



Robert Kirk Nicholson

June 10, 1932 - May 14, 2016

Robert K. Nicholson (Bob) of Corvallis, Oregon, passed away peacefully at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House in Albany, Oregon on May 14, 2016. He was born on June 10, 1932 to Esther and A. Robert Nicholson of Jenkintown, PA. He graduated from Jenkintown High School in 1950.

Bob was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, class of 1956. In 1965, he received an MS in Engineering from the University of Michigan.

In 1977, after 21 years of dedicated service, Bob retired from the Army at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was most proud of his assignment with the 101st Airborne Division (Screaming Eagles) during the Tet Offensive in Vietnam, 1968-1969. His final assignment was in Dearborn, MI as a PM for the M1 Abrams Tank. He went on to work in engineering at Ford and a few government contractors, eventually retiring in 1994.

Bob married Carolyn Rice at the Army chapel in Fort Knox, Kentucky on Valentine's day 1957. They were blessed with four successful children and seven wonderful grandchildren. Bob enjoyed raising horses, sailing, woodworking, listening to music, drives in the country, and spending time with friends and family. He was an active member of his church, the Military Officers Club of Corvallis, the West Point Society, and the Society of

Automotive Engineers.

Bob is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carolyn; his sons Bob Jr. and Allen (Elyse), daughters Connie Rourke and Cindy Welton (Mark), and grandchildren; Jessica, Alex, Lindsay, Max, Zac, Emery and Sarah.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Vets Helping Vets in Albany, OR www.vetshelpingvetshq.com.

A Memorial Service will be held on his birthday, Friday, June 10th, 4:00 PM, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, located at 333 NW 35th St, Corvallis, OR. A Military funeral will be held at Willamette National Cemetery, in Portland the following week.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 10. 4:00 PM (PT)

Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan
333 NW 35th St.
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

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“ *I don't feel safe in the world anymore without my dad. I didn't realize how protective he was of me until he was gone.*

Dementia dad was the best. I think his true loving nature came out once the pain of his life was gone from his memory. I miss my dad everyday and tear up at just the thought of him being gone.



Connie Nicholson - May 24, 2023 at 04:13 PM