



Robert H. Laurine Sr.

November 29, 1929 - August 17, 2017

Lt.Col. Robert Hilary Laurine, Sr., 87, of White Plains, died on August 17, 2017 in his home surrounded by family.

Bob was born November 29, 1929, in Wolfdale, Pennsylvania, the seventh of seven children born to Joseph and Sophie Michalek Laurine.

Bob grew up in Washington, Pennsylvania, and attended Waynesburg College, receiving a Bachelor's of Science degree in Education.

Upon graduation from college, Mr. Laurine entered pilot training for the United States Air Force. He proudly served his country from 1953 until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1974. For his honorable service, Mr. Laurine was awarded the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In 1955, Mr. Laurine married Audrey Smith and together they raised four children.

Surviving are Mr. Laurine's wife, Audrey Smith Laurine of White Plains, Maryland; three sons, Robert H. Laurine, Jr. (Kelly) of Watkinsville, Georgia,

Michael J Laurine (Douglas) of Berwyn Heights, Maryland, Stephen R. Laurine (Janine) of Dunn Loring, Virginia, and a daughter, Nancy A. Laurine of Laurel, Maryland; ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Gathering will held on Thursday, August 24, 2017 from 6 PM to 8 PM with Memorial Services a 7 PM at the Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Inurnment with Full Military Honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St Paul's Episcopal Church, Waldorf, MD 20602, stpaulspiney.org or Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD 20603, hospiceofcharlescounty.org.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

AUG 24. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service
5635 Washington Avenue
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Memorial Service

AUG 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert H. Laurine Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Robert H. Laurine Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Thoughts today of Uncle Bob with family at the Washington, PA reunions. I remember his smile and jovial nature. He was always kind and said good things to me and others. Those memories will be treasured forever. Uncle Bob was a special person and he is missed.*

*Love to all
Paulette Estep, Richmond, VA*

Paulette Estep - August 24, 2017 at 12:45 PM



“ *John and Kim Laurine purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert H. Laurine Sr..*



John and Kim Laurine - August 23, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert H. Laurine Sr..



August 23, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Robert H. Laurine Sr..



August 23, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert H. Laurine Sr..



August 22, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Robert H. Laurine Sr..



August 21, 2017 at 08:13 PM

BS

“Major” Laurine and I served as Forward Air Controllers together in 1967. He was the senior FAC and Air Liason Officer to a Brigadier General, the CO of the Army's 196th Light Infantry Brigade. He was a great boss for 4 junior Air Force pilots, including me. In February of this year, I was able to find him. We shared stories on the phone and through the mail. He was upbeat, full of great details on several of our missions. I felt like I'd just renewed an old, treasured, friendship. I'm sure his family will miss this wonderful man.

Bob Staib, Plano, Texas

Bob Staib - August 21, 2017 at 02:13 PM

MQ

Hello, Bob, I'm Megan--"Major" Laurine's granddaughter, also USAF. I didn't find out what he did in Vietnam until I put the pieces together while learning about FAC's in BMT. I came home and it was really nice being able to talk about something that very few people knew or understood and how much of an impact you guys made. I would love to talk sometime, if you'd be willing?

Megan Laurine Quintanilla - April 04, 2025 at 12:43 PM

JE

“ I am praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy for the eternal salvation of his soul. Rest in peace. James Esposito

James Esposito - August 21, 2017 at 07:55 AM



“ I remember more than anything the Christmas with the family where we talked about our shared love of oysters, which of course led to use discussing more food. The conversation went from crabs to langoustine. While to some our conversation may have seen limited and even dull, we were bonding.

Karl Wilder - August 20, 2017 at 03:36 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert H. Laurine Sr..* ”



August 19, 2017 at 11:22 AM