



William L. Robey

October 28, 1932 - October 23, 2016

Major William Louis Robey (USAF, Ret.)

Bill Robey, 83, Holden, MO, passed away Sunday, October 23, 2016 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg, MO.

Bill was born October 28, 1932, he lived in the farmhouse where he was born, until his recent stay at the Veteran's Home. He was the son of Frank Robey and

Anna (Gudde) Robey. He was a 1951 graduate of Holden High School. He attended

the University of Missouri-Columbia and was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha

Fraternity with buddies Sam and Kerry. In 1955, he received his Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned in the United States Air Force.

Bill served 20 years as a navigator with Strategic Air Command, flying on KC-97's (prop) and

then on KC-135's (jet), both mid-air refueling aircraft. Some of the commendations he received included, Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement, Outstanding Unit Award, "Top 3 Club" (best KC-135 crew), Combat Readiness Medal and Vietnam Service Medal, among others.

Bill met Marion Holland while he was stationed at Ramey AFB in Puerto Rico and

she was teaching school for the Department of Defense. On January 23, 1965,

they were married at St. John's Church, with a reception at the Hotel Carlyle in New York City.

Upon military retirement in 1975, he and his family returned to the farm where he raised cattle throughout his life, among other pursuits. Bill also worked for many years at Stinston Mag & Fizzell law firm in downtown Kansas City.

Bill is survived by his wife, Marion, son, John (Elsa) and daughter, Kate, as well as

many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Frances Ann

(Robey) Stumpff and brothers in law, Carl Stumpff, Robert Holland, John Holland,

Edmund Harnedy, John Milton and sister in law Elaine Milton.

Visitation is from 9:30 am to 10:30 on Saturday October 29, 2016 at St. Patrick's

Catholic Church in Holden, MO. Services will follow at 10:30 am, with interment at

Mount Calvary Cemetery in Holden, MO with full military honors provided by the

Holden VFW post #5844 and American Legion post #90

Honorary pallbearers are Kerry Kephart, Sam Raber, Jim Stumpff; Todd Bryant,

Jack Greenwell and Vinny Serra.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to St. Patrick's Church or The Holden Ministerial Association.

Arrangements entrusted to Ben Cast & Son-Wood Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William L. Robey.*



October 28, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ *Bill did it right: with honesty, integrity, teamwork and a sense of humor. A really good man who I have thought of often in the years since I left Stinson. Rest in peace, friend.*

Lindsay

Lindsay Wood - October 27, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ *I started my career as a paralegal at Stinson as a "ward" of Bill. He was the paralegal coordinator at the time. My time working with Bill were the most personally enjoyable in my 31+ years there. Bill was so lively, so incredibly funny and such a lovable character. We all benefited from our time with him at the helm of our motley group of paralegals. He was so respected and admired by attorneys and staff alike.*

Joyce Hart - October 26, 2016 at 01:59 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William L. Robey.*



October 25, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ *May the memories of your life together bring you comfort and peace. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time. Jo Kammeyer*

Jo Kammeyer - October 25, 2016 at 10:19 AM



“ *Dear Aunt Marion, John and Kate,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.
Fondly,
Aunt Joan, Julie, Ray, Liam , Rich, Lynn, Ed & James
Xoxoxo*

Julie Martin - October 24, 2016 at 04:38 PM

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Marion,

I only know you and Bill through Kate's eyes and stories. Bill's outstanding service to our country and KC is exemplary. I love that you had your wedding reception at the Carlile in New York. Then you returned with him to a farm near Holden. What a life you have had! Your daughter Kate is a reflection of the extraordinary wife, mother, and woman you are.

Steve, Brad and I send our deepest condolences in this moment.

*With love.
Ann Willoughby*

Ann Willoughby - October 26, 2016 at 09:15 PM

KC

Marion,

We were sad recently to read Bill's Obituary. Bill and I were both on flying status in the Refueling Squadron at Whiteman AFB, Mo. My wife worked on the Base at that time, so we both knew Bill. Several years ago we stopped in Holden to see Bill, and went to the Post office there to learn directions to Bill's home. We were so glad to see Bill again and glad that we had the opportunity to meet you, Marion.

*We both send our sympathy.
Ken and Jane Carpenter, Overland Park, Ks.*

Ken Carpenter - November 07, 2016 at 04:32 PM