



# **Robert "Bob" James Corcoran**

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**R**obert “Bob” Corcoran, 70, went to be with the Lord, on February 23, 2026, in Broken Arrow, OK.

He was born on March 21, 1955, in Binghamton, NY to James and Dorothy Corcoran. From an early age, Bob displayed a passion for athletics, faith, and serving others—qualities that would define his life.

On June 19, 1999, Bob married Barbara Gray in Tulsa, OK. Their marriage was a blessing filled with faith, love, and shared devotion to serving others.

A gifted athlete, Bob pursued professional tennis in his younger years, competing with determination and integrity. His love for tennis was matched only by his love for Jesus Christ.

Led by his deep faith he dedicated his life to mentoring inner city and at-risk youth, encouraging them not only in sports but in character, discipline, and faith. In the early 1980’s Bob founded Helping Hands of Tulsa, a ministry dedicated to reaching youth and families in need. It later merged to become Youth At Heart ministries. Bob served others through this ministry for nearly 40 years.

After Bob retired, he became involved in ministry work at Rhema Bible Church where he volunteered his time and heart to supporting and sharing the love of Christ through the prayer phone ministry.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, James and Dorothy Corcoran.

Bob is survived by his wife Barbara Corcoran, sister Barbara Keiser (Chuck) , sister Kathleen Finck, and brother Ron Corcoran (Leah), his nephews, Spencer and Skyler Finck, and nieces Charlene Keiser and Kimmie Corcoran, along with his extended family of cousins, friends, and loved ones.



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Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 14th, 2026 at 2:00 PM at Floral Haven Funeral Home - Rose Chapel

A reception will follow at the Family Center from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

<https://www.hdezwebcast.com/show/robert-corcoran>



# Events


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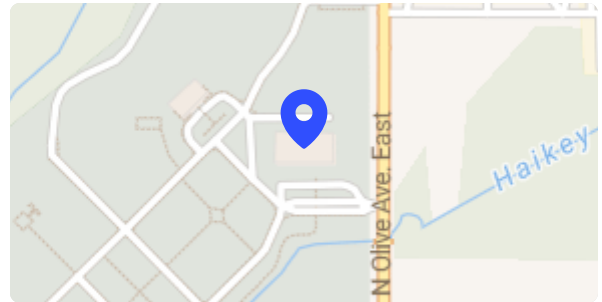
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## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, March 14, 2026

 2:00 PM CT

 **Floral Haven Rose Chapel**  
6500 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012

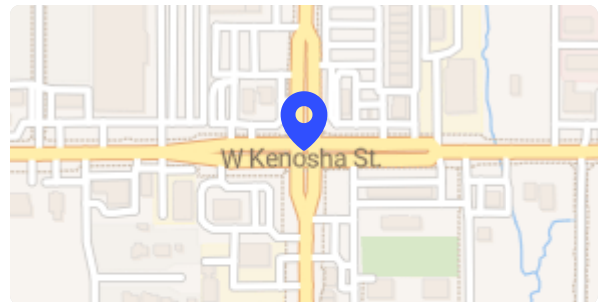


## Reception

 **Saturday**, March 14, 2026

 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM CT

 **Floral Haven Funeral Home Family Center**  
Broken Arrow OK





## Tribute Wall

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**John Hartline** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Bob and I met at PTL in Fort Mill, SC in 1982. We taught tennis there and was involved in ministry together. In 1983 we went to Broken Arrow, Ok where we attended Rhema Bible Training Center (now college). We roomed together and had several wonderful times together. I later went on to ministry in different places. But we stayed in contact.

I loved Bob like a brother. He was always gentle and kind with all people that he met. It hurts that he's gone, but I have no doubt that he's in a better place with Jesus and other family members. You will be missed as I always called him Brother Bob!!



March 14 at 12:22 PM



**Steve & Jean Ann Perryman** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Corcoran family.



March 13 at 5:37 PM



**Ron Corcoran** posted:

Bob is literally my blood brother. In Feb. of 2001 we did a bone marrow transplant & thankfully, prayerfully it worked! His blood type changed to mine. I'm so thankful for the Christian live he lived & the Godly example he set. So many children & youth in inner-city were blessed with kindness & hope thru the activities, tutoring, outings, etc. he helped provide. Awesome! I miss you my Bro, but know you're in your heavenly home now & that brings me peace. Love, Your Brother Ron Corcoran

March 12 at 7:47 AM



**The Larry Gray Family** sent an Enduring Grace to the Corcoran family.



March 10 at 4:42 PM



**Nancy M Pickut** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Nancy M. and Walter W. Pickut lit a candle in memory of cousin Robert "Bob" James Corcoran.



