



Roger C Woodbury

May 16, 1940 - November 8, 2010

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Roger C. Woodbury, who passed away in his home on Nov. 8, 2010 from complications of esophageal cancer. He was 70.

Roger was born in Watertown, CT. He graduated as class president from Watertown High School in 1957 and the US Air Force Academy in 1961. After twenty six years of dedicated service to his country as a pilot, and as a veteran of the Vietnam War, Roger retired as a Lt. Colonel from the US Air Force in 1987. Prior to his civilian retirement in 2004, he worked as a flight instructor for L3Communications.

He lived in Southampton for the past 31 years; and was actively involved in coaching soccer and softball teams for Southampton Township Recreation Association (STRA), as well as the Renegades Girl's Fast Pitch Softball team. He was an avid golfer, and fulfilled a lifelong dream of playing the Old Course at St. Andrews in Scotland. He also gave his time volunteering at the Retiree Office at McGuire AFB, was active in the Watertown High School alumni association, and was a member of the Oakville, CT VFW.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ethel and Stanley Woodbury. Roger is survived by his wife, Mary Sue, whom he married 39 years ago; his four daughters, Lisa, Kristen, Sandi and her husband Scott Hill and Michele and her significant other, Francisco. He is also survived by his two sisters, Kathryn Hanks and Helen Butterfield, along with his two grandchildren, Emma and Ethan.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his viewing from 7-9pm, Friday Nov. 12 at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly, and again from 10:30-11am, Sat. Nov. 13 at The Vincentown United Methodist Church, 97 Main St., Southampton, followed by a Life Tribute Service at 11am. Interment will be at the Gabetown Cemetary in El Paso, IL on Saturday, November 20th.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in Roger's memory be made to: STRA, PO Box 2204, Southampton, NJ 08088; Water-Oak Little League, 426 Davis St., Oakville, CT 06779, or to The Vincentown United Methodist Church, 97 Main St., Southampton, NJ 08088.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Vincetown United Methodist Church
97 Main St.
Vincetown, NJ

Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Roger C Woodbury*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Roger C Woodbury*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Roger was a great classmate, athlete and person, always a smile and very cooperative. Such a loss for the class of 1957.##imported-begin##David F. Austin##imported-end##*

November 28, 2010 at 12:15 PM



“ *I flew with Roger while on active duty and worked with him after retirement in 1989 at the McGuire Flight Simulator. He was one of the finest officers I ever worked with in the USAF. My prayers go out to his family.##imported-begin##John Rigdon##imported-end##*

November 12, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ As we say farewell to Roger, the United States Air Force Academy Class of 1961 sings a hearty "Here's a toast to those who love the vastness of the sky. To a friend, we will send a message of his brother men who fly." We send that message to Roger....

We will miss Roger but we will be sustained by the memory of his many exemplary achievements.

*Hector Andres Negroni
USAFA Class of 1961##imported-begin##Hector Andres
Negroni##imported-end##*

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“ My deepest condolences to Roger's family. Roger and I were roommates for one semester at the Air Force Academy. Despite a significant language barrier (Connecticut Yankee and a Georgia Rebel), I quickly developed deep admiration and respect for Roger. He exuded the highest integrity and commitment without trying. His ready wit made cadet life easier for all who knew him. I'll miss him.##imported-begin##Tom Williams##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry that Roger didn't make it through his tough fight cancer. Talking to him a week before, he was up-beat about the future. What a great guy. His DC area '61 USAFA classmates were glad to have him make the 3-hour drive (one way) on several occasions to attend our luncheon get-togethers. We will surely miss him. Our best wishes go out to Mary Sue and the family.##imported-begin##Lowell & Sandy Jones##imported-end##

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“ Roger was the only one other than family to see Floyd Carlson and I off to Paris Island and the Marine Corp. I was always proud of Roger's Military Career and now can just see him and his smooth like athletic grace on the basketball court and baseball field. I trust God will hold him in his hand.
Love to the family
Don Grosso##imported-begin##Don Grosso##imported-end##

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“ I was in highschool with Roger (same class) and remember him as one of the brightest kids in our class. Always respectful of others and an avid achiever so I'm not at all surprised at his many successful lifes achievements. I wish his loved ones comfort and peace.##imported-begin##Sandy (Leonard) Stepanek##imported-end##

November 11, 2010 at 12:31 PM



“ We did not know your Husband, Father, Best Friend but wanted to share this poem to help ease your grief.

"Final Roll Call

Did you hear the sad news today?

A brave Air Force Pilot, Lieutenant Colonel Roger Woodbury has passed away,

Called by the Supreme Commander over all.

Today he has made his final roll call.

Come Brothers-In-Arms; let us reverently bow and pray

For our valiant comrade, who has fallen this day.

We'll drape his casket with a banner of beautiful hues,

Those glorious American colors: red, white and blue.

That star spangled banner he gallantly fought to defend,

Unyielding and undaunted, he fought to win.

He fought bravely and he fought his very best.

Now the Supreme Commander grants him, "eternal rest".

With dignity and honor, we'll commit his body to the ground,

The bugler will sound "Taps" and we'll fire the volley rounds.

The final military honors we'll render somberly and ever so sadly;

"Old Glory" we'll solemnly precisely fold and reverently give to his family.

Each Memorial Day we will recall Roger's name,

And attest that his supreme sacrifice was not in vain;

For this lasting legacy he gave to all generations;

"It's honorable to respect our flag and to defend our great nation."

So close ranks fellow warriors, for our ranks are thinning.

We must keep on fighting and keep on winning.

With pride and honor we'll march and stand tall,

And we'll proudly - proudly - salute "Old Glory"

'til we join Roger at our final roll call.

*Farewell Lieutenant Colonel Woodbury- Be At Ease; Rest In
Peace"###imported-begin##Chester & Ginger##imported-end##*

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