



## LTC. Robert William Weigand

November 3, 1935 - June 25, 2025

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Robert William Weigand, a decorated Army Corps of Engineers officer whose life was defined by unwavering 26 years of service, remarkable dedication, and profound love for his family, passed away peacefully on June 25, 2025, in Gainesville, Virginia. He was in his 90th year. Robert was surrounded by his loving wife of 62 years, Marilyn, their daughter Debbie and son-in-law Dave, son Dave and daughter-in-law MaryAnn, and his three cherished grandsons, Samuel, Connor and Trevor. His passing marks the end of an extraordinary life lived with purpose, courage, and an indomitable spirit.

Born on November 3rd, 1935, in La Junta, Colorado, Robert was the son of Clarence William Weigand and Cleo Mooneyham Weigand. From a young age, he exhibited a keen mind and a strong work ethic starting when he was only 7 years old working every day after school at Rocky Ford Floral to support his grandma Lilly, who raised him, until he graduated High School. He graduated from Colorado State on the GI Bill with a degree in civil engineering and from Missouri University of Science and Technology with a Masters of Civil Engineering, a field that would become the foundation for his distinguished military career. Robert's commitment to service was evident early on; he was the leader in the ROTC program and felt a deep sense of duty to his country.

Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Robert's journey of service began. He quickly rose through the ranks as a

brilliant strategist and exceptional leader, with expertise in engineering and a calm demeanor under pressure. His career spanned multiple continents and conflicts, starting with his first significant assignment in Iran developing critical infrastructure. This experience honed his skills and taught him the importance of global collaboration.

His service in the Vietnam War, however, was the crucible of his military career. As a Corps of Engineer commander, he bravely led his engineers, overseeing the construction of vital bridges, roads, and airfields, often under direct fire. He was known for his meticulous planning and his deep concern for his soldiers' well-being. For his valor and leadership, he received several service and merit decorations.

After his tours of duty, Robert and his family were assigned to several posts in Germany, where he served with NATO forces. These years were filled with new cultural experiences, which he used to teach his children about history and global affairs. They traveled across Europe in their VW camper, with their dog Buffy, creating cherished memories that would last a lifetime—from exploring castles on the Rhine to camping in the Alps to brass rubbings in Europe's cathedrals.

Upon retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, Robert transitioned to a successful civilian career as a Director for the New York City Health and Hospital, where he oversaw large-scale projects and mentored a new generation of engineers with the same integrity and discipline he had in the military.

But for all his professional achievements, Robert's greatest pride was his family. He was a dedicated husband, loving father, and adoring grandfather. As "Opa" to his three grandsons, he taught them valuable life lessons and was their biggest cheerleader at every event. He and Marilyn built a life together rooted in mutual respect, laughter, and unwavering support.

Robert Weigand will be remembered for his sharp wit, booming laugh, and incredible storytelling. He lived by a simple code: do your duty, love your family, and always do the right thing. He leaves behind a legacy of service to his country and a family that will forever carry his strength and love in their

hearts.

A memorial service with full military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on a date yet to be announced. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Ave  
Arlington, VA 22211  
(877) 907-8585

# Events

**Details are pending.**