



Mr. Robert "Bob" Edward Rittner Jr.

December 18, 2025

Robert "Bob" Edward Rittner, Jr. departed this world on December 18th, 2025, at the age of 83. Dad was born in 1942 in Sylacauga, Alabama to Billie Wayne and Robert Edward Rittner, Sr. After graduating high school, Dad left town to attend Auburn University, where he obtained a degree in drafting. He worked as a draftsman for a time before joining the U.S. Army, where he served in San Antonio, Texas as a medic. After a brief stint in the civilian sector, he served his country again by joining the Alabama Air National Guard as a Personnel Officer, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before retiring from the military side and transitioning to the civilian side in the late 90's, ultimately retiring from the Guard in 2002. Dad attended Troy State University during his tenure at the ANG and earned his Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 1977, followed by a Master of Science in Personnel Management in 1978. Dad was a Renaissance man who obtained his pilot's license; rebuilt/refurbished a large number of trucks, cars, and boats, could recite a Chilton manual by heart, and played a mean guitar. He loved to fish, cut the grass in his large yard and was an excellent cook who created an incredible chili recipe. He supported his family's interests and development with anything from art books and supplies to volunteering for several years in the Boy Scouts. Dad was known for his generosity and his willingness to help anyone who needed it. He was preceded in death by his parents, Billie Wayne (nee Peek) and Robert Edward Rittner, Sr; and by his sister Sandra Jean Owens (Boyd). He is survived by two sons and a daughter, Robert Phillip Rittner (Jamie), Joseph

Wayne Rittner (Nicky), and Shannon Petito (Rick). He also leaves behind grandchildren Joseph Wayne Rittner, Jr (Kirsten), Haley Kee (Dalton), Carley Rittner, Thomas Petito, and Ava Rittner; one great-grandchild, Joseph Wayne Rittner, III; a sister, Lauren Kelley Davis (Steve); and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews. He was very loved and will be sorely missed by those who knew him. A lifelong curmudgeon, there will be no service as per his wishes. Please remember Dad when you throw a line in the water and/or enjoy a good cup of coffee. Until we meet again, Old Man...Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

Tribute Wall

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“ *"The sorrow we feel when we lose a loved one is the price we pay to have had them in our lives." Rob Liano*

RIP cousin Bobby...

Jay Phillips - December 31, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ *He was my big brother who I adored. He was always there when needed. Until we meet again...*

Kelley Helms - December 28, 2025 at 06:48 PM

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“ *Known Bob all my life. As the eldest of my cousins, a great void is left, but the memories of surf fishing, sailing Sunfish and telling tales will remain with me for a while, I hope. Rest in Peace, Bob.*

Vic Phillips - December 26, 2025 at 05:23 PM

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My Uncle Bobby was one of the most Selfless people I have ever had the privilege to my uncle. I love and miss you Uncle Bobby!!!

Christopher Helms - December 29, 2025 at 12:01 AM