



Robert D. Pullen

October 3, 1933 - August 18, 2019

Frankfort – Robert Douglas Pullen, age 85, passed away Sunday, August 18 2019. Services will be held at First Christian Church, 316 Ann Street, Frankfort, KY, on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Dr. John Opsata officiating, assisted by Rev. Meredith Siler. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. The family will receive friends at First Christian Church from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23, 2019, and 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. service time on Saturday.

A lifetime resident of Frankfort, he was born Oct 3rd, 1933 in Winchester Kentucky. Robert lived a life of service to his community, his nation, his church and his family. With a Master's degree in Education he started his career as a teacher where he worked to further the science education of countless students over the years teaching, biology, chemistry, microbiology and the other sciences. Continuing his service to the children of Franklin County he then served as Assistant Principal at Franklin County High School and retired as the Director of both School Food Service and Transportation after 37 years. In service to his Country MAJ Pullen served 23 years in the US ARMY / Army Reserves as a member of the Medical Services Corps in multiple capacities up to and including Commanding Officer of the 8/10th Convalescent Hospital and Commander of Training in the 100th Division. In service to his Church he served as a board member, Deacon and Elder. He was a member of the church since 1957. In service to his family he served as a pillar of dedication, loyalty and knowledge. Leading by example and teaching by doing. As he was

fond of saying, "I have had a thousand kids to take care of in my lifetime". He was steadfast in his beliefs and ardent in his ideals yet never held anyone to a standard that was against their beliefs or ones that they could not achieve. As a Husband he was loyal and loving walking hand in hand with the love of his life Ruth Ann. He was a loyal friend to those who truly knew him with those friendships lasting more than 80 years.

Born out of the passions of his Mother and family, he was an avid gardener who would delight family, friends and coworkers with the fruits and vegetables of his labor often showing up with a basket full of home grown goodness to share. Gaddy, as he was known to his grandkids loved to share his knowledge and experience while gaining free labor to plant each year's crop. He loved to take care of his lawn, raise roses and was an avid woodworker. He was a hard working coworker, a faithful Christian, a proud Veteran, a loyal friend, a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his children, Patti Pullen, of Frankfort, Cindy Pullen Fox (Bobby), of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Jim Pullen (Ashlea) of Union, Kentucky; sisters, Betsy Dozier (George), Jan Barnes, Nan Taylor (Jerry), and Sarah Maynard (Greg); five beloved grandchildren, Zachary and Eli Fox and Sam, Jack, and Maddi Pullen. He was also blessed with a host of extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by wife of 56 years, Ruth Ann Thurman Pullen, and parents, Willard Douglas Pullen and Ida Frances Maybrier Pullen.

Zachary Fox, Eli Fox, Sam Pullen, Jack Pullen, Bobby Fox, Jim Pullen, and Greg Maynard will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in his memory are suggested to First Christian Church Memorial Fund, 316 Ann Street, Frankfort, KY 40601. Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

*Please note: Due to downtown Frankfort events, parking for Friday's visitation will be available at the Depot parking lot and Parking Garage at Ann St. and West Main. Please do not hesitate to ask Harrod Brothers Funeral Home staff

for guidance and special accommodations.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Church
316 Ann Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Visitation

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert D. Pullen*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Lisa Sparks lit a candle in memory of Robert D. Pullen*



Lisa Sparks - April 12, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about the loss Mr. Pullen. He was my assistant principle at FCHS. I graduated in 1977. I remember Mr. Hoagland and Mr. Pullen walking the halls and checking in on classes. They knew every child and spoke each time they saw you. Keeping you in our prayers. Pam Triplett Cloyd*

Pam Cloyd - August 29, 2019 at 04:42 PM



So sorry to here about Mr. Pullen. I was only called to his office once about skipping class, but once was enough 😊 My prayers go out to his family and friends 🙏

Debbie Os9 - September 13, 2019 at 11:57 AM

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“ *My condolences to all the family. Bob was my friend. He was what I call an everyday hero. Every day he loved his family; served his community and his church; was a faithful friend; and was always true to his word. I will miss him. Friends are hard to find these days. Blessings of comfort to you all*
David Cooper

David Cooper - August 23, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ *Mr. Pullen was not only my assistant principal for four years of high school, but he was also my employer for 7+ years. I have always admired his concern for my child that was born with medical problems! Mr. Pullen, you will always rock. Prayers and hugs for al the family!*

Patsy Devers

Patsy Devers - August 20, 2019 at 10:46 PM

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“ Mr. Pullen was my biology and advanced biology teacher at FCHS. We had a bond because his wife was also Ruth Ann. I remember I was sitting on my leg one day in class He walked past, knocked my leg from under me and said “ don’t sit like that! It will cause you to have problems when you have children! “. I almost fell out of my chair! I owe him a debt for instilling me with confidence. I asked him one day about a new Advanced Biology course that would be offered. I remember asking him too if he thought I could pass it. I did not have a lot of confidence in myself. His response was “ of course you’ll pass it!” I took that course, went into nursing school and became an RN. Years later I had the privilege of taking care of his wife, Ruth Ann. Mr. Pullen made a difference in this young woman’s life many years ago. I have never forgot his encouragement. I know he and his Ruth Ann are again together and that he and Mr. Hoagland are now swapping tales.

Ruth Ann Ritter - August 20, 2019 at 09:51 PM

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Never in my wildest dreams did I know I would ever call Mr. Pullen by Bob....but I did. Having worked at First Christian Church for 10 years, I knew I could always call Bob for help with food boxes, serving at funerals, and many other outreach ministries. He was always willing to help. Ruth Ann and I are related somewhere down the line, too. May God bless you, keep you and hold you in the palms of his hands during this difficult time. All my love. Cheryl Harrod Gayhart

cheryl gayhart - August 20, 2019 at 11:23 PM

Jim Pullen

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Jim Pullen - August 20, 2019 at 09:05 PM