



Robert Jay Plick

August 15, 2020

Robert Jay Plick passed away in Fort Collins, Colorado on August 15, 2020 at the age of 88.

Robert was born on February 26, 1932 in New Orleans, LA, the fourth of five children of Leon and Anna Plick. His siblings include Lessamina Plick, Eloise Tenette, Willianna Wilson, and Calvin Plick. Eloise Tenette is the only sibling who survives him. He is also survived by his wife, Linda Plick, son, Robert Plick and daughter, Jennifer Mathis and grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Frank Plick.

Since his father died when Robert was young he felt compelled to start working at an early age shining shoes and selling newspapers on the trolley to help support his family.

At the age of sixteen he joined the Army and completed a thirty-year career there, including tours in Korea and Vietnam. He was so successful that he was a Master Sergeant by the age of twenty. When the rank of E-9 was later added, he was quickly promoted to Command Sergeant Major.

One of the proudest moments of his Army career was the opportunity to participate in the integration of the troops. His was one of the units that actually exchanged African American men with Caucasian men and vice versa.

While in the Army, Robert served in Fort Lewis, WA, Korea, Germany, Vietnam, and Fort Carson, CO. Among the many medals awarded to him are the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star.

His last assignment was the best according to him. He was chosen by Department of the Army to join a group of all ranks who traveled worldwide to assess the jobs women were doing and recommend other specialties that should be opened to them. It was the highlight of Robert's career to participate in another integration moment, this time being the WACs becoming part of the Regular Army.

After retirement from the Army, Robert stepped into a new adventure, that of mentor to a young man who, just like him, wanted to join the Army. This young man who lived next door was determined to serve. He would come over and check out Robert's uniforms and medals and to listen to his stories of Army life. Many times he brought his friends with him. He did go into the Army and Robert was present for him at all graduations, promotions, and changes of command to offer advice and be supportive. This young man is Lieutenant Colonel Chip Potter, who is now retired after a very successful career.

Robert was a member of St. Francis Xavier Church in Missoula, MT. He volunteered along with his wife at the Missoula Public Library, and many charitable events. He enjoyed bowling, pinochle, fishing, boating and camping.

He lived at Brookdale Memory Care, where he received the best of treatment from the professional and caring staff, whom he loved.

A committal service will take place with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia on March 30, 2022. Please call Goes

Funeral Care at 970-482-2221 for more information on how to attend.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Jay Plick*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I knew Robert and Linda back in Colorado Springs, CO. We had many wonderful times camping and having dinner together. Robert was such a kind and loving soul. I was responsible for bringing them together but we somehow grew apart over the years. I'm so very sorry Linda to hear of Robert's passing. I'm still in North Carolina and would love to hear from you. I tried calling the only phone number I had for you and Robert, but it was disconnected. You can reach me at (910) 322-1030.*

Ellen Fowler - October 05, 2021 at 10:45 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy, Linda, to you and your family. I enjoyed getting acquainted with the two of you when I helped you with your real estate needs. I've been retired for ten years already so don't recall how long ago it was that we connected, but I have fond memories of you. Twila Wolfe*

Twila Wolfe - August 26, 2020 at 12:18 AM

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“ I immediately recognized Bob from his photograph in the August 23rd issue of the Missoulian Sunday edition. He was a memorable gentle soul and a consummate gentleman. It was an honor to know him for who he was and for what he had accomplished in the service of his country. I was sorry to learn of his death. My sincere condolences to Linda and the family. All of you will be remembered in my prayers.

Rob Sterling - August 24, 2020 at 01:14 PM

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“ I was so saddened to see of Bob's passing he was one of my great clients when they lived in Missoula. Seeing him every three weeks for his haircuts it was always fun to chat with Bob I have missed seeing him after they moved thought of him often. So sorry Linda and my Deepest Sympathies goes out to you and your family....My best regards Pam Price/Bob's barber.....

Pam Price - August 24, 2020 at 12:33 PM

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“ *The Buckley AFB military Retiree Activities Office (RAO) would like to offer our sincere condolences and our gratitude for CSM Plick's 30 years of service to our country in the Army. If you would like help with any matters related to casualty assistance, Defense Finance & Accounting Service, Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), Veterans Affairs (VA), etc. you can contact our office on Buckley AFB at 720-847-6693. The RAO is staffed by volunteers, all military retirees themselves, and our sole purpose is to provide assistance to any military retirees and surviving spouses/family members with anything related to their military service and/or benefits, in particular during difficult times such as this. We are deeply sorry for your loss.*

*Steve Young
Lt Col, USAF, Ret
Director, Buckley AFB RAO*

Steve Young - August 20, 2020 at 05:56 PM