



Robert Ray Callen

January 23, 1944 - June 27, 2019

Robert Ray Callen, age 75, passed away on Thursday, June 27, 2019 after a long illness at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, VA.

He was born on January 23, 1944 in Farber, Missouri to the late John Robert and Marjorie Ruth (Hall) Callen.

Bob graduated from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 1967. Following ROTC training, he entered the U.S. Army and later became an Army Ranger for the 101st Airborne. He was deployed to Vietnam for nearly a year and was the recipient of both a Bronze and Silver Star. During his time in the Army, he worked as a Research and Development Coordinator and an Electronic Warfare-Cryptologic Tactical Operations Officer. Bob was a generous to a fault, never focused on the negative side of life and always conveyed a positive attitude.

Survivors include his loving wife of 24 years, Linda Elaine Callen; three children: Michael Robert Callen of Kansas City, MO, Laurel Lynn Callen of Fairfax, VA; and Robin Rae Kitchens and husband Matthew of Moore, OK; two step sons: Byron Dawkins of Haymarket, VA and Christopher Dawkins of Haymarket, VA; one brother: John Doran Callen and wife Mary Ann of Bourbon, MO; nine grandchildren: Noah and Elijah Callen of Kansas City, MO; Devin and Noah Grunstad; and McKenzie, Joseph and Noah Kitchens all of

Moore, OK; Samantha Dawkins of Woodbridge, VA and Tara Dawkins of Boston, MA.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 12:00 Noon at Antioch Baptist Church, 16513 Waterfall Road, Haymarket, VA 20169 with Rev. Dr. Billy G. Tatum officiating. Interment to follow at Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers or you may donate to: Wounded Warriors Project, 1120 G. Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005 in loving memory of Robert R. Callen.

Condolences may be sent to: www.piercefh.com

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

JUL 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church
16513 Waterfall Road
Haymarket, VA 20169

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Mr Callen in March of last year. He was kind, always positive, and laughed easily. We spoke often of his connection to Missouri, his love of his family, his many travels around the world. My sincere condolences to Linda and his children.

Cheryl Jones RN - July 05, 2019 at 01:31 PM

LI

Thank you Cheryl. You were a definite positive long in his wonderful life. He was a wonderful person-not just my husband.

Linda - July 16, 2019 at 07:57 PM

PZ

“ We send our deepest sympathies to Linda and the family. May God hold them in His hands.

Phil and Brenda Zuzolo - July 02, 2019 at 11:49 PM

LI

Thank you Brenda and Phil. He was a wonderful person. He, as I've mentioned numerous times, was my life and will be missed.

Linda - July 16, 2019 at 08:04 PM

TF

“ The GDIT Finance Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Ray Callen.



The GDIT Finance Family - July 01, 2019 at 07:51 PM

PW

“ I am privileged to have known Robert since I was a child. I have fond memories spending weekends, holidays, and vacations with Robert, his brother John and their parents. Robert was kind, generous, fun, and incredibly helpful with computers. I know he will be missed by all. My sympathies to Linda, Michael, Lauren, and John his other family members.

Patti Wright - July 01, 2019 at 05:35 PM

LI

Hi Patti- thank you so much for your comments. Bob was my life and will be missed. Pls keep in touch.

Linda - July 16, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Ray Callen.



July 01, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Ray Callen.



July 01, 2019 at 12:44 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Ray Callen.*



June 30, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Robert Ray Callen.*



June 30, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ *I fondly remember my 1st cousin, Robert Ray. He is, the same age as my brother, Melvyn and me. We loved to visit with his parents and John with our grandmother, Naomi Hall in Farber, Mo. We always had fun and were treated wonderfully. My deepest sympathy to Linda and family and to John & Mary Ann. With much love, Marilyn*

Marilyn Hall Cunninghsm - June 30, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Ray Callen.*



June 30, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Ray Callen.* ”



June 30, 2019 at 09:13 AM