert Nelson Epperson

July 1, 1932 - March 27, 2005

Robert Nelson Epperson, Jr. was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the elder son of Bessie Tibbs Epperson and Robert N. Epperson, Sr. Bob, as he was affectionately known, grew up in Donora, Pennsylvania. He attended the Donora Public Schools and graduated in 1951 from Donora High School (now Ringgold High School). As a youngster in Donora, he was a very active and faithful member of the First Baptist Church, singing in the Junior Choir, attending Bible Study and serving on the Junior Usher Board. Bob was an enthusiastic Boy Scout. He achieved the rank of Life Scout, received the God and Country Award and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. Bob was also involved in sports and became an Amateur Boxer. In 1952, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He became the All-Navy Middleweight Boxing Champion. After serving in the military, he was awarded a scholarship to Michigan State University. While at MSU he became the NCAA Middleweight Boxing Champ. He graduated from MSU in 1960, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He also served on the MSU Alumni Board of Directors and was a Past President of the Baltimore Chapter of the MSU Alumni Association. Moving to Baltimore, he obtained employment with the Veterans Administration in Washington, DC as a Quality Control Specialist and Policy Analyst. He married Sarah F. Marshall on November 6, 1981, and was the stepfather of Karen M. Marshall and Monica C. Marshall. He was known by all of his friends as "Mr. Fantastic". He enjoyed reading, debating current affairs, and watching televised sports broadcasts. He was an active member of Toast

Masters, as well as a member of the Williamsburg Community Association. He was an active member of Providence Baptist Church and belonged to numerous ministries such as Men's Fellowship, Senior Ushers, Boy Scouts, V. A. R., Scholarship Committee, Expansion Finance Committee, In Between Sunday School Class, Personnel Committee, Securities Foundation Committee, and was on the board of the Adult Day Care Center. Bob made numerous friends wherever he went and will be truly missed by all who knew him. He leaves to mourn: his wife, Sarah; two stepdaughters, Karen and Monica; one brother, David; sister-in-law, Cecilia; two nieces, Sharon and Lia; two nephews, Chris and Ben; one great nephew, Dylan; a loving godmother, Cathryn Stepney; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

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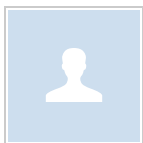
“ I wanted to share with you that yesterday, visiting with my father who is now 89 years old, your Robert's name came up as my father remembered being in the Navy at the age of 18. My father, Ronald Pasco, was on the same aircraft carrier as Robert Epperson, who he remembered as Eppy. He remembered his full name as well, and details of how surprised he and his friends were to discover that "Eppy" was a champion boxer! My father had other memories of Robert, and I was able to find and share his obituary with him. He was so touched to see how his former shipmate lived such a successful and accomplished life. I know it's been a long time since he passed away, but I couldn't miss the chance to share with you that he is still alive in the memory of those who knew him, even for a brief time in their youth.

*I hope this brings you some happiness today, on Veteran's Day, 2025.*

*Andrea Paschos*

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**Andrea Paschos** - November 11, 2025 at 07:13 AM



“ *Robert Nelson Epperson*

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March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Robert Nelson Epperson*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. The Bible acknowledges your painful loss because it calls death an enemy.(1 Corinthians 15:26) That same verse also informs us that death will be destroyed. But what hope is there for loved ones that we have already loss in death? There is a hope of them returning to life according to Daniel 12:2. Daniel 12:2 says- "And there will be many of those asleep in the ground of dust who will wake up." May you receive much comfort and strength from this divinely inspired promise.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at Revelation 21:3,4 where Almighty God says that he is going to wipe the tears from our eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor crying nor pain be any more. The Bible also promises that we will be able to see our dead loved ones again by means of a resurrection. (John 5:28,29) It is my hope that this scripture comforts you.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ We will keep you in our prayers##imported-begin##Donald & Alberta Gaither##imported-end##

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