



## Robert Allen Pippin

September 1, 1944 - December 12, 2022

Robert Allen Pippin (Bob), son of The Reverend George Thomas Pippin and Vera Ashurst Pippin, was born on September 1, 1944, the second of three sons. Being the son of a Preacher, they moved frequently and as a youth, Bob lived in North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

Bob attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating with a degree in business administration. While attending University, he married Glenda Hardin and in 1965 had a son, Robert Allen Pippin Jr. Four years later, after graduating, they welcomed their second son, Charles Glenn Pippin.

Bob was employed by Southern Railroad his entire career. He began as a trainmaster and finished his time with the railroad as a director of Amtrak operations. Similar to his younger years, he moved often while employed with the railroad. He loved railroading, the big machines, and the men that he worked for and with for thirty-three years.

He retired in 2000 and finally had time to spend doing the things he truly loved like backpacking, hiking, spending time in the woods, and spending time with his family and grandkids. He hiked sections of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia through Virginia, as well as Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon, and many trails in the Grand Canyon.

Once, Bob suffered a heart attack on the Appalachian Trail with only his dog as a companion. Amazingly, he survived and walked out of the mountains, but he ended up with a bad heart and bad knees. While that was the end of his big hiking expeditions, Bob's love for them never wavered.

Throughout his life, Bob was a Deacon and always an active member of his local Church.

Bob was also committed to missions and loved doing mission trips and mission work. He had a real call for it. Over the years Bob completed international mission trips to Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala. While living in Georgia, Bob helped with many local missions and ministries. He built handicap ramps, assisted with home repairs for those in need, and traveled to provide assistance to locations impacted by hurricanes or tornadoes.

He loved the Lord and looked forward to the day that he would see his Savior face to face.

He was a good man. The best husband. A good father. A good grandfather. A good churchman.

He's gone, but he won't be soon forgotten. He touched the hearts of many people because he was kind, he was gentle, and genuinely loved people. He was Glenda's husband, her first love. They started dating when she was thirteen and he was fourteen. They married in 1964 and were together for a total of fifty-eight years. He'll be waiting on the far side of Jordan for Glenda, and on the day that she shows up, they will run to each other and rejoice.

# Cemetery Details

## Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Arden First Baptist Church  
3839 Sweeten Creek Rd  
Arden, NC 28704

## Graveside Burial

DEC 16. 12:30 PM (ET)

Lewis Memorial Park  
415 Beaverdam Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Allen Pippin*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *We love Bob and Glenda so much here at Burnt Hickory Baptist Church, Powder Springs, GA where they were members for so many years. Loved going on disaster relief trips with them each year and Bob teaching some of us ladies so many techniques & skills with saws, hammers, and all aspects of disaster relief. God certainly provided many memories for all of us here to hold on to. God bless you Glenda and please come back and visit with us here whenever you can. Love You! Burnt Hickory Baptist*



**Melanie G. Gross** - December 19, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Dear Glenda and family, it has been such a pleasure to know sweet Bob as a brother in Christ and special member of our church family. He will be truly missed by many, and the Deacon and Prayer Ministry at Arden First are fervently lifting you in prayer to our Lord. May God's loving presence comfort all of your family until you meet again in his heavenly home.*

**Christy Casavant** - December 16, 2022 at 09:16 AM

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**Heather** - December 15, 2022 at 04:02 PM