

Celebration of Dr. Bob Young

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Dear Bob,

I am pretty sure that you are pleased with your new home. Those of us that are still here are doing fine, but we do miss your presence. I want to take a few minutes of your eternity of happiness with our Lord and Savior, Jesus, and recall with you some of the super moments that we shared --- at least I thought they were super.

I remember the first day we met. It was in July, 1962. I signed up for my first graduate course at the UT AEDC Extension. You were helpful then and you have been ever since. You immediately showed an interest in me that I probably did not deserve, but I am thankful, deserved or not.

You taught me thermodynamics, both classical and statistical and later, when I taught thermo, you were eager to share your experiences, both good and bad. You made me a much better teacher. You helped me through my Master's program and served on my committee.

I recall the hectic and wonderful days when you and Doc Goethert were working to get UTSI into existence. Without you guys this place wouldn't be!

You encouraged me to pursue my Ph.D. and served as my alternate Major Professor. I was very fortunate to really have two major professors, you and Doc Goethert! You nursed me through the hideous UT Prelim exam process. It must have been clear that I was a bit slow and needed twice the attention that most doctoral students required. What a team --- you and Doc!

More recently, we worked together on the Support Council. Your experience, wisdom and wit made that a pleasure. You were always there for me when I needed your help --- and occasionally when I did not think that I needed your help!

Wow, what wonderful times. Thanks especially for being a great friend.

Love and Best Regard --- please save us a place; we will be there, but I hope not too soon.

Bill