



Robert Lee Bennett

November 28, 1946 - November 3, 2024

Robert Lee Bennett, 77, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on Sunday, November 3rd, 2024.

Robert was born in Linton, Indiana, to Paul and Bernadine Bennett on the 28th of November in

1946. He went to high school at Bishop Moore Catholic of Orlando, Florida where he graduated

in 1966. That year, Robert enlisted in the Navy, where he served for four years. This service to

his country included one year and eight months overseas, engaged in the Vietnam War as a

Hospital Corpsman embedded with the Marines. On the 29th of August 1969, Robert was

awarded a Purple Heart medal for wounds received as a result of action with enemy forces.

Other medals he was awarded included the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam

Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Robert was honorably discharged from the

Navy on the 31st of August 1970 at the rank of Hospital Corpsman Third Class.

Robert went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida Southern College in 1983. He

worked 30 years for the State of Florida as a Program Specialist, retiring in 2005. In his free time, Robert enjoyed playing guitar, watching Gator football games, and spending time with friends and family.

Robert is survived by his wife Linda, sons Mark, John and Preston, sister Judi, nieces Sherry,

Lisa and Ingrid, nephew Landon, and grandchildren Lindsay, Becky, Ashley, Amanda, Brooke

Josh, Elizabeth, and Victoria. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bernadine and Paul

Bennett, and brothers Tom, Ron, and Gary.

Visitation will be held at Robert's of Ocala Chapel, 6241 SW State Rd 200, Ocala, FL

34476 on November 14, 2024 at 9 am. Followed by a funeral service at 11 am with Father Pat of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala West Chapel
6241 SW State Rd 200
Ocala, FL 34476
(352) 537-8111
info@robertsfunerals.com
<http://www.robertsfunerals.com>

Funeral Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Robert Lee Bennett*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - November 14, 2024 at 02:00 PM

DA

Bob was a dear friend and we had been in contact the past few months before my husband passed. He drove me to school senior year in his white corvair - such great memories. He was such a sweet kind friend. So glad I had a chance to have him as a friend.

Diane Awbrey - November 14, 2024 at 12:21 PM

WN

“ *Biggyman, as papaw Preston would call him was my favorite cousin. He was a medic in Vietnam and helped save his fellow marines after being severely wounded himself. He was always available to give advice to anyone who asked. When anytime at our family functions Bob would get out his guitar and entertain us with his singing. I and Kerry (cousin) had just spent a week with him in February. We had a great time because Bob was a great host. My prayers to Linda, Preston and all. Bob (Biggyman) will be greatly missed. I loved you Bob.*

William Noel - November 14, 2024 at 12:50 PM

PN

Yes Randy he was a host, playing his guitar, a d us all sung along to his music. He will be missed.

Paula D. Noel - November 14, 2024 at 02:02 PM

PN

*“ Bob, Thank you for all the precious, wonderful memories.
Love, paula*

Paula D. Noel - November 14, 2024 at 11:41 AM

AF

“ Alan F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Bennett.

Alan F. - November 14, 2024 at 11:23 AM

AF

“ Alan F. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Lee Bennett.



Alan F. - November 14, 2024 at 11:23 AM

PA

“ Bob was always more like a big brother to me, someone very wise with words, and love to always encourage and help in any way he could. He was a Hero in the military, and a Hero in my eyes as a man. Until we meet again Bob as mama would say, i love ❤️ you big brother.love, paula

Paula - November 14, 2024 at 03:24 AM

PD

“ Paula D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Bennett.

Paula D. - November 14, 2024 at 03:15 AM

PD

“ Paula D. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Lee Bennett.



Paula D. - November 14, 2024 at 03:15 AM

JA

“ Bob will be greatly missed, a wonderful neighbor. John, Kent & Donna Frakes family.

John F Androsac - November 13, 2024 at 03:16 PM

JF

“ John F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Bennett.

John F. - November 13, 2024 at 03:13 PM

LF

“ Love The Olive Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Lee Bennett.



Love The Olive Family - November 12, 2024 at 08:11 PM

LF

“ Love The Olive Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Bennett.

Love The Olive Family - November 12, 2024 at 08:11 PM

JA

“ JUDY, Don, Cheryl, Josh, Andreaa purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert Lee Bennett.



JUDY, Don, Cheryl, Josh, Andreaa - November 11, 2024 at 11:53 PM

CH

“ So many memories of Bob growing up, I don't think I can choose one specific memory. What I will always remember is how he always took care of those around him, how he was always ready to help others. I pray for some peace for the heart, body, and soul. And for everyone to hold on to those good memories and stories about Bob, for that's how we carry him on.



christina - November 11, 2024 at 09:41 AM

TF

“ From: The Webb/ Starkey Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Bennett.

The Webb/ Starkey Family - November 10, 2024 at 02:05 PM

TF

“ *The Webb/ Starkey Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert Lee Bennett.*



The Webb/ Starkey Family - November 10, 2024 at 02:05 PM

GM

“ *Glen Mathis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Bennett.*

Glen Mathis - November 09, 2024 at 09:42 AM

GM

“ *Glen Mathis purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Robert Lee Bennett.*



Glen Mathis - November 09, 2024 at 09:42 AM