



## Mr. Robert E. Esslinger

January 5, 1934 - August 10, 2024

Robert E. Esslinger, (90), of Scottsboro, Alabama passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on August 10, 2024, while surrounded by his loving family. Robert was a godly man who loved the Lord and his family. He set an example of supreme love, generosity and kindness. He fostered several children and helped anyone he knew that had a need. He fathered and nurtured us all and we fondly and respectfully called him our Papa Robert. He is predeceased by his mother, Julia, father, William, four brothers, five sisters, and his beloved son, Michael.

Robert is survived by his wife, Lois Esslinger; sons Fred Esslinger (Sheri), Jeffery Esslinger, Darryl Miller, and Aaron Miller Esslinger and daughters: Christine White (Ken), Donna Summa (Ellis), Carla Miller Stone (Marty); and his sister, Kathy Lorene Barker (Gene). Robert was the proud grandfather to a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Robert was a true patriot who loved his country and was a retired SK1 US Navy Seabee veteran with 31 years of service.

Robert also retired after 15 years of service with the Scottsboro city school system where he served as a compassionate and caring teacher's assistant for children with special needs.

He thoroughly enjoyed playing dominoes with his children, grandchildren, and anyone who dared to take him on; Robert was well-known as the "Dominator" of dominoes. He always knew what dominoes had not been played; his agile mind and math skills were phenomenal.

Robert and Lois worked hundreds of puzzles that were gifted to them by friends and family members who enjoyed searching stores for his favorite type of puzzles. Everyone enjoyed sitting with Robert while intensively searching for the most elusive puzzle pieces and listening to Robert's chuckle as they gleefully placed a piece in his puzzle. He was a master at puzzles and was very patient with all of us amateurs, thoroughly enjoying our meager contributions to his latest work in progress.

Robert was a fine Christian, patriot, husband, father and friend. He was known for his compassion, generosity, kindness, dependability and loyalty. He was always the first to volunteer for any project to help someone in need. He was a great humanitarian who never met a stranger.

He will be greatly missed but we know he is heaven where he is walking with his beloved son, Michael.

To have known Robert is to have known a person who loved you greatly and prayed for you daily.

We all love you and miss you Papa Robert.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 with Robert's grandson, Pastor Seth Stone, and Dr. Gary Speers officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Scottsboro Funeral Home.

A private graveside service at Pinehaven Memorial Gardens in Scottsboro, Alabama, will follow the memorial service.

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

# Cemetery Details

## Pinehaven Memorial Gardens

28615 US Highway 72 E  
Hollywood, AL 35752  
(256) 574-4163

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 24.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home  
1502 County Park Road  
Scottsboro, AL 35769  
(256) 574-3965  
scottsbороfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.scottsbороfuneralhome.com>

## Celebration of Life

**AUG 24.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Papa Robert*

*A man who truly worshipped the Lord  
A man who always kept his word  
A man with a heart full of love  
For his family & for the country he served .*

*He was the happiest doing any work  
A servant's heart, always a helping hand  
Defined this humanitarian and honorable man.*

*He nurtured me much more like a father rather than a brother  
Papa was a unique man; there will never be another.*

*I know Heaven truly has just gotten sweeter;  
I'm sure Papa's volunteering at heaven's gate as a greeter.*

*I love you my Honorary Papa  
Brenda Wood*

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**Brenda Wood** - August 24, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Esslinger.*



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August 23, 2024 at 05:44 PM

CM

“ Chris, Karen and Baeden McAbee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert E. Esslinger.

Chris, Karen and Baeden McAbee - August 23, 2024 at 05:44 PM

MS

“ Mike and Gina Sparks purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Robert E. Esslinger.



Mike and Gina Sparks - August 23, 2024 at 12:27 PM

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Mike and Gina Sparks - August 23, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Esslinger.



August 22, 2024 at 01:16 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - August 21, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ I have lots of memories with him, he is my Dad, wasn't mentioned, but he raised me since I was 2yrs. Every thing I know he taught me, he even changed my name to his last name when I was in school, I love him very much and will miss him, Dad also has another child named James Esslinger, dad adopted James when James was 9 months old! We love our father and will miss him very much!

Cheryl Esslinger Kinsey - August 17, 2024 at 06:42 PM



So sorry for everyone's loss of such a wonderful person. May You all trust Jesus at this difficult time.

Mary Chamness - August 20, 2024 at 06:20 AM



Mr. Robert was a fine Christian man who seemed to love and care about everyone. He really enjoyed working with the students in school. He will be missed and remembered by many. Sincerely, Sherry Crafton

Sherry Crsfton - August 24, 2024 at 03:02 PM

RE

“ I am Robert's former DIL. I loved that man from the moment I met him! He was such a special caring loving person. My heart breaks for my kids, losing their PawPaw, but they were so lucky to have him in their lives for so long!! God Speed Robert.

Ruth Esslinger - August 13, 2024 at 08:46 PM

RE

“ Robert was always good to me and my kids he was my uncle by marriage but I still loved him even after perry passed away rih

Rebecca esslinger - August 13, 2024 at 02:15 PM

AM

Bye papa,I'll miss you.i miss you so much but I know that you aren't suffering anymore.ill always have the memories of us playing dominoes together and you always laughing when I would beat you.i was and will forever be the first and only person to skunk you.Im sorry pawpaw that I didn't come around more often than I should have.me and you both know that I would if I could but there were a few people that kept us from seeing each other and kept me from seeing you on those last days you had and from seeing you in the hospital(which I would have loved to do).

Andrew miller - August 13, 2024 at 08:31 PM

SS

Not sure if you remember me but I just wanted to tell you, uncle Robert talked about you all the time and he loves you very much!!

Shelia slatter - August 13, 2024 at 10:13 PM

GC

uncle Robert stay right with my daddy i thank him so very much he was a wonderful person love him God's right there with you uncle Robert you are with all your brothers and some sister we still have our sweet Lauren with us rest-n-peace

geneva esslinger Corbitt - August 14, 2024 at 06:02 PM

FR

*Please give all of Robert's family my sincere condolences. Robert was my brother-in-law, a really good man and fun to talk with.*

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**Faye Robinson** - August 19, 2024 at 02:38 PM