



Robert Hailey III

February 5, 1953 - August 9, 2021

Robert Hailey III, was born on February 2, 1953, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Robert Haley II and Vivian Conway (Haley) Hailey.

Robert was born and raised in the Catholic faith and was a faithful member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. Robert graduated from DeAndreis High School in 1971 and enlisted into the U.S. Air Force in 1972, and was stationed in Thailand and Vietnam. In 1976, he was stationed in Blytheville, Arkansas, where he attended Mississippi County Community College (known as Arkansas Northeastern College), which is where he met his wife, Jodie Hampton.

Robert married his trophy, Jodie Hampton Hailey, on July 23, 1977 and in 1978, their son, Shaun was born. Robert and his family were later stationed Washington State and later, stationed at Yokota Air Force Base. In 1979, their daughter, Andria Hailey was born. In 1984, Robert was stationed at Scott Air Force Base and then at Andrews Air Force Base, where he retired in 1996. In 2006, Robert and his family relocated to Dover, Delaware. He found employment with the Justice Department and would have retired in February 2022. In 2013, Robert became a proud grandfather to Teagan Williams and grandson, Chauncey Jr. in 2014. Robert loved his grandchildren and they dearly loved him.

Robert's favorite foods were burgers from White Castle and Margaret Vample's cinnamon rolls. He also loved watching cooking shows, CSI, Perry Mason and Dr. Lee Pimple Popper. His dream was to work with her one day. The last 52 days Robert spent in the hospital, he would always say, "Thank you for everything." God called Robert home on August 9, 2021, at 1:25 p.m., with a big bang of lightning and rain welcoming him into heaven.

Robert is survived by his wife, Jodie Hailey of DE; son, Shaun J. Hailey (Lynn) of MD; daughter, Andria K. Hailey (Chauncey) of MD; two grandchildren whom he reared and loved so much, Teagan and Chauncey Williams, Jr. , both of MD; godson, Matthew Anderson; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Leola Hampton Guillermo (Greg) of TX, Dorothy Seldon, AK, Kevin Seldon of TN, Theoda Hampton (Elma) of AK, J. B. Pounds (Juanita) of MO and Margaret Bryant Vample (Jerry) of MI; two aunts, Mable Dotson of TN and Grace Stewart of MI; special cousins, Belinda Haley of CA and Glen Conway (Coliss) of VA; cousin-in-law, Eugene Hampton of PA; best friend Roy Brock of DE; childhood friend, Roy Anderson, Jr.; uncle-in-law, Solomon Walker; special nieces, Shadell Seldon of DE and Aliyah Y. Malik of AK; a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and special cousins from Memphis, TN, St. Louis, MI, GA and CA.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Delaware Veterans Cemetery (Bear)
Bear, DE

Tribute Wall



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Bennie Smith Funeral Home - August 30, 2021 at 04:30 PM

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“ *One of the first people to welcome me to my new job at the Office of Justice Programs was Robert. We were both prior USAF vets and became friends immediately. Robert was my best friend for those 7 years that I spent in DC and we went to lunch together nearly everyday. When I moved back to NC for a job closer to my home, we still kept in touch. Robert was truly like a brother to me and he will be missed. Fly high with the angels, my brother, and rest peacefully in heaven.*

Brian Ridge - August 27, 2021 at 08:08 AM

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“ *I met Rob as a Contractor at OJP. He was energized, eager and was assigned to the OAAG Suite. Very hardworking and willing to go that extra mile. I will miss his jokes and friendship. Rest in heavenly peace Rob, no more suffering. 🙏*

Stephanie Ford - August 19, 2021 at 06:47 PM