



William Robert Walsh Jr.

July 7, 1947 - October 30, 2023

William Robert Walsh, Jr., known affectionately as Bob or Bobby, passed away on October 30, 2023, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, at the age of 76. He was born on July 7, 1947, in Oakland, California. Bob was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Growing up in Hawaii, Bob enjoyed running around the island barefoot and fearlessly cliff diving. In 1962, after the death of his father, his mother and siblings relocated to Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Bob was always the life of the party, known for his sense of humor and storytelling. He had a heart of gold and was always willing to help others.

After graduating from Excelsior Springs High School in 1965, Bob served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1968. He was stationed in Vietnam for a year, serving his country with honor.

Following his military service, Bob embarked on a successful career with an Arkansas-based commercial construction company. He worked as a supervisor on various projects, including the Highway 101 bridge over Lake Norfork in Mountain Home, Arkansas, the Juanita Hammons Center in Springfield, Missouri, and the Walton Arts Center in Fayetteville.

When Bob and JoAnn relocated to Northwest Arkansas he spent ten years as

an educator at the Helen R. Walton Enrichment Center until his retirement in 2015.

In his free time, Bob enjoyed the outdoors, particularly floating the Buffalo National River and spending days at Norfolk and Bull Shoals lakes. He was passionate about supporting Veterans Affairs, specifically the National League of POW/MIA Families. Bob was a dedicated member of the VFW Post 3246 in Mountain Home, Arkansas, and served as its Commander from 1996 to 1999. Above all, he cherished spending time with his family, especially his beloved grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his wife, JoAnn Walsh, and three children: William Robert Walsh III and his wife Cassi, who reside in Cawker City, Kansas; Michael Travis Walsh and his wife April, who live in Fayetteville, Arkansas; and Emily Jean Harrison, who also resides in Fayetteville. Bob was a proud grandfather to Ty, Forrest, Madison, Kennedy, Carter, Reid, Parker, Bhodi, Oliver, and Madeleine. He also leaves behind his sister Cheryl Kay Greim of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, William Robert Walsh, Sr., his mother Nova Jean (Floyd) Walsh and his sister Ruey Jean Manning.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Friday, November 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale, Arkansas. A private celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, Veteran's Day, to honor Bob's military service.

The Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale, Arkansas is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements.

Bob will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. His legacy of love, laughter, and service will forever live on in the hearts of those whose lives he

touched.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Washington Regional Medical Foundation in support of the Willard Walker Hospice Home.

Donations can be sent to Washington Regional Medical Foundation, P.O. Box 356, Fayetteville, AR 72702, or made online at www.wregional.com/foundation/ways-to-give.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
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“ I worked with Bob at Bentonville Public School. I could always count on Bob. Sorry for your loss.

Pamela Elwin - November 14, 2023 at 08:22 PM

RW

“ So sorry to miss Bob’s memorial service and the opportunity to meet his wonderful family. Joann my thoughts and prayers are with you as you struggle to move forward.
Cousin Dick

Richard Walsh - November 10, 2023 at 11:55 AM

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