



Robert Michael Toups, M.D.

February 1, 1942 - April 22, 2025

In Loving Memory of Robert Michael Toups, MD

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Robert ("Bob") Michael Toups, MD, a longtime resident of Beaumont, Texas, passed away on April 22, 2025 in Edina, Minnesota, at the age of 83, surrounded by his loving family. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, physician, veteran, and friend, Bob lived a life of service, faith, and passion that touched countless lives.

Bob was born on February 1, 1942, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and raised in Baton Rouge. He was the son of Dr. James Eugene Toups and Nina Holt Redditt Toups and one of four brothers: Jimmy (deceased), Joe, and Billy. He earned his undergraduate degree from Tulane University and his medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine.

Bob volunteered and was commissioned as a Lieutenant with the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1967, Bob was called to active duty. He was one of eight medical interns chosen to complete an Anesthesia training program with the goal of relieving an Anesthesiologist in a MASH unit in Vietnam. Fortunately, an Anesthesiologist was needed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Memphis, TN, and Bob was sent there instead.

Following his military service, Bob completed a Pediatric Anesthesiology Fellowship at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, TX and a Cardiac Anesthesia Fellowship at the Dallas VA Medical Center. After his medical training was complete, Bob made Beaumont, TX, his home and served the community as a caring and well-respected Anesthesiologist with Anesthesia Associates for over 50 years. He made many dear friends in the Southeast Texas Medical Community. Bob was proud to have provided Anesthesia for the first open heart surgery in Beaumont. In 2013, The Golden Triangle American Heart Association honored Bob with the Dr. JC Crager Award at the association's Heart Ball. Bob enjoyed taking care of patients of all ages. Children in his care were often calmed before surgery with his synopsis of Gaston the Green-Nosed Alligator, a beloved Cajun children's book.

Bob was the loving husband of Betty Touns, with whom he shared 58 years of partnership, faith, and love. He was a proud and guiding father to three children: Robert Michael Touns, Jr. (Sharla), Susan Elizabeth Murphy (Brian), and Brian Barker Free. He found tremendous joy in being a grandfather. His grandchildren lovingly remember him: Nina (20), Ann Marie (17), Megan (13), and Lauren (10). Their lives were enriched by his wisdom, humor, and unwavering support. A devout Catholic, Bob was a longtime member and usher at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica and served as a past Board Member of St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School. Bob had a love of adventure; as a boy, he engaged in many shenanigans with his brothers and friends and was an avid water skier and as an adult, he enjoyed downhill skiing and scuba diving. As everyone knows, Bob was a diehard LSU Tigers fan, never wanting to miss a game. Later in life, Bob and Betty relocated to Edina, Minnesota, to be closer to their daughter, Susan, and her family.

Bob leaves a legacy of healing, devotion, and unconditional love. He is survived by his beloved wife, Betty; his children, Robert Jr. (Sharla), Susan

(Brian), and Brian; his grandchildren, Nina, Ann Marie, Megan, and Lauren; his brothers, Joe and Billy; and many nieces and nephews.

Bob will be buried with military honors at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN on May 8, 2025. Memorial donations in Bob's honor may be made to St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica (700 Jefferson St, Beaumont, TX 77701). A Memorial Mass and reception honoring Bob's life will take place at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica in Beaumont, TX on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 11am. May he rest in peace and may his life continue to inspire all blessed to have known him.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 8. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Memorial Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
700 Jefferson St.
Beaumont, TX 77701

Reception

AUG 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
700 Jefferson St.
Beaumont, TX 77701

Tribute Wall



“ *i was a resident with bob at parkland hospital he was a wonderful physician and person , bill crampton*

William Machale Crampton - December 26, 2025 at 05:58 AM



“ *Deluxe Meat & Cheese Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Robert Michael Toups, M.D..*



May 07, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Michael Toups, M.D..*

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“ *I met Bob Toups when I first moved to Beaumont. I was an R.N. at Baptist Hospital in Surgery. I will never forget him because he needed everything but the kitchen sink in his room!! Over the years we became friends with Bob and Betty and I always requested him to put me to sleep when I had a surgical procedure. Great doctor, great friend and great fellow Catholic at St. Anthony's Say hello to Lonnie if you see him up there.*

Kay Arrington - May 07, 2025 at 07:00 PM

FR

“ When you came every October (for the annual ASA conference) I felt very fortunate to exchange conversations about your work in healthcare. You have served many people and their loved ones. You will be missed! Rest peacefully. From Frances, Ernie and Sarah



Frances - May 06, 2025 at 02:00 PM



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May 06, 2025 at 01:41 PM

KT

“ Kathryn T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Michael Toups, M.D..

Kathryn T. - May 05, 2025 at 10:11 PM

KT

“ Dr. Toups watched all of us Tanner girls grow up. He was a partner in Anesthesia Associates and a great friend to our father, Charles Tanner, MD. When Dad passed away, Dr. Toups surprised us by showing up at the memorial service in Fordyce, AR. My sisters and I all broke down in tears when we saw him. Dr. Toup's presence brought such comfort to us as we said goodbye to our Dad. I have many memories of this wonderful man but that particular one will always shine above the rest. Rest in peace, Dr. Toups, and thank you for being part of our lives.

Kathryn Tanner - May 05, 2025 at 06:32 PM

JA

“ James Allums purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Michael Toups, M.D..



James Allums - May 03, 2025 at 07:31 PM

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James Allums - May 03, 2025 at 07:31 PM

TS

“ Dr Toups was one of the biggest influences that brought us to Beaumont. He and Betty were very gracious hosts and leaders in the medical community. Bob was a great physician, a great man, and will be dearly missed.

Tobin Slack - May 02, 2025 at 10:50 PM

MS

“ As a PACU nurse, I worked with Dr. Toups for years. Such a nice person and took such good care of his patients. Sincere condolences to his family and loved ones. Madeline Simmons

Madeline Simmons - May 02, 2025 at 10:06 PM

MC

“ Enjoyed working with dr toups. Sweet personality

Melinda Campisi - May 02, 2025 at 05:49 PM

HE

“ He introduced us to Gaston, the green nosed alligator. Dr Toups will always be remembered by those of us who had the pleasure of working with him. Deeply sorry for your loss. Prayers ascending. - Elfa Humble.

Humble Elfa - May 01, 2025 at 05:12 PM

SM

“ Worked with him for 15 yrs at St Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont TX. A great Man and Physician. Truly a pleasure working with him and condolences to the family. RIP Doc.
Shane Martinez RN

shane Martinez - May 01, 2025 at 12:31 PM

DG

“ Don & Diane Greener purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Michael Toups, M.D..



Don & Diane Greener - May 01, 2025 at 10:14 AM

DG

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Don & Diane Greener - May 01, 2025 at 10:14 AM