



Robert Ellis

February 12, 2011

Obituary of Robert Ellis Jr.

Colonel Robert E. Ellis Jr. US Army Retired. 70, of Leesburg, FL passed away Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Cornerstone Hospice House, Tavares, FL. Robert was born in Churchill, TN the son of Robert E. and Ollie (Whiteaker) Ellis Sr. Bob moved to Plantation @ Leesburg in May of 2003 from Hungary. Bob was an Army aviator, serving two tours of duty in Vietnam, the commander of a support battalion for the US portion of the UN mission in the Sinai, a graduate of the Army War College, Carlisle, PA. In his last active duty assignment he was the Director of Logistics for the National Security Agency.

After discharge he served as the Overseas Regional Director in the Balkans for the Kellogg, Brown and Root Co. Bob was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, MD. Survivors include his wife, Ildiko, her two sons, Zsolt and Adam that he loved as his own, a sister Dorothy (Mike) DeLoach, Mechanicsburg, PA, an aunt, Elizabeth Durham, Bristol, VA and several nieces and nephews, Bob was preceded in death by a sister Betty Jo. The family would like to express their thanks for the excellent care given at LRMC, LRMC North (OHME), Lake Harris Health Care Center, and Cornerstone Hospice. Burial will be at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ I was only 10 years old when I met Bob in Hungary through family friends.

He became the grandfather figure I had never had before — gentle, kind, full of warmth and unconditional love.

To me he was a real-life angel walking this Earth.

Even after 23 years I still remember his smile so clearly, and the way he made me feel truly seen, loved, and safe.

My deepest condolences to the family — his light lives on in every life he touched.

Alexandra - September 11, 2025 at 07:04 PM

DC

“ I had the privilege of working with Colonel Ellis while station at Fort Lewis. He was the Battalion Commander of First Forward Support Battalion. My duty station 84, 85. I was his driver and he the Lt Col. back in those days. One of the first days on the job we had deep discussion about God. I can truly say he was a devote believer. I even wrote my parents about how lucky I was to have a true believer as my commander. A couple of fun stories I can share. “Bob” was a stickler to arm protocol. We had a brand new blazer. And I had a custom wooden center console built for it. I had a storage place and cup holders. At first he sorta grumbled a little about it. However he soon realized the value of the cup holders. And he was a happy camper! Another memory he showed up to work in a small Cadillac! He decided or someone decided for him it was the wrong color and a few weeks later he was driving another Cadillac with new colors!! Another story a group of us chartered a boat and went fishing!! We caught so many fish that we were able to have a fish fry for the whole battalion!
Robert was a man of God, a man truly devoted to country, honor and duty! I can hear God say well done my good and faithful servant!!

Douglas Cade - March 14, 2023 at 11:41 PM

AP

“ RIP



Anett Pusztai - January 30, 2018 at 02:32 AM

BH

“ *May you Rest In Peace Bob..
Gone but not forgotten.
I am sure you, Jim Strunk and Big Ed from
Transportation are all have a story to tell and
you are together, looking down from Heaven.*



Brigitta Hardy - January 29, 2018 at 08:42 PM

K(

“ *It has been almost 7 years ago, that Bob has
passed away, and I still think of him almost
every day. His kindness, caring and loving
personality imprinted in my soul forever. I
wish he could meet my kids, as I am sure he
would love them and they would love him back. I am sure some
Beanie Babies would be involved in the process also, and I am sure
whoever is reading this would be smiling now, or even laughing out
loud. I miss you Bob, from the bottom of my heart... Krisztina*



Krisztina R. Komaromy (Miller) - January 29, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ *Robert Ellis*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Bob was a true patriot who professionalism and dedication to his
country and ro our great Americans sent into harm's way shown
100% of the time. Our country benefited so much from his expertist
and leadership. I shall miss him. God bless him, reast well Bob, you
earned your place in Heaven.*

Alan I. Moses - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I worked with Bob in Hungary he was a great man and friend all my prayers are for him and his family and friends. Sincerly Mike Sheppard

Michael Sheppard - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I worked with Bob during the Bosnia Operation when he was part of the Brown and Root Team, and I am a better person for having known him. He was a outstanding Soldier, husband, father, and friend. It is with considerable pride that I say I knew and Soldiered with Col (Ret) Bob Ellis. V/r, LJJ

MG (Ret) Larry J. Lust - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I will miss this man.... a great military mentor and team builder. I served with him from 83-86 in the 9th Infantry Division; closely. His life was a good one filled with service to country and those he loved. Rest in peace.... well done. Paul

Paul Meredith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Dear Ildiko, Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. He was a great friend to us all. I wish you and your family peace. I will always remember the happier days, the kindness, the true leader and plain wonderful man, our friend Bob. May he find eternal peace...

Bob Egan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Bob comming from a friend from the day we meet in Hungry whilie employed with Brown and Root, you became a trusted and cherished pal and a great supporter. Untill we meet again my friend "I salute you"

Billy Cooper - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ I was privledged to know Bob while at KBR. What a superb leader, his military achievements in peace and combat speak to the kind of man he was -- people firat, all else will follow. God Bless

Lt Gen Joe Cosumano Jr - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Expressing my condolences to the family of Col (Ret) Robert "Bob" Ellis, Jr.. It was an honor to have worked with Bob for many years. We started, both members of the Balkans Support Team in the Houston office in 1992 as well as when he was in Bosnia and Hungary. After his retirement from KBR during 2001 our friendship remained until his untimely departure. He was such an honorable gentleman. I new his best and know that he has rightly earned his place in Heaven. As I write these words in his honor and hold the first gift that was given to me by him, (a Rosary) one that he asked me to always keep near me. I shall always miss him. God bless him and rest in peace my friend.

Alice Lougin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ As you grieve, remember the words of this poem by Mary Elizabeth Frye, reminding us that our loved ones are with God: Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow; I am the diamond glints on the snow. I am the sunlight that ripened grain; I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush, Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there. I did not die I was honored to have known Bob during his days with Brown & Root and he was a great Christian gentleman. We continued the lines of communication through e-mails, but we all know that he is in a better place. Yours In Christ Edna Jones

Edna Jones - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Bob-May you rest in heaven....you certainly didn't rest much during your earthly life so you deserve it !! A mover an a shaker, this man made things happen! An outstanding mentor, Bob was my Battalion Commander when I was in the 9th ID in the 1985-1987 era... May you rest in peace in the Glory of God the Father.... I hope to meet the family in Arlington in October to pass on my condolences. Sincerely, Karen

Karen Lee Jennings - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

OJ

“ I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. "Bob" Ellis. I had the honor of working with him in Hungary. I learned a lot from this man. I would like to leave the family with the thought that he helped a lot of people in KBR. HE left me with this thought: "ONE MINUTE": I Only Have One Minute. Sixty Seconds In It, Didn't Seek It, Didn't Choose It, But It's Up To Me How I Use It, I Must Suffer If I Abuse It, Give An Account If I Misuse It. Only One Tiny Minute, But My Eternity Is Wrapped Up In It. May the Grace of our Lord and Savior keep his loving arms around you and give you peace.

Otha Montgomery Jr. - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM