

Bobbie Phillip Dobson was born on September 6, 1945, the third son of B.H. and Ida Dobson. B.H. purchased his first combine in the spring of 1947. Bobbie has been on harvest every year since then except the year he graduated from Texas Technological University.

Bobbie grew up in Morton, Texas, graduating from high school in 1965. He was active in football, basketball, gymnastics, and track during his high school and college years. In one game his sophomore year he came in contact with ten of the opposing team's players in one play. At the time he graduated from high school he was the southern plains leader in yardage gained and an all regional full back. Bobbie was voted Most Courteous his senior year. Anyone who knows Bobbie knows he has not lost this virtue in the ensuing fifty-five years.

He received a football scholarship to Taft College in Taft, California. The Taft 1966 Football team was a championship team and was inducted into the Taft Hall of Fame in November, 2019.

After graduating from Taft College, he continued his education at Texas Tech University. While there he was active in the Judo Club and became president of the club. He graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in accounting. That summer he worked as an accountant in Midland, Texas. He realized at that time that harvesting was what he wanted to do. His father, B.H., helped Bobbie get his first combine. It was a real struggle for several years and Bobbie worked in the oilfield during the winter to make ends meet. Bobbie persevered and continued on harvest working with B.H. for many years.

Bobbie comes from a true custom harvesting family. His father, B.H., brothers, Demas Dobson and Darrell Dobson, nephew, Danny Dobson, and great-nephew, Buckie Dobson were all harvesters. Dee Dobson, Bobbie's nephew, is still harvesting with Bobbie. All of Bobbie's nieces and nephews worked on harvest and many of his great-nieces and great-nephews also worked on harvest. As recently as 2019 Bobbie has had family work on harvest.

In April, 1980, B.H. had a stroke and was no longer able to work. Bobbie took over the business. B.H. passed away in July 1982. Bobbie supported his mother from the time of his father's stroke until her death in December, 2003, twenty-three years. Bobbie was a good son.

A few years after B.H.'s death, Bobbie joined with his brother, Delmas, and nephew, Danny, on the harvest run. He switched from Allis Chalmers combines to John Deere combines. He continues to run John Deere today. They started the harvest in Seymour, Texas and went as far north as Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. He has made many life-long friends during his many years on harvest.

Bobbie likes to tell the story of one of his clients from Canada. The man and his wife had a son in his late teens. He wanted to play football but they wouldn't let him because it was such a rough sport and they worried about injuries. So instead they let him play hockey.

Bobbie has always loved the outdoors. When he was younger he liked to fish, snow ski, camp, backpack and hunt. Fishing is one of his passions. He has enjoyed this since he was a child. He and his brother, Delmas, would go annually to Lake Amistad, at Del Rio, Texas, at spring break, along with other friends and family. Many of the children that would go still comment about it.

Bobbie first met his wife, JoAnn, in 1971. They began dating in February, 1980, and have been together since. They both grew up in Morton but didn't meet until 1971. When JoAnn's mother, Juanita, became terminally ill Bobbie invited her into their home to live. Bobbie spoke to Juanita about marrying JoAnn before he spoke to JoAnn. He told her not to tell anyone. Juanita told everyone. All of JoAnn's family knew before she did that Bobbie was going to propose. Bobbie confiding in Juanita moved her more than words can convey.

Over the last seventy-four years Bobbie has amassed a vast knowledge of the small grains harvest. Other harvesters have asked Bobbie for his help with harvest equipment and advice on how to do some task. Bobbie always gives any help or advice that he can. He will help other harvesters or employees with any problem. If he is not able to be there for a client he will try to find someone to replace him. Bobbie's steadfast determination to be the best man that he can be is an inspiration to many. He is true to his beliefs. He only wishes the best for everyone. He is a kind and gentle man. He is the same person to everyone he meets. He doesn't put on any kind of airs. He is truly the same to everyone. That is an almost impossible task for someone and it is who Bobbie Dobson is.