



## Robert "Bob" John McCormick

January 15, 1942 - November 5, 2025

Robert John McCormick passed away on November 5, 2025, in Huntsville, Alabama. Bob lived in Decatur, Alabama with his wife, Lorainne McCormick, since 1978. Born in Saginaw, Michigan in 1942, Bob graduated from Saginaw High School with the Class of 1960. After graduating, Bob joined the air force and was stationed at the Karamürsel Air Station in Turkey, before serving in Lahore, West Pakistan, where he met and married his wife, Lorainne. They moved back to Saginaw together in 1965 and had two children, Christopher McCormick and Adrienne McCormick.

Bob never met a stranger. He was close with many friends and family members that he would see and communicate with frequently, and he was loved and remembered well by people he only met a few times in life. He had many hobbies and would embrace them with his whole self. He and Lorainne shared lifelong loves of travel, reading, beachcombing, and playing cards. Second only to his love for his family was his love of flying. He logged over 12,000 flying hours in his life, and many of those hours were dedicated to teaching others how to fly. He learned how to land his Piper Cub on floats on the Tennessee River and on snow skis at Dart Field, in Mayville, New York. He knew more about airplanes and the history of aviation than most humans on the planet, and he loved sharing that knowledge with others.

After major heart surgery in 2008, Bob spent less time in the air and turned his interests to photographing the beauty around him. He shared his photographs with hundreds of followers, capturing the little foxes and sand hill cranes in

Decatur, the osprey and bald eagles of Oswego, NY, countless other birds and spiders, and always, he attempted to capture the perfect shot of the moon. He spent many weeks at Orange Beach over the years with Lorainne, his kids, and their kids, and he became a licensed HAM radio operator in his 70s. He never tired of learning and was an inspiration to all. His daughter Adrienne became a college professor and now works as a Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Redland, in Redlands, California, and his son Chris became an airframe and powerplant mechanic with inspection authorization and an aviation engineering production planner at Science and Engineering Services in Huntsville, Alabama. His grandkids all share his love of travel, learning, and discovery – and will keep his memory alive for many years to come.

He is survived by his wife Lorainne McCormick, son Chris McCormick and daughter-in-law Judy Craig McCormick, daughter Adrienne McCormick and son-in-law Brian Davis, and grandchildren Kayleigh McCormick, Kai McCormick, Indigo Davis, Rouen McCormick, and Kellen Davis, as well as his sister Geraldine Putnam, and nieces Annette Putnam, Alicia Farnham, Andi Putnam Roche, Alexandria Sue Putnam, April Putnam Medina, and was predeceased by niece Angie Putnam.

A celebration of life will be held at Shelton Funeral Home in Decatur, Alabama, on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in his memory and in recognition of his many years of support to their cause.

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Family and Friends

NOV 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home Chapel  
2105 Beltline Road SW  
Decatur, AL 35601

## Celebration of Life Service

NOV 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Forever you will remain my "baby brother" from a skinny, small boy with a big head, always curious. Remerging his big piece of wood with a nail in it and string, pulling it thru the water in the ditch outside our family home. Growing, gathering a ring of friends he had forever. traveling during his service years led him to explore other countries with delight. His love of flying was always there, I believe installed by our father who also enjoyed flying and trains. He shared my 80th birthday out in California, another special memory. Just talking with him the day before with a positive attitude, only to be our last. You'll always be near, in my heart and in all sorts of sweet memories. Love you Bro-your big sister.

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**Geraldine McCormick/Putnam** - November 13, 2025 at 01:48 AM

PJ

“ *Paul, Juliana, and Arthur Johnson*

*Bob, you have been an inspiration to me, my wife Juliana, our son Arthur, and everyone you've met and known, both long-term and briefly. Your warmth and genuine care for others will always stay with us. As a fellow pilot, your instructional guidance and incredible wealth of aviation knowledge have kept me and others safe as we traveled the skies above terra firma. We all know where you are now and forever, for if not, none of us would stand a chance. God Bless...*

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**Paul, Juliana, and Arthur Johnson** - November 11, 2025 at 10:06 AM

AM

*Thank you for sharing your love of the skies with my Dad, Paul. He loved telling stories about you, and making new stories with you!*

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**Adrienne McCormick** - November 13, 2025 at 01:23 AM

AR

“ Uncle Bob was once of a kind! So many wonderful childhood memories of our summer visits to Michigan. We had the best time having sleepovers with our cousins Chris and Sissy and always enjoyed spending time with Uncle Bob. I will miss our long conversations about life. Seemed he always knew a little bit about everything! He had a deep love for his entire family. I was very happy we got to have a recent visit, when they came out to California. Wishing California wasn't so far away, but we are there in our hearts. Sending much love and hugs to the whole family.



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**Andi Roche** - November 08, 2025 at 06:18 PM

AM

*Love this picture and loved seeing you in Salinas with my parents. Let's connect more often, sweet cousin.*

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**Adrienne McCormick** - November 13, 2025 at 01:21 AM

AF

“ So many wonderful childhood memories of Uncle Bob AKA “UB” Wished we had all lived closer together. More recent memories. I always loved our phone conversations. He almost always answered my calls and took the time to talk. I respected and appreciated his advice. He was always so encouraging and made me laugh. UB I will miss you so much. But know I will see you again someday. Much Love and Big Hugs to the family.

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**Alicia Farnham** - November 08, 2025 at 03:35 PM

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*He loved you and connecting with you and all of his nieces so much. So glad we live in the same state now. Let's not waste it. See you soon!*

Adrienne McCormick - November 13, 2025 at 01:20 AM

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“ *Forever your big sister planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" John McCormick.*

Forever your big sister - November 08, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" John McCormick.*



November 08, 2025 at 10:34 AM

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“ *His loving nieces planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" John McCormick.*

His loving nieces - November 08, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" John McCormick.*



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“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" John McCormick.*



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November 07, 2025 at 11:46 PM