



Robert Lynn Odell

February 13, 1936 - June 5, 2024

Robert Lynn Odell passed away on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 in Tallahassee, Florida with family members at his bedside. He was born in Hazelton, Iowa on February 13, 1936, and moved with his family to San Diego, California as a young boy.

His life was marked by a deep passion for aviation. His fascination with airplanes and flying led him to spend countless hours at the airport, where he formed close friendships with fellow pilots. His first flight was a transformative experience, sparking a lifelong love for flying. He even obtained his Private Pilot License while stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base, where he was a member of the flying club. His dedication to aviation extended to his 31-year career as a mechanic, where he worked for United Air Lines at the San Francisco Airport.

He loved hanging out at the airport, talking about flying and flying out for that \$100 hamburger with friends. After retiring from United Air Lines, Robert wanted to live his dream by “living with his airplane.” He and his wife, Carol relocated to Ochlockonee Bay to the fly-in community of Tarpine. Robert had many happy years of flying with family and friends. His friends called him mild mannered and a good man. He had a lot of funny sayings that his family and friends called “Odellisms” and everyone got a good laugh from them.

He served his Country in the U.S. Air Force from 1954-1958 with the rank of Staff Sargent at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. He also served in the Air National Guard from 1961-1964 in the 129th Material Squadron at Hayward ANG Base in Hayward, California. He was awarded the Airman of the Month award in March 1954.

He was predeceased in death by his parents, George Verlin Odell and Dorthea Judd Odell, Brothers, George V. Odell and John R. Odell. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Carol Henderson Odell and two Sons, Daniel Odell (Colleen) and Mark Odell (Stefania), one stepson Jim Pritchard (Kathy), three grandchildren Patrick Odell (Kaci), Shannon Odell and Ashley Odell and one grandson Andre Odell.

Graveside interment with military honors will be held on Tuesday, June 18 at 11 AM at the Tallahassee National Cemetery located at 5015 Apalachee Pkwy. We invite you to join us as we celebrate his life and legacy. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com.) In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Big Bend Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 13 files added to the album Robert's pictures



Carol Odell - June 17, 2024 at 08:36 PM

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“ Bob was such a good person with a heart of gold. Bob always went out of his way to help people. He also was an amazing role model who went out of his way to show kindness and share his love of aviation with the local kids. He will truly be missed by many, but some of his best traits will have rubbed off on those he knew and the world is a better place because he was here.

Alex & The kids from the Wakulla Aero Club



Alex Graffeo - June 17, 2024 at 09:17 AM

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“ *Bob was a great friend - a sweet and kind man, always a gentleman. Flying higher than ever before until we meet again.*
Beth

Beth - June 12, 2024 at 09:02 PM