



ROBERT LIVINGSTON COLVIN

January 9, 1924 - August 18, 2015

Robert L. Colvin, age 91, passed away peacefully August 18, 2015. He enjoyed a life full of many accomplishments and contributions. Bob served with the first 86th Airborne paratroopers out of Fort Bragg, NC during WWII. He attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and became an aeronautical engineer during the rise of the space industry. His contributions included developments on the Titan Rocket and Space Shuttle launches. He retired in 1991 from Lockheed Martin at Vandenberg AFB in Lompoc, CA.

His love of flying resulted in his private pilot license and owning a small Cessna which he flew throughout the Northwest with his wife Kit Colvin during their years in Northern California. He continued his love of traveling throughout the US after retirement via fifth wheel with his wife Pirky Colvin. Bob resided the last thirty years of his life in Santa Maria, CA until recently moving to Grass Valley, CA in late 2014.

Family was Bob's most cherished accomplishment, he is survived by his 5 children, Jim Colvin, Jody Arbuckle, Cathy Colvin, Cheryl Forbes, Camille LaBerteaux and his stepson Dean Ries. He leaves behind 18 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren, his favorite saying was "I did my job to increase the population".

Bob is preceded in death by his 3 wives, Pirky Colvin, Kit Colvin and Mary Ellen Burtis. He enjoyed over 50 years of marriage and was an awesome beloved husband and father.

Bob was the ultimate charmer even through his last days and could light up a

room the minute he walked in. He is greatly missed by all of those whose lives he touched.

As per his wishes there will not be a memorial service, his ashes will be flown over the ocean as flying was his biggest passion.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Hospice of the Foothills, Grass Valley CA.

Arrangements are under the care of Chapel of the Angels Mortuary.