



Robert Carl Tipton

October 22, 1956 - March 1, 2023

Robert Carl Tipton was born on October 22, 1956, in Searcy, Arkansas, to Robert Lee Tipton and Lola Phemister Tipton. He spent five years of his childhood in Argentina, where his parents were missionaries. He learned Spanish and completed his first four years of school there. When Robert was nine years old, the family moved from Argentina to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. He was on the tennis team at Edinburg High School and graduated in 1975 as a National Merit scholar.

To many, Robert's personality was larger than life. He could be counted on to share what was on his mind, be it his opinion, an anecdotal story, trivia or a tribute to one of his favorite authors or song-writers/singers. He was a historian, musician, songwriter, political analyst, humorist. Robert was a fount of trivia in most any genre (literature, sports, music etc.). All this out of his voracious appetite as a reader.

Robert was an extremely passionate sports fan, following events like: grand slam tennis tournaments, pennant races, and March Madness. He followed numerous sports, including: tennis, baseball, basketball, football, college and Olympic track, Not only a passionate fan, Robert had an incredible ability to recall games, and even individual plays, with minute detail. In recent years, fantasy football became a significant part of his daily dialog.

Robert worked for a variety of companies wearing numerous hats, from freight dock loader/truck driver, salesman, customer service rep, to AR (Accounts Receivable) manager. He had a sound work ethic and found his niche at Hard Rock Infrastructure as AR manager, working there from 2014 to the present.

In 1992 Robert and Lauren met in church in San Francisco, CA, while he was working in Newark, CA. Robert was a devout Christian throughout his life and was diligent about making sure – whether single or as the faithful leader of his family – that they were always active in church, wherever they lived. He was eager to offer devotional thoughts, lead singing, and teach Bible classes. Robert left us a great legacy, as he was always serious about his faith; it impacted every part of his life.

As previously mentioned, Robert was a voracious reader in many genres and could talk at length about almost any subject. One of the first things he did when moving to a new place was to sign up for a library card. Robert asked Lauren when he barely knew her, "Do you have a library card?" His passion for reading was so apparent that he was sought out to serve on the board of the Bulverde Public Library.

Family was important to Robert. He made an effort to spend time with grandparents, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and cousins; he was one of the most faithful attenders of the annual Phemister family reunion. He was a teller of hilarious stories, master of trivia, and writer of songs. Also, a distinguished tenor, Robert loved to sing. His harmonious voice was enjoyed by his family and friends. A cappella music was sung at church and Robert's voice could be heard in melodious strains within the four-part harmony. Robert was a big man with a big heart. Family members were enveloped in his generous hugs. He was a steady rock for his family. His wife Lauren and their two children were his greatest delight. His most recent activities were participating in Toastmasters with his daughter, Eliana, and watching his son

Jefferson get to State on his high school wrestling team.

Robert Carl Tipton passed away unexpectedly on March 1, 2023. Robert is survived by his parents and his beloved wife of 30 years, Lauren Lange Tipton, his daughter, Eliana Tipton, and son, Jefferson Tipton.

Robert was preceded in death by his stepfather Frank D. Williams and father-in-law Stuart I. Lange

He also leaves behind his sisters, Rosalinda Walker (Wimon), Jenny Pollastro (Gene), Deanne McCrary (Kevin), and brother-in-law Eddie Kirk (Darlene, deceased).

Additionally, Robert leaves behind mother-in-law Idola P. Lange, and sisters-in-law Karen Wolfe (Bob), Janice Lange (Steve Link, deceased), and brother-in-law Bryan Lange (Chrissie).

Robert was determined to wear the title of: best uncle ever. His nieces: Emily Pollastro, Marcella Walker Clinard, Marissa Walker, Kristen McCrary Rollins, and Emily Lange along with nephews: Lamar Kirk, David Kirk, John Kirk, Martin Walker, Dominick Pollastro, Christopher Pollastro, Daniel Pollastro, Christopher Schilling, Joshua Lange, Robert M. Wolfe, Carmon Wolfe, Zechariah Lange, Matthew Lange and Lucus Lange, all deeply loved their 'Uncle Rob.'

