



## Dennis Alan Robertson

February 1, 1939 - January 19, 2025

Dennis Alan Robertson, 85, of Pensacola, Florida, and formerly of Newnan, Georgia, passed away peacefully on January 19, 2025. Born in Miami, Florida, on February 1, 1939, he was the son of the late Edith Louise Kirk and John Lawrence Holt. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Diane Beattie Robertson; his stepfather, Edward N. Robertson.

Dennis spent formidable years growing up in Maine as a young boy. He attended Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine and graduated in 1957. Upon graduation Dennis traveled back to his hometown of Miami to join his father, working as a bellman at some of the finest hotels along the Miami strip. It was during his time working as a bellman at the Hollywood Beach Hotel that Dennis met the love of his life, Diane. His outgoing personality made him a perfect fit as a bellman, and he learned some immeasurable life skills catering to many different people and personalities.

Dennis continued his quest for learning by attending the University of Maine for several semesters before he felt the call of duty to his country. In May 1962 Dennis joined the United States Navy and began his military career as a Fire Control Technician on the USS James Monroe and later the USS Will Rogers - both were SSBN submarines. Dennis felt immense pride in being in the Navy and serving his country, and it showed every time he shared stories about the years he spent in the military, traveling the world, and protecting his country.

The experience Dennis gained in the Navy served as the platform for a career in the IT field that would span the next fifty years. Dennis was gifted in sales and spent the majority of his adult life in the Washington, DC area in various IT sales positions specializing in the Federal Government arena. He and Diane lived in the suburbs of Northern Virginia for over four decades and raised their three children there.

Dennis remained as an IT sales consultant even into "retirement" when he and Diane moved to Newnan, GA to be close to their children and grandchildren. Family was everything to Dennis, and he was always so proud of his family, especially his grandchildren. In his retirement, he was also a published author. Dennis wrote and published a book he promised his family for many years titled "Teddy Bears to Dangerous Missions." This book is an autobiographical journey that details his life and is a testament to the legacy he leaves behind.

He is survived by three children, Tom Robertson (Suzy), Erin Melton (Mark), and John Robertson (Stephen); five grandchildren, Hollyn, Luke, Claire, Ryan, and John Thomas; brothers Ned Robertson and Dave Robertson and companion, Helen Robson; and a host of family members and friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 24, 2025, from 5 - 7 pm at McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA. There will be an optional Rosary service immediately following the visitation for those who desire to attend.

A funeral mass for Dennis will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 10:00 am at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 3 Village Rd., Newnan, GA. Entombment will follow at Camp Memorial Park, 1095 GA-54 E, Fayetteville, GA.

The following link is for the livestream of the Memorial Mass on Saturday

<https://www.youtube.com/live/-hZiH2ri6q8>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation at [www.ussvcf.org](http://www.ussvcf.org).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Memorial Park

1095 Hwy 54 East  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Prayer Service

JAN **24**. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
3 Village Road  
Newnan, GA 30265



# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Dennis Alan Robertson*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - January 24, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Alan Robertson.*



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January 24, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *A great man who teached me more than english, opening his home, his familly and his heart to me. I will always remember his wise, his generosity and the deep love he felt for his country. Rest in peace amigo.*

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**javier rodriguez** - January 23, 2025 at 05:01 PM

JF

“ Javier & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis Alan Robertson.



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**Javier & family** - January 23, 2025 at 04:51 PM

JF

“ Javier & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Alan Robertson.

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**Javier & family** - January 23, 2025 at 04:51 PM

LG

“ *Bill and I met Dennis and Diane when they moved to Newnan. We became fast friends through regular golf outings and we frequently traveled together.*



*Dennis was the trip planner. We could always count on him to know interesting facts/trivia on places we were visiting . We enjoyed golf trips to SC coast and one of those trips included a day at the Masters on the way there. Every year, Dennis and I would go online to put our names in the Georgia lottery for four Masters tickets. The fourth year, Dennis won!*

*Our most memorable trip together was Hawaii. The vacay started with a dinner conversation about Pearl Harbor....and 2 months later we were there! That's also how we ended up going to Tennessee together to watch the total Eclipse. Dennis was great with following through on an idea!*

*Bill and I will always enjoy the memories of our friendship with Dennis and Diane. After Diane passed, it was difficult saying Dennis without automatically saying “and Diane”. But now again, and forever, we will be saying Dennis and Diane, as they are reunited in Heaven.*

*We are keeping the Robertson and Melton families in our prayers.  
With love,  
Linda and Bill Glass*

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**Linda Glass** - January 23, 2025 at 06:19 AM

JZ

“ Jackie Reynolds Zuniga purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis Alan Robertson.



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**Jackie Reynolds Zuniga** - January 22, 2025 at 07:53 PM

DH

“ I made three patrols with Robbie...he is one of the finest men I have ever known. We've seen each other at various reunions, but never enough. About 6 years ago Robbie, Dave Smith, and I got together at Robbie's place in Newnan for 3 or 4 days and had the best time. I will always miss him.....

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**David Hero** - January 22, 2025 at 07:46 PM

MP

“ Maria palumbo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Alan Robertson.

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**Maria palumbo** - January 22, 2025 at 04:37 PM

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**Maria palumbo** - January 22, 2025 at 04:37 PM

DS

“ Dennis Robertson and I felt fortunate to be selected as members of the Gold Pre-Commissioning crew of the USS Will Rogers, SSBN 659, a '640 class' submarine and the very last (and maybe the very best!) of the original '41 for Freedom' Polaris Missile submarines. We had both Qualified as FTB1(SS) and were 'Plank Owners' on prior class boats. We felt privileged to have '2 bites at the apple'.

We 'rode her down the ways' at the launching (Electric Boat, July 1966) and spent more than a year helping to build-out and test her systems. We rode her on 4 sea trials and the shakedown cruise, including her maiden dive and first time at test depth. And we made 2 Cold War deterrent patrols. In all, about 2 1/2 years together and quite a few reunions since then.

He was a man that was easy to love and easy to work with and one of the best system troubleshooters I have ever known. His sense of humor and ability to help others graciously made him the best of all shipmates. We remained great friends and saw each other not often enough since 'the war'.

He had a gift of being able to quickly recognize a good idea and adroitly 'sell' it...no matter where it came from! I hope I have learned that lesson from him. He also had a gift of heartfelt condolences when I was asked to explain to the Captain some 'misunderstood team-building activity' in which we were both principles.

I'll miss him in many ways...I'll even miss his creative nicknames for me as much as his laughter at the ones I heaped upon him. His spirit will warm my heart forever.

Hail and farewell, brave friend.

Dave Smith

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Dave Smith - January 22, 2025 at 12:22 PM

EG

“ I knew Dennis as "Robbie" on board the USS Will Rogers submarine Gold crew. We both rode the boat down the ways in 1966 and sailed her on 4 patrols together. I was a sonarman on board and often would chat with Robbie during chow, etc. The last time I saw him was in Jacksonville at our reunion in 2021.. He looked great - just the way I knew him on board. He will be missed at future reunions but his name will always be spoken during our recognition of our shipmates on their "Eternal Patrol". God bless you Robbie and your family until we meet again.

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**Ed J Greany** - January 22, 2025 at 12:21 PM

BM

“ Our sympathies to the Robertson family. He and Diane raised some fine children. In particular his son John is like one of our sons. He will now be reunited with Diane in heaven.

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**Brian Mcdonnell** - January 21, 2025 at 06:56 PM