

## His Journey Has Just Begun

*Don't think of him as gone away  
his journey has just begun,  
Life holds so many facets  
this world is only one.  
Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how he must be wishing,  
that we know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.  
And think of him as living  
In the hearts of those he touched...  
For that nothing loved is ever lost  
And he was loved so very much.*



### **Acknowledgement**

We wish to express our profound and sincere appreciation for all your acts of kindness shown during the passing of our beloved. It is through your love, prayers, and the grace of God that we find strength and comfort.  
May God bless and keep you all.

The Family

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*In Loving Remembrance of*

A large, central portrait of a man with a mustache, wearing a white Atlanta Braves baseball jersey. He is standing in front of a golden, ornate gate. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds. Three white doves are depicted in flight around the portrait: one on the left, one on the right, and one at the bottom right.

**MR. SAMUEL EUGENE REID**

SUNRISE  
MAY 21, 1962

SUNSET  
APRIL 20, 2025

**SUNDAY; APRIL 27, 2025  
7:00 P.M.**

**RIVER STREET PARK  
MOUNT HOLLY, NORTH CAROLINA**



## Life Reflections

**In Loving (and Laughing) Memory of Samuel Eugene “Bobby” Reid**  
May 21, 1962 – April 20, 2025

The sirens are quieter now in Gaston County, as Mt. Holly's most memorable character, Samuel Eugene Reid — better known as *Bobby* (because his mama said so) — has officially clocked out. Bobby left this world on April 20, 2025, exactly one month before his 63rd birthday.

Born on May 21, 1962, in Gaston County and raised in the heart of Mt. Holly's Low-End community, Bobby lived a life that was anything but ordinary. His career path could best be described as “choose your own adventure,” having tried his hand at more jobs than the classifieds could keep up with. But through it all, his heart belonged to Fire/EMS work. While he never became a full-time firefighter, that didn't stop him from showing up to scenes, directing traffic, or telling the real firemen how to do their jobs — usually with a garden hose in hand and unmatched confidence.

To say Bobby was a local legend would be an understatement. He was the kind of man whose name you couldn't say without a smile, an eye-roll, or a deep sigh. Nearly every story in Mt. Holly started with, “Now, *that damn Bobby*...” and ended with laughter, disbelief, or both. Whether he was fixing a lawnmower with duct tape, showing up to city council meetings uninvited, or starting a barbecue at 10 a.m. on a Tuesday, Bobby made sure life around him was never boring.

He was a passionate soul — about his family, his community, and Gaston County as a whole. He loved hard, argued harder, and hugged like he meant it.

Bobby was preceded in death by his mother Maggie Currence (the original Bobby fan club president), his father Elijah Reid, his stepfather Edward B. Currence, and his brother Elijah Reid II — all of whom are likely organizing a reunion BBQ in the afterlife as we speak.

He leaves behind his beloved daughter Amber, who inherited both his fire and his ability to tell a good story, and two granddaughters, Jordyn and Navy, who already know that their Papa Bobby was one of a kind. He's also survived by six sisters (each with more “Bobby stories” than they can legally share), Sharon Hart (Michael), Gloria Smith (Johnny), Linda Henderson (Terry), Caroline Howard (Bernard), Rochell Oglesby (Robert), Priscilla Reid, and sister-in-law Stephanie Reid, a whole crew of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, plus at least three people who aren't technically related but Bobby claimed them anyway.

Bobby didn't just *live* in Mt. Holly — he *was* Mt. Holly. A one-man welcome committee, traffic director, neighborhood watch captain (self-appointed), and source of unlimited entertainment.

A celebratory balloon release, in memory of Bobby's life will be held where all great Bobby events were — outside. Family and friends are invited to gather at River Street Park in Mt. Holly on Sunday April 27, 2025 at 7pm, balloons will be released at sunset.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Bobby's name to Phoenix Counseling Center at [phoenixcc.us](https://phoenixcc.us)

