



## Bobby Lee Cogdell

August 24, 1945 - August 23, 2025

– Bobby Lee Cogdell, age 79, of Lexington, passed away on August 23, 2025. Bobby was born on August 24, 1945, at the home of his grandmother, Ollie Hemby in the Blue Goose community in Henderson County, Tennessee. His parents were the late John Henry Cogdell and the late Ola Hemby Gardner; late grandparents were Sam and Ollie Hemby and Wash and Lena Cogdell. A lifelong resident of Lexington, he anchored his life around the model of service. His health and life insurance career stood at the heart of that calling: as the owner of Cogdell Insurance, he helped countless families and businesses navigate life’s uncertainties with integrity, guided by his personal motto, “Service is our policy.” His legacy in the field continues today through children and grandchildren who carry on that same commitment to service. Beyond his vocation, Bobby was a born again Christian and a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Lexington and the Jack Hay Sunday School class. He served as an alderman for the City of Lexington, gaining respect for his steady presence and principled leadership. His concern for others also extended

into education. In memory of his father, he established the John Henry Cogdell Memorial Scholarship and several other scholarships, assisting hardworking Lexington High School students, especially those facing financial challenges. Together, these efforts reflect Bobby's conviction that young people should be given the opportunity to succeed.

Bobby was an outdoorsman and managed his farms for wildlife habitat and resources. He was an avid deer hunter. Mr. Cogdell was a dedicated believer in being a good steward of our planet and clean energy resources. Bobby & Shirley built their dream home in his beloved Blue Goose community on the land he used to hunt with this dad.

Later in life, Bobby was blessed to find love with Shirley Singleton Cogdell. Married for 18 years, the two built a life they loved together. They shared a deep companionship, enjoying both hard work and travel side by side. To those who knew them, Bobby and Shirley were partners in every sense, supporting one another with loyalty, laughter, and devotion.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Singleton Cogdell with his stepson Greg Singleton and in remembrance his stepdaughter Rhonda (Jeff) Gaston. His children from his first marriage to Rebecca Fay include Felecia Fay (Ronald) Potts, Lee Cogdell, John Christopher "Chris" (Michele) Cogdell, and Rebecca Elizabeth "Becky" (Jeremy) Harkins. His extended family includes grandchildren and greatgrandchildren: Ben Potts (in remembrance), Stephanie (Michael) Stanford and their children Desiree, Chloe (JayIn), and Nathan, Josh (Jodie) Potts, Katie Potts (Randal) and her

children Maggie and Liam, Alix

(Dylan) Potts, Gaby Shannon, Sam (Krista) Shannon and their daughters

Janae and Kalyn, Natalie

Cogdell, Ashlynn Cogdell, Cole (Madison) Harkins, Bailey Eshleman, Kylie

Harkins, Carter Harkins, Taylor

(Murray) Young and their daughter Vera and Olivia Gaston.

Bobby will be remembered as a man of strong convictions, firm opinions, and steadfast presence —

qualities that shaped his work, his service, and his legacy in Henderson County.

Visitation will be held at Reeds Chapel Funeral Home, on Sunday 4PM-9PM, Monday 10AM-9PM, and at the First Baptist Church on Tuesday from 9AM until the Celebration of Life service at 1PM. Burial will take place at the Cogdell Family Cemetery in Blue Goose. He will be the seventh generation Cogdell buried there.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Teresa Williams lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell*



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**Teresa Williams** - August 27, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ *Prayers for the family.*



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**NELVA Weatherspoon** - August 26, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bobby Lee Cogdell.*

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August 25, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Lee Cogdell.*



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August 25, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bobby Lee Cogdell.



August 25, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ College of Lake County purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bobby Lee Cogdell.



College of Lake County - August 25, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ College of Lake County planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobby Lee Cogdell.

College of Lake County - August 25, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bobby Lee Cogdell.



August 25, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bobby Lee Cogdell.

August 25, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ Wanda Mcpeake lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell



Wanda Mcpeake - August 25, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ Ted Lewis lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell



Ted Lewis - August 24, 2025 at 11:50 PM



“ Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell



Linda Elam - August 24, 2025 at 07:41 PM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss!! Prayers for the family!!



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**Donna Dickey** - August 24, 2025 at 06:51 PM

KK

“ Kimberly A Kindle lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell



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**Kimberly A Kindle** - August 24, 2025 at 02:10 PM

TC

“ A good man and servant to the community. He will be missed. Prayers for the family.



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**Terry Creason** - August 24, 2025 at 01:51 PM

JS

“ Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell



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**Jerry Stegall** - August 24, 2025 at 01:37 PM

MB

“ Prayers for the family



Marr Brenda - August 24, 2025 at 12:26 PM

TR

“ A great friend and a blessing to this community. He would help all in need without expecting anything in return. Not many like him. I will miss Bobby greatly. Glad to be friends for over 40 years and discovered we were also kin. I'm proud of both.



Tim D Rhodes - August 24, 2025 at 11:41 AM

DS

“ Donna Saucier lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell



Donna Saucier - August 24, 2025 at 09:22 AM

DS

Shirley I'm so sorry he was a good person him and Jimmy got to b good friends, Bless you and all his and your family. Donna Jo

Donna Saucier - August 24, 2025 at 09:27 AM

LP

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bobby’s passing.  
Our prayers are with you for comfort  
Tim and Lori Parker



Lori Parker - August 24, 2025 at 09:05 AM

BW

“ Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Bobby  
Lee Cogdell



Barbara Willis - August 23, 2025 at 11:27 PM

AM

“ Allan And Donna Maness lit a candle in  
memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell



Allan and Donna Maness - August 23, 2025 at 11:24 PM

SM

“ Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of  
Bobby Lee Cogdell



Sandra Maness - August 23, 2025 at 10:44 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell



Rhonda Sanders - August 23, 2025 at 10:08 PM



“ Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell



Cotton Rhodes - August 23, 2025 at 09:49 PM

BH

“ So sorry for your loss!



Bonnie Haywood - August 23, 2025 at 09:20 PM

LI

“ So sorry to hear this Bobby was a good guy.  
Prayers for Shirley and family

Linda Ross



linda - August 23, 2025 at 08:59 PM

TS

*Bobby was a good man and true friend of mine . We have had many interesting conversations in his office and my machine shop . Dear Lord in heaven lay LOVE and PEACE on his family during this hard time for them .*

**Tony Small** - August 23, 2025 at 09:19 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilson lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell*



**Gary Wilson** - August 23, 2025 at 08:54 PM

DB

“ *Danny & Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell*



**Danny & Shelia Beecham** - August 23, 2025 at 08:23 PM

PW

“ *Peggy Wentworth lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell*



**Peggy Wentworth** - August 23, 2025 at 08:22 PM

PC

“ *Patsy Coffman lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell*



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**Patsy Coffman** - August 23, 2025 at 08:08 PM

EA

“ *Eddie & Lori Akins lit a candle in memory of Bobby Lee Cogdell*



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**Eddie & Lori Akins** - August 23, 2025 at 07:52 PM