



William R. Cobb

April 9, 1950 - March 3, 2025

WILLIAM RUSSELL COBB, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, and a Loving Friend to all, went to be with His Lord, with his family by his side, on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 8:02pm at Riddle Memorial Hospital, in Media, PA. He was the son of the late Dorothy Lee Cobb (Thompkins) and Robert James Cobb.

HE was born on April 9, 1950, and received his education in the Chester Upland School District. RUSSELL graduated in 1968 and after a few odd jobs, became permanently employed at PQ Corporation, (one of the longest running companies in Chester). He was then moved, as part of the startup group, to a new building right next door called DeGussa (now called Evonik), as a maintenance electrician.

After 46 years of hard labor, as he called it, WILLIAM retired and became a FREE MAN! He joked about it being hard, depending on the weather, but he loved his job, and his fellow workers. He loved them so much that one winter when there was a huge snowstorm, with snow piled up above the tires on your car and nothing was moving in Chester; this man walked from E. Mowry Street off Edgemont Avenue on the East side of town all the way to Front and Norris Street on the West Side!!

WILLIAM, in his youth, was a member of Bethany Baptist Church, where he

was baptized and accepted the Lord under the tutelage of Pastor Daniel Scott. Later in his life, he joined Spencer Memorial UAME Church. After some years, he became a member of White Rock Christian Church (now the Christian Church of Chester), where he was an active member until God called him home. At the Christian Church of Chester, he was a member of the Deacon Board, the Soldiers Praise team, the Men's and Mass Choirs, the Facilities Team, the Walk-Run Club, GAME (Men's fellowship ministry), the Finance team, the church softball team (which went on to grow into "The Pact") where he continued to pitch, play first base, and "HIT the ball a country mile" while also serving as one of the coaches for the team; AND, occasionally he led Bible Study sessions. WILLIAM LOVED HIS CHURCH AND HIS CHURCH FAMILY!

His extracurricular activities included: in his preteen years, he along with most of the young men in the Bennett Homes, began playing hardball as the Bennett Cubs. In his late teens, the entire team transitioned to softball and became the Brother's softball team. They were goooooood and had much fun. They played for years, and years, and years! Sometimes dabbling with the Mustangs softball team, playing games with them. RUSSELL (known as Cobb, Bam Bam, and Bumpers), along with the entire Brothers of Soul club, later joined the Chester Basketball Rec League and was a power forward. He also enjoyed bowling and attending Phillies games at the Citizens Bank Park with his daughter, Nicole.

COBB was a humble, quiet man whose laugh was contagious. If he was your friend, you truly had a friend. He also loved and was proud of his family, his nieces and nephews, and cousins. He enjoyed being around them, especially at the cookouts when he was on the grill. Russell could cook! On holidays he cooked all the meats for the dinners; and, his barbecued wings were simply amazing.

On August 25, 1984, WILLIAM married the woman he loved, the woman he called the “bossy business side of his life”. God gave them 40 love-filled years, and what a time they had as they navigated life through those blessed years. Between them, they were blessed with five children who he loved and adored.

RUSSELL was preceded in death by his father, Robert James Cobb; his mother, Dorothy Lee Cobb; and his brother, Curtis. REJOICING and praising God for the years HE loaned William to us is his loving wife of 40 years, Cynthia (Clements); his children: Russell (Manny), Aaron (Kim), Mychal, Tiffany, and Nicole, and his grands and great grands. His brother. Nathan (Bobby); his two sisters: Connie and Shelly, his nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and HIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CHESTER FAMILY!

Cemetery Details

Chester Rural Cemetery

412 W. 15th Street
Chester, PA 19013

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Christian Church of Chester
308 W. 3rd Street
Chester, PA

Visitation

MAR 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Christian Church of Chester
308 W. 3rd Street
Chester, PA

Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM.

Christian Church of Chester
308 W. 3rd Street
Chester, PA

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Condolences to the family.*
Lee Clements

Lee Clements - March 21, 2025 at 11:44 AM

LT

“ *Love, Mike & Karen Tremoglie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William R. Cobb.*



Love, Mike & Karen Tremoglie - March 20, 2025 at 12:25 PM

DJ

“ *Know that we are praying* 🙏



David Clements Jr - March 14, 2025 at 07:02 PM

GC

“ *Gladys Clements lit a candle in memory of William R. Cobb*



Gladys Clements - March 12, 2025 at 05:30 PM