

**Col. Bobby Tollette Parham Obt.**

b. 12 July 1928, Franklin Co., TN – d. 28 November 2024, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (US Army), md on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1973, Putnam Co., TN to **Deanna (Florida) Parham**, b. 13 December 1945. Col. Bobby Tollette Parham, s/o **Raney Will Parham** (1899-1951) & **Ethel Tollett** (1903-1994), both buried in Crossville City Cemetery, Crossville, Cumberland Co., TN. **Col. Bobby Tollette Parham** also md **Sallye (Swicegood) Parham**, b. 26 June 1933 – d. 16 July 1961, she is buried in Crossville City Cemetery, Crossville, Cumberland Co., TN. Son: **Bobby Douglas Parham**, b. 25 March 1960, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 March 1960, Elyria, Lorain Co., OH, is buried in Green Acres Memorial Gardens, Crossville, Cumberland Co., TN.

**COOKEVILLE CHAPEL** - Bobby Tollette Parham, a revered professor and dedicated military servant, passed away on November 28, 2024 at the Cookeville Regional Medical Center in Cookeville, Tennessee at age 96. Born on July 12, 1928, in Franklin County, Tennessee, Bobby's early years spent in the Sequatchie Valley were foundational in shaping a life dedicated to education, agriculture, and community service.



Bobby's educational journey began in Crossville, Tennessee, where he completed high school before earning degrees from Louisiana State University (LSU) and Tennessee Tech University (TTU). **His commitment to agricultural education propelled him into a distinguished career as a Professor of Agriculture at Tennessee Tech University. For over 30 years, he imparted his knowledge and expertise in animal science and pre-veterinarian courses, inspiring countless students to pursue careers in agriculture and veterinary medicine. His passion for teaching extended beyond the classroom; he also coached the rodeo team at Tennessee Tech, sharing his love for the sport with students and fostering their skills.**

In addition to his academic achievements, Bobby served honorably in the U.S. Army for 34 years, retiring as a full bird Colonel. His military service included an occupational duty in Japan following Hiroshima and teaching officer training in the Army Reserves, a testament to his leadership and commitment to service.

Bobby was a man of deep faith, actively attending Willhite Baptist Church in Cookeville, where he taught Sunday school until he reached the age of 90. His contributions to his community extended beyond education and military service; he was an avid enthusiast of restoring antique John Deere tractors and raising quarter horses, reflecting a strong connection to his agricultural roots. His love for rodeo was a notable aspect of his personality, showcasing his adventurous spirit and commitment to traditional American values.

Bobby is survived by his beloved wife, Deanna Florida Parham, and his son, Michael David Parham of Cookeville. He is also survived by sister in law, Vivian Petry of Algood, nephews, Ricky and Mark Warner of Ohio, Kyle Crawford of Algood, and great nephew, Bradley Jewell of Westmoreland. His legacy is cherished by those who knew him and will continue to inspire future generations.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rainy and Ethel Tollette Parham; his first wife, Sally Parham; his son, Bobby Douglas Parham; and his sister, Hilda Warner Qualls.

Funeral Services for retired Col. Parham will be held at 11am, Friday, December 6th from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper, Huddleston & Horner Funeral Homes with Bro. Ronnie Erwin and Pastor Tim Miles officiating.

**Interment with Military Honors will follow at Algood City Cemetery**, with Jackie Farris, Ray Able, Jim Jernigan, Jeff Hunter, Richard Carey and Grady Stewart serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Bob Welch, Larry Self, Marvin Johnson, Bob Pauli, and Rick Hamm.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 4-7pm and again on Friday from 9am until the time of service at the funeral home.

Bobby Tollette Parham leaves behind a remarkable legacy built on education, service, and a profound love for family and community. He will be fondly remembered and missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

In Lieu of flowers, the family request contributions be made to the BT Parham Scholarship Fund at TTU.

Share condolences and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com)

The Cookeville Chapel of Hooper, Huddleston & Horner is in charge of arrangements.

**Bobby Douglas Parham Obt.**

b. 25 March 1960, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 March 1960, Elyria, Lorain Co., OH, (US Army), is buried in Green Acres Memorial Gardens, Crossville, Cumberland Co., TN. Bobby Douglas Parham, s/o **Col. Bobby Tollette Parham** (1928-2024) & Sallye **Swicegood** (1933-1961).

Bobby Douglas Parham, 63 years old of Elyria, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly on March 6, 2024. He was born on March 25, 1960 in Cookeville, Tennessee to Bobby T. Parham and Sally Parham (nee Swicegwood).



He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army.

Bob is survived by his father, Bobby T. (Deanna) Parham and three siblings, Mike Parham, Rick Warner and Mark Warner and companion, Dottie. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Bilbrey Funeral Home at 76 East Adams Street in Crossville, Tennessee. Service will begin at 1:00 PM. Burial will follow at Green Acres Memorial Gardens in Crossville, Tennessee.

Reichlin Roberts Bollinger Funeral Home, 327 Cleveland Street in Elyria, Ohio is assisting the family with all local arrangements.

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