A Celebration of his Life will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Northside Church of Christ, 19818 US-281, San Antonio, TX. Those who cannot attend the service in person are welcome to watch the livestream at live.nscoc.org.

There is an online guestbook in which people can write memories about

Robert or messages to the family: www.missionparks.com, then search in the obituaries for Robert Carl Tipton.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 11. 11:00 AM.

Northside Church of Christ
19818 U.S. Highway 281 North
San Antonio, TX

Tribute Wall

MA

“*Uncle Rob was the Fun Uncle when we were little, and I'll always remember how exciting it was to get to see him. He was always ready to share a story, joke, song, or game. I always loved his silly songs and was impressed with his ability to come up with creative and funny lyrics. There was no way to predict what he would do or say next, but I always knew time with him would be fun! Marcella already shared about the first time we met Aunt Lauren and our trip to Yellowstone, but those are also some of my favorite memories of him. I remember feeling extra lucky that I got to stay with Uncle Rob and Aunt Lauren when we got rained out of our tent. It was like five-year-old me got a backstage pass to hang out with two favorite celebrities!*

He always made family gatherings lively. I remember he was always way more into "white elephant" Christmas than most of the rest of us, and he would make it a lot of fun by getting really competitive. One year I made a scarf for the white elephant gift exchange, and he kept stealing it. I don't remember if he ended up with it, but there were pictures in the memorial service of him with the scarf wrapped around his head looking really silly! He had such a talent for taking something ordinary and turning it into an opportunity to be hilarious and entertaining.

Marissa - April 02, 2023 at 09:20 PM

LA

“*1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lauren - April 02, 2023 at 10:51 AM

LA

Christmas 2008 @ McCrary's country house

Lauren - April 02, 2023 at 10:52 AM

MA

Thank you for sharing this, it brings back such great memories of singing together, I loved hearing his voice.

Marissa - April 02, 2023 at 09:04 PM

JP

Thank you for posting this! Such fun we had all together!

Jennifer Pollastro - April 10, 2023 at 07:10 AM

RW

What a blessing it was, singing together, hanging out, just being ourselves... So much LOVE!

Rosalinda Walker - April 10, 2023 at 06:37 PM

DT

Absolutely wonderful listening to this you can see the Love 💕 and Joy this brings

Deana E. Tipton - May 12, 2025 at 10:06 PM

LA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lauren - March 30, 2023 at 07:30 AM

DT

Great Picture

Deana Tipton - May 12, 2025 at 10:08 PM

LA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lauren - March 28, 2023 at 01:38 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lauren - March 28, 2023 at 01:35 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lauren - March 28, 2023 at 12:51 AM

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Lauren - March 28, 2023 at 12:14 AM

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Lauren - March 28, 2023 at 12:10 AM

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lauren - March 27, 2023 at 01:33 AM

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lauren - March 27, 2023 at 01:10 AM

LA

Grandmother, Robert, Lauren & Eliana inutero :)

lauren - March 27, 2023 at 01:12 AM

MA

“ Uncle Rob was the absolute coolest uncle when we were little. All my other uncles were great, but they had their own kids. Uncle Rob was just fun and cool. When I was four, we came on a furlough and my sister had gotten lost briefly while we were on our way. It was dramatic and memorable, and I remember all the of us kids arguing about who could tell the story to Uncle Rob. He had us take turns and listened to each of us tell the exact same story. I'm sure it was very boring to him, but we loved that we each got a turn and his full attention.

A free years later, we couldn't go to the wedding because we were back home in Africa, but I remember we called the night before. The next year when we came on furlough, we were all excited to meet Aunt Lauren--and she was super fun, too! I remember one again we hung out with Uncle Rob and Aunt Lauren in California while my parents did other things. We split up and raced back to Uncle Chuck's house. I don't remember who won, but I think it was Aunt Lauren and Uncle Rob accused her of cheating. I just remember that it was fun.

