



## Robert Alford

May 22, 1950 - September 11, 2024

Robert "Bob" Alford, born on May 22, 1950, in Newport, Rhode Island, passed away peacefully on September 11, 2024, in Marble Hill, Missouri - in his home of 33 years. A respected Vietnam Veteran of the USMC, Bob dedicated his life to the skies, achieving every rating a pilot can hold, symbolizing his passion and mastery in aviation.

Bob's early fascination with flight led him to a distinguished career as a pilot, where he was not only known for his skills but also for his role as a mentor, guiding many peers through the complexities of aviation. His love for history, especially WWII, was profound, often reflected in his personal projects, including the meticulous rebuilding of a 1946 Willy's Jeep.

Survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Pamela Alford, Bob leaves behind a legacy of warmth, adventure, and inspiration. He will be remembered as a loving husband, a friend to many, and a true pioneer in the skies. Per his wishes, a celebration of his earthly life and new life in the presence of our Lord Christ Jesus, will be scheduled for close friends/family in the near future.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandlileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandlileyfuneralhome.com)

Ford & Liley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



# Tribute Wall

BS

“ I was fortunate to have worked with both Bob & Pam at Burnside-Ott flight training academy Miami 1984 - 86 (Worlds Largest civilian). Pam was accounting, Bob an advanced flight instructor - both of them destined to become symbiotic life partners. We became friends, and shared many hilarious flight training experiences (I was the Flight Line Chief). Also socially both in Miami and a few years later at their temporary home in Illinois, where Bob ran a crop dusting service with a WW2 era Stearman bi-plane. We kept in touch via their “Pine Cone Telegraph” newsletter, which was always a joy to read. I am profoundly sorry to hear of Bob’s passing, and send heartfelt condolences to Pam & their family. I will always fondly recall Bob’s smiling face and his oft recited greeting, “Ain’t it Cool!”  
Yep, he was a good one - one of the best.

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**Bill Sullivan** - September 03, 2025 at 01:41 PM

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“ Pam, I’m so sorry to learn of Bob’s passing. He was such a nice guy. Sincere sympathies on your loss.

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**Sharon Hopkins** - September 22, 2024 at 06:23 PM

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“ Uncle Bob was always so full of life, love, and smiles. He would open his arms wide and hug you so warmly. It didn't matter if months or years had gone by since seeing each other, he always made you feel at home in his presence and like no time at all had passed. I know you will continue to keep a watchful eye on Aunt Pam, blessing her in unknown ways that will let you know you're still there with her, and watch over us all from your scope high up in heavens. Give Grandma and Grandpa a tight embrace for us all. I love you, Uncle Bob.



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**Crystal Wallace** - September 20, 2024 at 08:13 PM

TR

“ Pam...I am so very sorry. I loved Bob's pure joy of life and his kindness he showed to everyone he met. I ran into him at Bill Peters awhile back and we had a nice conversation. I will keep you in my prayers. Know that even though we don't talk anymore that you and Bob were a very enjoyable part of my life and I thank you both for that. Love, Terrie Rose

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**Terrie Rose** - September 16, 2024 at 11:40 AM