



## Robert A Toppings

July 17, 2008

Aynor...Robert Arthur Toppings, age 79, of Hwy 319 died Thursday, July 17, 2008 at his residence following an illness. Mr. Toppings was born in West Hamlin, WV., a son of the late Sesco and Elva Lucas Toppings. He was a U S Army veteran and founding member of Black Patches Unit where he played music for many US troops. Mr Toppings was a lifetime member of The American Federation of Musicians Union Grand Old Opry Chapter and well known to all area musicians. He was predeceased by a son, James L. Toppings and a great-grandchild, Dalton Wallace. Mr. Toppings is survived by his wife, Lieselotte Dummer Toppings; four sons, Richard "Rick" Toppings and wife, Angie of Mt. Vernon, VA., Ronald Toppings and wife, Mary of Loris, John Toppings and wife Davette of Aynor and Mark Toppings and wife Cyndi of Aynor; one brother, Charles Toppings of Chesapeake, Ohio; eleven grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7:00 pm from Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements An online guestbook will be available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless you all. Love, Chris & Carrie Martin and Girls###imported-begin###Chris Martin###imported-end###

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“ I cannot tell you how much Bob meant to us. He took Judy,Dan and I under his wings and taught us so much about entertaining. Some of our best memories was playing with Bob, Marshall, Al, DonDe, and the rest of the metapause playboys. Hell, I sound like George Jones talking about all of the old musician friend of our past. But I'm here to tell you, they were good friends,guys who when they said they be there, they really would be there.Friends, not too good to show and teach you what they knew. Bob, you are certainly going to be missed. "were gonna love you till we die" Carson,Judy,and Dan Lowe LOWE COUNTRY###imported-begin###Carson/Judy/Dan Lowe###imported-end###

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“ Our deepest sympathy. May the good Lord comfort and care for all of you. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.###imported-begin###Johnny and Sherrie Mitchell###imported-end###

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“ John and the entire Toppings family From this day on Fathers day will be very different. When you hear music that you played in the past with Bob you'll have something special to think about. Bob was a very gifted man to have the family and support of so many friends he had made over the years. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Steve Treadaway##imported-end##

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“ What a shock to hear about Bob. His weekly visits to our music stores were always one of laughter. He always had some good cheer, some music story many told over and over and usually a joke or two. His musicianship was incredible and his love for music was well known. He will be missed by many, especially us. Joey O'Neal, Kevin Conklin, David Wright, Glenn Taylor, and The entire staff at Sound Systems Inc.##imported-begin##Joey O'Neal##imported-end##

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“ Mark and family, You all will be in our thoughts and prayers. If we can do anything at all we are only a few steps and a holler away. Love you all.##imported-begin##Paula & Anthony Rabon##imported-end##

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“ We were sadden to hear of Bob's death. We were privileged to see him entertain at the Button Man's Museum in Bishopville. Never have I heard a more talented musician than Bob.He became part of our family. We will miss him sorely. He is in our hearts and mind and our prayers go out to his family. God Bless You!##imported-begin##Charles Farmer##imported-end##

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“ Bob,you deserve your eternal rest in Heaven. You have played out your heart here on earth and have brought so much joy to so many people with your exceptional musical talent. May the Lord Bless and Keep You. It was a pleasure and a privilege to have known you.##imported-begin##Elva Stewart##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry to hear of this loss, of all the music he has made, it will be missed. Brandy##imported-begin##Brandy Flester##imported-end##

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“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss, we are praying for the family. May God give you strength each day and find joy in the memories that you have of Bob.##imported-begin##Reed and Barbara Price##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest Sympathy, to the family of Bob. The short time we have known him, we will soarly miss him and his music. We enjoyed his playing at McDonalds and at the college. Ronald and Lynda Ziembko###imported-begin###Ronald & Lynda Ziembko###imported-end##

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“ Mark, I'm sorry to hear about your Dad. After time the pain of losing him will lessen, but the memories you have of him will remain forever.###imported-begin###Robert Shelley###imported-end##

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“ We are very sorry for your loss. Mr. Bob was a very talented man. He will be missed. God Bless your family.###imported-begin###Terry & Amy Skidmore###imported-end##

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“ John and Family, So very sorry to hear of your loss. He was a neat man and we know you all are proud of his life. Randy, Sharma, Aaron, and Carrie Privett###imported-begin###Randy And Sharma Privett###imported-end##

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“ One night I dreamed of walking along the shores of different lands. I could tell that You were with me by the footprints in the sand. As I gazed upon the heavens, I saw pages of my life. It was then I realized that You remained there by my side. When the clouds began to gather and the rains came falling down, I looked to only find one set of footprints on the ground. I said, "Lord, why did You leave me in the troubled times of life? I believed that You would always walk beside me day and night." Then I heard: "My precious child, I'd never leave you. I have carved you on the hollow of My hand. It's then I carried you in My arms, When you see one set of footprints in the sand" Dear Lord, will You be with me as I travel through the years? Will You be there in the struggles? Will You wipe away the tears? As my eyes turn toward the ocean and the shores of distant lands, I'm still thinking of the single set of footprints in the sand. I heard Him say: "My precious child, I'd never leave you. I have carved you on the hollow of My hand. It's then I carried you in My arms, When you see one set of footprints in the sand." Will I hear the angels singing, as my life comes to an end. Oh Lord, I long to see You. Will You be there once again? My eyes turn toward the heavens, along the path of foreign lands, Once more, I'm thinking of the set of footprints in the sand. Jesus said: "My precious child, I'd never leave you. See your name carved on the hollow of My hand. I'm here to carry you to your home. You will see one set of footprints in the sand. The Song Footprints in the Sand by Mark Hargrave###imported-begin###melissa bennett###imported-end###

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