March 10 at 3:44 PM



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**Nancy M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



March 10 at 3:26 PM



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**Nancy M Pickut** posted:

Tribute to Bob Corcoran From his cousin Nancy Aunt Dot and Uncle Jim and their four children were like a second family to me growing up. In many ways, they felt like another set of parents. Bob, who was four years younger than I was, always held a special place in my heart—almost like a big brother. I have so many fond memories of our childhood. My Aunt Dot and Uncle Jim often took me along on family adventures with the Corcorans. One of the trips I remember most was camping at Fair Haven Beach on Lake Ontario. Bob and I would spend hours playing together. One of our favorite games involved a box of plastic dark-green toy soldiers that we stationed all around the cinder-block fireplace at the campsite. I was a bit of a tomboy back then, and Bob patiently indulged me. We would have wrestling matches—good-natured contests to see who could knock the other over first. We always kept things completely safe and painless, and I remember thinking it was the most wonderful fun. Bob was also the one who first introduced me to a chemistry set. He shared his with me, letting me experiment and explore alongside him. I'm happy to say we never blew anything up—but the excitement of discovery stayed with me. He even taught me how to play tennis. Bob had the patience of a saint as he worked with me, and he went so far as to give me one of his own tennis rackets. At the time he was pursuing tennis very seriously and even working toward playing professionally. That gesture meant a great deal to me. Bob was always thoughtful, caring, and simply wonderful to be around. Years later, after Bob had moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, he continued to influence my life in a profound way. I have always loved working with children, but during a particularly troubled time in my life I felt lost and uncertain. I called Bob and told him I felt strongly that I needed to come to Oklahoma and spend some time with him and his wife. Bob was already deeply involved in ministry, working with children in several housing projects. I told him I couldn't really explain why I felt called to come—I just knew I needed to be there and that Bob needed to be my mentor. He happily accepted his assignment. Bob had told me there would be no guest room, but I told him that would be okay. I'd happily sleep on the floor, grateful just to be there. I had no idea that the experience would change my life forever. At that time I was struggling with fear of people because of some painful experiences at work. One day Bob asked me to help him set up his puppet stage and curtain for a children's program in one of the housing projects. As more than fifty children began filling the recreation room, Bob sat in front of them talking to one of the puppets. The puppet named Ernie that he was talking to was sitting right next to me behind the curtain. Suddenly I realized that puppet needed to answer him. So, before I knew it, Ernie was on my hand and talking to the kids. All I knew was that I couldn't let Bob—or the kids—down. Before I knew it, Bob and I were doing an interactive puppet show together with the children, and it turned into an incredible experience for everyone in the room. That single moment changed something inside me. Bob's thoughtfulness and encouragement helped pull me out of the fear that had been holding me back. It renewed my compassion and my desire to help others. That experience opened doors for me that eventually led to college, where I graduated with honors. Bob showed me firsthand how one person can truly change another person's life. I remained thankful over the years that we kept in touch, especially through the difficult times Bob faced with bone marrow cancer. Bob was always a fighter. He endured incredible challenges and came close to death more than once. Through it all, he continued to trust the Lord. One of the great miracles in his life was when his late-in-life brother Ron turned out to be a bone marrow donor match and was able to save Bob's life. It was a powerful reminder of the love within the Corcoran family and of God's hand on Bob's life. I could go on and on sharing



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memories. Even during the short time I spent in Oklahoma, I saw firsthand how many lives Bob was touching through his ministry with children and families. His love for people was genuine, and everyone who met him could feel it. I also want to say a word about Bob's beloved wife, Barbara. It was easy to hear the deep love and affection they had for each other, an affection that continued to grow between them over the years. The way they spoke about one another made it clear that their marriage was filled with kindness, warmth, and respect. From those phone conversations alone, I was reminded that to know Barbara is to love her. I truly cannot imagine Bob with a sweeter or more caring helpmate. Bob's life reflected the love of Christ in a very real way. I have no doubt that today God is embracing him and saying the words we all hope to hear one day: "Well done, good and faithful servant." Bob, I love you. You will always remain in my heart and memories, as you will for my husband Walt, who always enjoyed talking with you. Rest in peace.—Your cousin, Nancy Marie Juriga Pickut and Walt W. Pickut

March 2 at 12:56 PM



**Daniel Corcoran** posted:

Our family always visited our cousins on the Christmas and Easter holidays, both the Corcorans and Yudins, on Mill Street in Binghamton. They only lived a few doors apart. We always had fun with all of them. I remember playing ping pong with Bob and don't think I ever won once. I hold a lot of good, loving memories of Bobby. Bobby was a very kind and gentle person who cared deeply about people. I pray you are in the living presence of your Saviour Jesus, my cousin.

March 2 at 1:48 PM



**Daniel Corcoran** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Daniel Corcoran lit a candle in memory of Robert Corcoran

March 2 at 1:40 PM



**John Corcoran** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Bob and I used to play tennis, over many summers I spent in Burlington Vermont. Great times! I Wish we could go back ! Rest in peace Bob 🙏🙏🙏 Johnny Corcoran

March 2 at 12:56 PM





## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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