



Robert Macias

October 26, 1941 - April 24, 2024

Robert Macias, 82, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 in Muskogee, Oklahoma in the loving arms of his wife, Melinda, and surrounded by his friends and family. He was born in the town of Indio, California on October 26, 1941, the second son and third of seven children born to Joe and Verna (Lopez) Macias.

Robert grew up in California where he attended public school and graduated from Amador Valley High School, graduating with the class of 1960. He played various sports including football, basketball, baseball, swimming, track, and played the drums in the Amador Dons marching band. He also enjoyed theatre, performing in various plays including the “Wizard of Oz”, playing the “Cowardly Lion.”

Shortly after graduating from high school, Robert joined the United States Air Force. He began his service on January 3, 1961. His 20 years of service included working as a heating systems specialist for 4 years and a weapon loading supervisor for 16 years. He received numerous medals, and certifications, along with oak leaf clusters, including a Vietnam Service Medal with one bronze service star. He was honorably discharged on January 31, 1981 reaching the rank of Master Sergeant.

His lifelong love of motorcycles began at the age of 13 when his Uncle Lee

gave him a Black Indian motorcycle. His legs were too short to balance the bike so he had to lean against a fence post to start and stop. He owned many motorcycles over the years, but his favorite was a 2005 black cherry Road King.

Robert married Melinda Nevada Melton on September 7, 2005 in Reno, Nevada. They shared many happy years of life, marriage, and memories together.

Robert was known to be a man of many trades, including working in construction of apartments, warehouses, commercial buildings, and maintenance. He was also a mechanic, having received certification from Sequoia Institute in Diesel mechanics. Lastly, he worked in the tile repair industry and became known as "The Tile Doctor."

He considered it an honor and was very proud to have been given the opportunity to work on the Bradley tank by the FMC Corporation in San Jose, California. He tested the Bradley and made corrections and/or modifications to make it perform to FMC specifications.

He will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Joe Macias (Lola).

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Melinda of the home; four children, Joe Macias (Sunny), Bryan Arnold (Paula), Alisia Macias (Chris), and Julie McKee; his devoted fur baby, Missy; nine grandchildren, Kristina (Tiffany), Tyler (Haley), Austin, Trebor, Chadly, Arieanna, Domingo, RayEllen, and Sylvia; four great-grandchildren, Rhiyn, Leila, Aulora, and Addison; four sisters, Anita (Walt) McCloud, Rita Koshmieder, Lupe Easter, and Liz (Tony) Flores; one brother, Ron Macias; along with several nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts, other family members and friends.

A celebration of Robert's life will be at 2PM, Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Don Blankenship officiating. Full military honors will be presented by the United States Air Force Honors team. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Lonnie Melton, Wayne Melton, Joe Macias, Chris Resecker, Trebor Harmon, and Chadly Krifa.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

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“ I miss you more as time goes on. There are so many questions I wish I had asked. You’ll forever be the strongest man I know—the only person who truly understood me.

Chadly Krifa - May 31, 2025 at 11:58 PM

MJ

“ Oh my heart! I have been thinking of Robert a lot in the last several months. I was his home health aide before I got Covid and left my job. I always looked forward to going to his home and visiting with him, Melinda, and grandchildren. What a character. He taught me how to make Authentic Mexican Rice. He introduced me to Menudo. We talked about his childhood, military years, and of course his family that he adored! I will forever remember Robert and that big ole smile!! My heart is sad for those left to cherish his memory. But, what memories he left! Thank you again Robert for your service, and Rest in Peace!

Melinda Jewell - July 07, 2024 at 12:22 PM



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“ *Sorry to hear of Roberts passing. You will be in my prayers.*

*Beth, RN
VA Green Team*

Beth Storts - May 02, 2024 at 03:51 PM



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