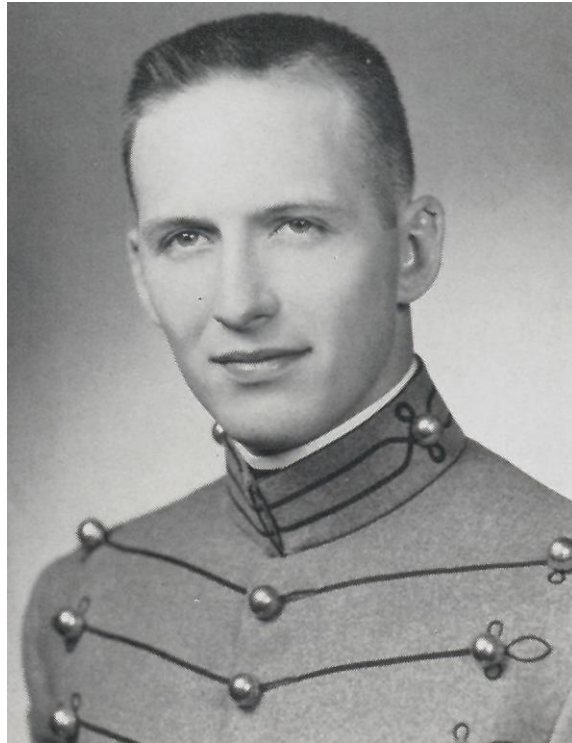


Gary Wayne Robbins

Major, US Air Force (retired)

West Point 19171-1953

19 November 1929 – 17 May 2020



Gary Robbins in the 1953 Howitzer Yearbook

The Class was deeply saddened to learn from his widow,
Marilyn Robbins,
of the death of our 1953 C-2 Classmate:

Gary Wayne Robbins

OBITUARY:

Major Gary Wayne Robbins, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) passed-away on 17 May 2020 at the Wayne T. Patrick Hospice in Rock Hill, SC at the age of 90 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Interment in the family cemetery plot in Mountain View, Missouri is being planned on a date when COVID-19 allows.

Gary, son of Paul and Lillian Robbins, was born in Mountain View, Missouri on 19 November 1929. He spent his childhood in his birth city and Leavenworth, Kansas.

After attending Leavenworth High School, he received his appointment to West Point in 1949.

Gary graduated from West Point in 1953 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Air Force. Gary proudly served his country for 37 years (21 years active duty USAF + 16 years Defense Contract Management Agency) as outlined in the USMA Register of Graduates.

FROM THE USMA REGISTER OF GRADUATES

History:

19171 Gary Wayne Robbins B-MO: A-KS: AF:

AF Flight Training F-84

Fighter Weapons Training 53-54:

561561 Fighter Bomber Squadron 55-57:

Air Force ROTC 58-62:

3500 Pilot Training Wing 62-64:

Air Force Institute of Technology Wright Patterson AFB 64:

31 Fighter Bomber Wing

Tactical Air Contracting Center Acquisition 7AF 66-67:

9 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (SAC) 67:

Resigned 67 CPT:

Continued Active Duty:

SR-71 Operations Engineering Section 68-70:

Directorate of Aircraft Maintenance Headquarters SAC 70-73:

Air Force Command GE Plant Representative Office 73-74:

Retired 74 MAJ USAF:

Defense Contracts Administrative Services Detroit 75-79:

US Army Tank Automotive Command 80-Ret 90

Gary earned his Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) in 1964 and an MBA from Southern Illinois University.

While stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois he met the love of his life, Marilyn Foster. They were married in Carbondale, Illinois on 17 January 1959.

Survivors:

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Lillian Robbins, and only sibling, sister Jane Catlett.

Gary is survived by:

- His loving wife of 62 years – Marilyn Foster Robbins
- Son Mitchell and wife, Laura, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
 - Granddaughter Aimee Pointek
 - Great Granddaughter Amelia Pointek
- Son Martin Robbins of Charlotte, North Carolina
- Daughter Amy Robbins of Charlotte, North Carolina
 - Grandson Ethan Cooley
 - Granddaughter Emma Conley

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Wayne T. Patrick Hospice in Rock Hill, SC and the Atrium Health Care in Charlotte, NC.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gary's memory may be made to organizations of your choice.

***Be not sad because Gary's earthly course has run.
Be joyous because it happened and was well done;
Yes, very well done indeed!
Be thou at peace, dear Gary.
Drawn from The Alma Mater & Dr. Seuss***

CONTACTS: Gary's family may be contacted through:

His widow (updated 7Oct2022):

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CLASS MEMORIALS:

In the same manner that the Class has memorialized our Classmates previously reported as deceased, we honor Gary at West Point by the opening of a Memorial Page for him on the Be Thou at Peace portal on the West Point AOG web site:

<https://www.westpointaog.org/memorials>

Gary's death places him in the ghostly assemblage of 350 classmates of USMA 1953 now known to be deceased. We 1953 grads totaled 512.

Personal sympathies within the Class can be expressed through contributions made utilizing one of two methods:

[1] on Gary's Memorial page

<https://www.westpointaog.org/memorials>

On the page enter Gary Robbins 1953 on the right-hand side of the page and then click on the red underlined link to open the Gary Robbins page.

OR

[2] by mailed check made payable to "The USMA Class of 1953 Superintendent's Endowment" and sent to: Office of Class Giving, 698 Mills Road, West Point, NY 10996-1607.

In either method, [1] or [2], it is suggested that The USMA Class of 1953 Superintendent's Endowment be the designated recipient of your memorial gift. The USMA Class of 1953 Superintendent's Endowment raises and distributes funds to West Point to assure the perpetual effectiveness of our Class' Reunion Gifts and otherwise to fund West Point needs given priority by the Superintendent.

Each contribution will memorialize Gary with a separate listing of each contributor's name on his Memorial Page. Checks sent via method [2] should be accompanied by a note specifying "For Gary W. Robbins's Memorial Page (19171-1953)."

The AOG will send a special letter of condolence to Robbins's family with notice of each individual memorial.

Please pass this information to other Class members with whom you may be in contact, especially those living nearby who do not receive e-mail.

Edward P. Andrews
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