When we went to Yellowstone and our tent got rained out, I slept in the Pollastros' trailer with Emily and it was damp and cold--it snowed that night in July! I was jealous the next day of Marissa who got to sleep in Uncle Rob and Aunt Laura warm tent.

I shared this at the funeral, but when we went to Yosemite, Uncle Rob was the one who encouraged me to keep going when I wanted to give up.

I hope someone has recordings of Uncle Rob singing some of the songs he wrote--I remember various silly ones for family members, a really sweet one for Lauren ("... underneath these Texas heavens above" maybe?), one about pirates, and "God made puppies," which my other Grandma liked so much she used it in her cradle roll class for years.

Marcella - March 25, 2023 at 07:01 PM

RW

“ Just a month after I had my first birthday, I met my brother Robert Tipton. I don't remember life without him, and can't imagine how to carry on without him. Two days ago, he went to work, had a heart attack, and left his body there. Our family is devastated, and I'll be processing this loss for the rest of my life.



Rosalinda Tipton Walker - March 24, 2023 at 01:26 PM

LA

So very precious!

lauren - March 27, 2023 at 01:12 AM

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Lauren - March 23, 2023 at 10:23 PM

LA

“ To my dear friend rob I hope your having a blast jamming with John and George..I know you don't have any blisters on your fingers now. I miss you buddy. May you rest in forever peace my friend (Robert Wolfe)



Lauren - March 18, 2023 at 09:22 AM

LA

The above video and tribute were posted on behalf of my brother-in-law Robert Wolfe

Lauren - March 18, 2023 at 10:05 AM

LA

“ I met Robert online through my football website Fantasy Football Metrics. He was emailing me for some advice on his Fantasy Football team and little did I know that the email would kick off a ten+ year friendship.

Robert eventually volunteered to help edit some of my reports and he was so faithful to do so because he was so passionate about Fantasy Football -- but as we conversed about football over the years, we also found out that we had our faith in Christ and love of family in common as well.

I will always be thankful for Robert's help and debates on football matters, but I'll really more remember his kind heart -- whenever I shared with my audience about my personal life, major events with my kids, my anniversaries, my tragedies...Robert was always quick to celebrate or sympathize with me. I get a ton of emails every week from people looking for Fantasy Football advice, but Robert was different -- we'd often email back-and-forth about the good things that were happening with our kids or the ups and downs at work or surprise plans/trips for vacation/the holidays...and we'd almost forget to discuss football sometimes because we were talking about all our family events.

Robert was so ultra proud of his family. He was always thinking/planning ahead with such aspirations and love for his kids...I think he was planning college and career ideas for them 10 years ahead of them even getting to high school. He'd always apologize if he felt he was running late on looking over a football report because he was going to one of his kids or family events or doing something with his wife. I'd always tell him that there was no need to apologize...that he was doing exactly what he was supposed to be doing!

I finish certain football reports now, ones that I would always send to Robert right after rough draft completion, and still to this day start the process of getting it ready to send to Robert, and then I catch

myself. Then I think...I bet Robert is up in heaven and he sees all the reports he's running behind on and is trying to get word to me that he's sorry that he's behind on looking at them because he's been hanging out with Jesus too much.

I look forward to the day when I see him face-to-face, up in heaven, and can once again tell him there was no need to apologize...he was doing what he was supposed to be doing. He was with Our Savior and that's always the top priority.

-- R.C. Fischer

Lauren - March 16, 2023 at 04:23 PM

DS

“ *Bobby was my second-cousin. His Mother Lola was my cousin. We were born one year apart. Over the years we didn't get to spend a great deal of time together, but when we did, I felt a special connection with him. Everytime we did, he was focused on learning about me and genuinely interested in me and my family. I regret that we did not get to spend more time together. What an interesting man! His Life Celebration really highlighted how special he was. Praying for peace and blessings on Lauren and the kids. Sharing a couple of pics I had. Bobby and Lauren, Bobby with me and another cousin, David Wayne, and some of Grandmother Sanders Great Grandkids in Weinert, TX 1981.*



Dave Sanders - March 13, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Tipton.*



