



Robert Leon Williams

June 9, 1954 - February 13, 2023

Robert Leon Williams of Cottonwood, CA, passed away in Sacramento, CA on Monday, February 13, 2023.

Cemetery Details

Northern California Veterans Cemetery

11800 Gas Point Rd
Igo, CA 96047

Previous Events

Graveside Military Honors

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Rob, you will be missed by so many more people than you realize. Your funeral was last Thursday (03/23/2023) and I had the privilege to give my last respects. Though there was a crisp breeze, the sun showed bright as many came to celebrate your life. As a Lt. Colonel in the US Army, the five military personnel fired three rifle volleys over you, then the bugler delivered Taps and our National Flag was folded and presented to your wife (Helen).

Your family was there, military friends came and spoke, and so many friends were there and shared memories about you and how they knew you as “Rowdy”. You were laid to rest not far from where we listened to so many share their memories of you. Your military life, sacrifices, and patriotism make Igor VA Cemetery a fitting resting place for you.

Many spoke of their long-term friendships with you and this made me realize how my connection with you is very short. I had the privilege of getting to meet you in the winter of 2013 as you were looking for a testing lab to help support you on Antler Bridge in Redding, California. As we worked together on the bridge, I learned the kind of man you are. While we do not use this old phrase anymore, you are truly a “Man’s Man”! I mean this as “A real man who has the strength of character to be his own man in the world and to always be true to himself.” Rob has been this from the first time I met him.

Anyone that knows you, they now you could be on a deserted island and within a week you would have a dozen friends. I on the other hand have a short list of people I would call friends. Because I don’t have a long list of friends, I found our friendship to be very important to me. The short time we have been friends or not seeing you often did not diminish what the friendship meant for me.

Two years later (2015), you were ready to retire and you gave me the biggest opportunity in my life. You sold your company, which you had spent 10 years building, to me! Over the next 7 years, we

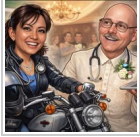
had many memories together. When you were not ready to completely retire we come up with an opportunity. You decided to use your Military experience and your USACE Quality Control certification to be the Quality Control Manager at Mather VA Hospital for over a year. Once this was finished, we would see each other sometimes and talk on the phone periodically. As your passion for golf grew, we had many opportunities to play. You played numerous tournaments with me and my children. Our last opportunity to play together was at Half Moon Golf Club and you drove all the way to Half Moon with just a simple invite from me. That was the most memorable golf outing I have had in over 10 years.

Our last chance to talk came a month ago and just three weeks after my stroke. You asked me to come down to the hospital, Mercy General Hospital, and we talked for close to 4 hours each of the times I visited you. You were very gracious in putting up on my speech stuttering from the stroke. I did not think these were the last times I would get to see you. You even invited me to join you on your annual Coyote Moon Golf Course trip. There are so many memories that making easy to consider you a very important friend. Thank you for everything you have done for me and my family and I will always have incredible memories of you.

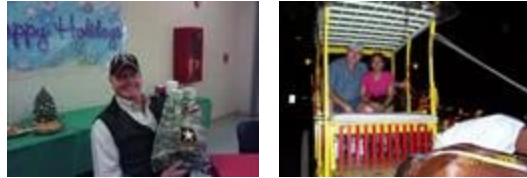
Your friend, Joe Tadlock



Joe Tadlock - March 25, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ We love you and will miss you forever - Little One, Buddy and Borri



Helen Yongao-Williams - February 24, 2023 at 09:27 PM

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“ Still missing you my friend.

Dean Sherrill - February 22, 2023 at 11:18 PM

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Rolly - February 21, 2023 at 04:15 PM

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“ I'll cherish our times we spent together forever! You are dearly missed!



Jenny Garrett - February 20, 2023 at 12:31 PM