



Robert Eugene Mattingly

October 9, 1941 - October 10, 2023

Robert Eugene Mattingly, a greatly beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and great grandfather passed away on October 10, 2023, in Easton, Maryland at the age of 82.

Robert was born October 9, 1941, in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Gordon Eugene and Lillian Mattingly. He grew up in Parkville, Maryland until he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He attended Columbia University under the Marine Corps' ROTC program, graduating in 1965 when he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He went on to serve several tours in Vietnam where he was highly decorated including receiving the Silver Star. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1983 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

During his more than twenty years in the Marine Corps, he worked in a variety of teaching and intelligence positions. In addition, he earned two master's degrees from the University of Southern California ("USC") and Pepperdine University. He taught military history as part of the ROTC program at the USC where he was awarded the national Col. Leo A. Codd Memorial Award for excellence for teaching.

As a student at the prestigious Command and Staff College, he wrote numerous award winning Marine Corps historical articles including "Who Knew Not Fear" and "The Worst Slap in the Face" in 1982 and 1983, which

were recipients of the Colonel Robert D. Heinl award. His research and articles culminated in a book called "Herringbone Cloak - G.I. Dagger Marines of the OSS."

In his further career, he worked with various U.S. federal intelligence agencies, as well as two held teaching appointments at the U.S. Naval Academy. His international and domestic career spanned four decades and he visited more than 80 countries.

He had many life experiences, hobbies, and passions. He climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and won a trip around the world on a national game show. He loved cars (especially vintage Porsches), going to car shows, traveling, and anything historical. He was a dedicated stamp collector with a focus on early air mail covers. He was also an avid sports fan, passionate for his Baltimore Ravens, Baltimore Orioles, and USC Trojans.

He and his beloved wife Carolyn Louise, now deceased, were married in 1995 and he moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. They spent 28 joyous years together pursuing their hobbies and traveling, enjoying the easy pace and tranquil views of life on the Choptank River.

Most importantly, outside of all of his personal and professional accomplishments, he was beloved and respected by his students, co-workers, and friends. He will be remembered for his professionalism, integrity, honor, and courage. He gave of himself freely and selflessly to his family, friends, and country.

He is survived by his daughter, Alix Mattingly; stepsons Steven Green, Brian Green and wife Julia, and Timothy Green; sister, Susan Mattingly; brother, George Mattingly and wife Nancy; grandchildren Arielle Harter, Stefanie Cohee, April Kenton, Craig Green, Lindsey Ewing, Mitchell Green, Ethan

Green and Lauren Schroeder; as well as 13 great grandchildren. His former spouse, Heike Albers, also survives him.

A private memorial was held on November 26, 2023 to honor a life well lived. Godspeed....Semper Fi!

Tribute Wall

BP

“ Farewell fellow Marine. Semper Fi!

Bill Parker - July 09, 2024 at 08:27 AM

RL

“ I knew Bob Mattingly for 62 years, since we were both freshmen at Columbia. Our first meeting was in the NROTC course, and the class wondered who the ‘spring butt’ was, who jumped to his feet often to ask questions of his naval instructor. He quickly became known as ‘Marine’ Bob, the former Marine enlisted. Later he was known as ‘Colonel’ Bob at the Agency. But he was always the Marine. To Bob, ‘Semper Fidelis’ wasn’t just the Marine motto, but Bob’s guiding belief - ‘Always faithful’ - to his country, to his corps and to his friends. I am always honored to be one of his friends. Rest in Peace, Bob

Ray Lau - July 07, 2024 at 09:42 AM

JV

“ I am saddened by the loss of Bob; he was a former supervisor when we were assigned to Frankfurt, Germany in early 1990s. I worked under his leadership for two years and respectfully submit he was an awesome superior. Great wit and humor throughout his tenure there. While we parted career and life paths over 30 years ago, I always will remember his spirit and jovial nature; a true leader. RIP. Jeff Vreeland.

Jeff Vreeland - March 08, 2024 at 12:14 PM

RZ

“Col. Bob” and I were EOD classmates and went through Camp Peary together. Bob was one of those guys you’d happily sign up to join on a mission to Hell, just to have him leading you. Bob was smart, worldly, quick-witted, funny, had a great command of the business, and tended toward irreverence (a huge positive in my eyes). Bob was the reputed author of two messages from the field (wonderment and still no snakes) that were the two funniest ones I ever heard of. Our Earth was blessed by Bob’s presence and his contributions, and he’ll be missed. RIP, Col. Bob!

Roger Zanes - April 19, 2024 at 10:14 PM

JC

“ Johnny And Diana Cohee lit a candle in memory of Robert Eugene Mattingly



Johnny and Diana Cohee - January 05, 2024 at 12:40 PM