March 11, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *We thank the Lord for bringing Robert and Lauren into our lives over 30 years ago at Temple Baptist Church. We were honored to attend their wedding over Valentines Day weekend. During the years that Robert and Lauren lived in the Bay Area, Robert was Craig's closest friend. Craig and Robert played together in the Men's Adult Softball League (Mad Dogs), attended many Promise Keepers events, enjoyed Stevie Wonder, and were in the Mayonnaise haters Club. With their wives being very close friends, there were countless family memories made that include camping at Henry Cowell in Santa Cruz, getting mad at each other during Settlers of Catan games, and Alta cabin trips. Unfortunately, one of those trips involved installing a toilet all day. We loved how Robert played with our kids, and so appreciated his participation at Rebekah's baby dedication in 1995 by singing a special song. We are heartbroken at his sudden departure, especially since we were determined to visit them this year in Texas. We are grateful to the Lord for making it possible for us to look forward to a glorious reunion.*

Reed - March 11, 2023 at 12:55 AM

RE

“ 1 file added to the album *Temple Baptist Church Family*



Reed - March 10, 2023 at 08:35 PM

RE

“ *Dear Lauren,
I still remember the first time Ralph and I noticed Robert sitting all by himself a few rows behind us at Temple Baptist Church. I invited him to come sit with us and he did but he kept looking behind him as if looking for someone. Then I noticed that his attention was set on a pretty blonde girl sitting in the back of the church! I am glad that I was a personal witness to God bringing Robert his wife. I cherish the fond memories of Robert and I love you and I know that God is with you.
Lois Reed*

Reed - March 10, 2023 at 08:27 PM

SB

“ *Bill and I shared many wonderful evenings with Robert and Lauren while we lived in San Antonio. Being in a small group with them was a blessing during our time at Oak Hills Church. We are praying for Lauren and the children as they grieve Robert's loss, but we know it is not a loss without hope. Much love from Bill and Sherry Bowden*

Sherry Bowden - March 10, 2023 at 10:21 AM

JM

“ I don't know that I've ever known anyone quite like Robert in his confidence and appreciation for God's grace. He exuded joy and lightness of heart in every instance that I can remember over the last 20+ years I've known him. We were in a stressful situation or two over those years; I showed it but he didn't. Always positive, always smiling and always with at least two stories to tell you. It made him seem so much younger, I thought I was at least 10-15 years older but now find the difference was only four. And if you were with him for a while or if you asked him why he was that way, the smile would get even bigger and he'd shake his head that way he did when he was excited to tell you something and he'd tell you it was all God's doing, all Jesus. I never doubted that he meant it and I still don't. He was inspiring that way. I miss just knowing that he's in this world.

Jim McDaniel - March 09, 2023 at 04:09 PM

VV

“ Robert,
Thank you for the talks and stories of your life. You were always positive, singing, and in great spirits. It was a pleasure to work with you all these years. You will be greatly missed by your HardRock Family. I pray for comfort for your family during this time.

-Valerie

Valerie Villarreal - March 09, 2023 at 02:38 PM

JO

“ Our sincere condolences from our family to yours, yall are and have been in our prayers. I didn't work directly with Robert, but our conversations were about some of his interests we learned that we enjoyed some of the very silly movies specifically dumb humor like Will Ferrell. I enjoyed talking to him and I will carry some great memories with me.

Joe Ortiz - March 09, 2023 at 12:24 PM

JL

“ I'll always remember calling him for ticket numbers and having conversations about what's going on that day. I still have old voicemails he'd leave and now I find myself going back to listen to them just to hear his voice. He'd always say before he hung up to “have a blessed day & be safe”.
He was a great man and will be greatly missed.
-Jerry Longoria-

Jerry Longoria - March 08, 2023 at 08:33 PM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. We absolutely adored Robert and his stories he would share with us. He will definitely be missed by many. Thank you for sharing him with us at Hardrock. He was a huge blessing to this company and we will miss him for sure. Cory, Crystal, Laynee, and Lane Baker.

Cory Baker - March 08, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Carl Tipton.*



March 08, 2023 at 11:03 AM