



Mr. Robert Lee Ellington

May 10, 1939 - July 16, 2016

Robert Lee Ellington, SGM, US Army, Retired, passed away Saturday, July 16, 2016.

A son of the late Wiley E. and Bertha Elizabeth Baker Ellington, he was born May 10, 1939, in Raymondville, Texas. He faithfully served over 27 years in the United States Army, retiring with the rank of Sergeant Major. During his tenure in the Army, he visited 57 countries and received many medals for his service. He was a true American, putting God first, then country.

Following his retirement from the US Army, he was employed with the Federal Aviation Administration in Tallahassee for 16 years.

He was a member of the American Legion, and enjoyed restoring cars and trucks and gardening. He also loved his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gerldene Tate Ellington; daughters, Judy (Brian) Morris, Robin (Scott) Songer; grandchildren, Lisa (Mitchell) Mims, Amy Sampson, Matthew Sampson, Patrick Morris, Paul (Mallory) Morris, Lauren (Benjamin) Lazar, Allie Songer and Jennifer Songer; great-grandchildren, Bryson Mims, Thomas Morris, Mason Whitlow, Luka Lazar and Kenley Songer; and sisters and brother, Bessie Ralston, Nancy Shilling and Willie Ellington. He was preceded in death by six brothers and one sister.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 until 2:00 PM, Thursday, July 21, 2016 at Abbey Funeral Home, with the funeral following at 2:00 PM.

Interment, with military honors, will be at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lighthouse Children's Home, 7771 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32309. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Jimmie Ruth Songer purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Robert Lee Ellington.*



Jimmie Ruth Songer - July 20, 2016 at 05:39 PM

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“ *Our sincere sympathy to the Ellington family at this time. May your many memories bring you comfort.*



Larry and Brenda

Brenda - July 20, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. Myrtle B Murray*



Myrtle Murray - July 19, 2016 at 03:16 PM

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“ *What an honor to know this man. Although he was a neighbor for just a few short years, it was as though our friendship was many years older. Bob never failed to offer his intelligence and spirit in any project that we shared. Although he is now in a much better place, we will all miss his smile, and his caring demeanor.*

Geri, Robin and Judy, Second Thessalonians 3:16 tells us, "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way." Both Lourdes and I offer our prayers and condolences, but the everlasting friendship is always there.

We shall always remember his five month struggle to get out of the medical facilities and to come home, but we will celebrate all of the good times we had together, all of the political dramas and wars we won, the memories we made, and the security of being close by if needed. We will celebrate Bob's great life, and not his passing.
Olin & Lourdes

Olin & Lourdes Greene - July 19, 2016 at 11:16 AM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Robin Songer - July 18, 2016 at 11:03 PM