



Robert Lyle Salmon

March 4, 1929 - August 23, 2017

Hampton – Robert Lyle Salmon, 88, of Hampton and a former longtime resident of York, ME, and Boxford, MA passed away peacefully after a brief illness, at his home on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

Robert was born in Madison, Wisconsin, son of the late Lyle and Nina (Melgard) Salmon. He was raised in Sparta, Wisconsin and graduated from Sparta High School with the Class of 1947. Duty called and Bob left the University of Wisconsin and enlisted in the United States Air Force. He earned his commission and flew the Curtiss C-46 Commando during the Korean War, carrying soldiers to and from the conflict. He left active duty as a 1st LT and remained with the Wisconsin Air National Guard until he began his flying career with American Airlines.

Bob flew for American Airlines for over 30 years, retiring as a senior captain flying international routes. For many years, Bob and Jeanne traveled with their 5 children on fascinating vacations, often not really knowing where they may end up due to the vagaries of flying stand-by. Pack clothes for warm weather, head to Logan Airport, and see what flight had room for the 7 of us! It was great adventure and left his family with many cherished memories.

Bob loved his children and grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with

them. He frequented his grandchildren's sporting events, rain or shine. Always a gracious host, he enjoyed celebrating the holidays with family and friends. He especially loved his wife Jeanne, and together they made friends easily wherever they went.

Bob is survived by his wife of over 62 years, Jeanne (Doyle) Salmon of Hampton; his sons, Michael R. Salmon and his wife Catie of Gloucester, MA, David L. Salmon and his wife Dianne of Yarmouth, ME, and his daughters, Stephanie Stepanauskas and her husband Daniel of Silver Lake, NH, Melissa McBride and her husband Jack of Concord, MA, and Jane Diamond and her husband Terry Palison of Ft. Myers, FL. He also leaves his twelve treasured grandchildren and his many cherished friends. Bob will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Marianne Webster of Grays Lakes Illinois.

Visiting hours will be from 5 to 7 PM on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Thursday, August 31st at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Friends and family are respectfully invited. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
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<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Funeral Mass

AUG **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Lyle Salmon*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I spent many hours in the past with Bob in an American Airlines airplane. It always was a real pleasure to go flying with him. I will always remember Bob as being a super gentleman and outstanding airline Captain.*

May Gods Blessings be with you Bob and with your family also.

*Charlie Danielson
Rye, NH*

Charles Danielson Retired AAL Ca - August 31, 2017 at 12:33 PM



Thank you from all of Bob's family. AA always part of our family.

Jeanne Salmon - September 02, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ *100 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - August 30, 2017 at 01:10 PM

RB

“ I did not fly with you much but when I did, you were an absolute pleasure to share a cockpit with. You were always a true gentleman and a fine Captain. I am saddened to hear the news. Rest in peace Bob.

*Bill Bronson
Bluffton, South Carolina*

Retired CA Bill Bronson - August 29, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Lyle Salmon.



August 29, 2017 at 05:31 PM

KC

“ While only a neighbor of Bob and Jeanne, there were few in the Hampton Meadows community that did not savor his friendly words and smile after meeting Bob. We are all richer humans from having been in his orbit, and Jeanne's also, no matter how briefly. Our prayers and thoughts are with Jeanne and his family, and thank you for sharing such a wonderful human being and gentleman. Kreon and Anne #100

Kreon Cyros - August 29, 2017 at 09:40 AM

JS

Thank you from our family. Hampton Meadows is the best.

Jeanne Salmon - September 02, 2017 at 09:12 AM

MS

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Michael Salmon - August 29, 2017 at 05:07 AM

BS

“ *Bob (and Jeanne) were the best next-door neighbors anyone could have wished for. Bob was also the best wood-splitter in New England. He had a great sense of humor and was always the perfect host. He will be greatly missed.*

*Love,
Barbara & Oney Shade
Boxford, MA*

Barbara & Oney Shade - August 28, 2017 at 12:11 PM

JS

Still feel like next-door neighbors. But besides splitting wood, too, Oney could rip a big phone book apart with bare hands!

Jeanne Salmon - September 02, 2017 at 08:54 AM

TC

“ Wonderful Memories abound from our first meeting on Curtis Road, on to Mexico, Wisconsin, London, and on, such happy times we shared together...God bless and keep you as you carry on without your beloved Bob. With love and understanding deep sympathy,
Tabby

tabby claussen - August 28, 2017 at 07:52 AM

JS

Tabby, your love and understanding and prayers will help, I know.

Jeanne Salmon - September 02, 2017 at 08:51 AM

TA

“ So sorry for your loss, Bob was a great guy and Thompson Lake neighbor.

Heartfelt sympathy to Jeanne and all the family.

Tony and Joanne Angelucci

Tony & Joanne Angelucci - August 27, 2017 at 07:15 PM

JE

Tears of happiness remembering our Lake neighborhood good friends.

Jeanne - August 27, 2017 at 08:04 PM

PE

“ Bob was truly one of the good guys, and always a pleasure to fly with. When the bid results were posted and you were paired with Bob, you knew you were in for a great month. He set a great example for us all, and will be missed.

Peter G. Eschauzier - August 27, 2017 at 04:18 PM

JS

When Bob came home from trips, I always heard something about it; these AA names are familiar, and I thank you for the memories. Jeanne

Jeanne Salmon - September 02, 2017 at 08:45 AM