



## Robert Eugene Lorigan

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LTC (RET) Robert E. Lorigan, a Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania native, unexpectedly passed away from this life in the early morning hours on December 5, 2024. He was 93 years old. Bob had lived on East Grand Lake in Orient, Maine since 1985. To escape the long Maine winters, Bob recently relocated to the sun and warmth of Lake Norman, North Carolina, where he was happily enjoying delightful dinners, sunshine, boat rides, and two very sweet dogs with his daughter Becky and Rob Mouat.

"Bob" was born in Johnsonburg to Viola and Ralph Lorigan on April 12, 1931. He had one brother, Charles, and two sisters, Betty and Patricia, who predeceased him. He was working in a pool hall by the time he was 13 and dropped out of high school by age 16. At 17, Bob left home and moved to Erie, Pennsylvania on his own. In Erie, he earned his high school diploma while working full time at General Electric. Bob's future wife, Anna Mae, also from Johnsonburg, followed Bob to Erie and the two were married on April 15, 1950. Not long after, Bob was working full time at GE, attending Gannon College on an Army ROTC scholarship, and taking care of his new wife, "Annie," and two babies. There would be five children, a 21-year Army career, and three degrees before he retired: Bob earned a bachelor's degree from

Gannon College and masters' degrees from Purdue University and The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Bob's distinguished Army career began in 1955 when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant (2LT), Armor, United States Army. With his wife and five children in tow, Bob selflessly served across the United States, Europe, Korea, and Vietnam and he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, The National Defense Service Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) along the way. Bob retired as a Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) in 1976.

Bob loved to fish and hunt so the outdoors was where he loved to be. In the summer of 1970, Bob and Annie went to Maine to vacation in an old, dilapidated camp on East Grand Lake. They never left. They fell in love with the lake, the forests, and the beautiful night sky. They brought all five children along to fish, swim, eat new potatoes and peas, and enjoy lots of lobster. Bob and his family spent summers swimming all day and then reading (no TV allowed) on the old couch by the fire at night. In his later years, Bob and Annie were heavily engaged in owning, renovating, and managing Rideout's Lodge and Cottages. Their time at Rideout's brought them many good friends, a staff they called family, and countless visitors who also enjoyed the beauty of Maine.

While Bob's life was a testament to the value of hard work, faith, and love, his greatest role was that of devoted husband, loving dad, and grandpa.

Bob is predeceased by his wife of 68 years and the love of his life, Anna Mae, and their daughter, Linda Sue Lorigan-King, who's untimely death was the cause of much sadness for them both.

Bob is survived by his son, Robert and his wife, Jami; his daughters, Beth Anne, Amy, and Rebecca Lorigan; his grandchildren who he loved dearly,

Keith Luhmann and his wife, Jessica, Robert Luhmann, William Dobbins and his wife, Nikole, Arin Rollins and her husband, Greg, Jessie King, Lee Lorigan and his wife, Wendy, Nicholas Menchi and his wife Lindsay, and Matthew Menchi; his great-grandchildren, Elliot and Amelia Luhmann, Gabriel Dobbins, Hayden, Seth and Luke Rollins, Jack and Lee Lorigan; and many other extended family members.

Please join us for a celebration of Bob's life on Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the First Settler's Lodge in Danforth, Maine. Bob's funeral mass and burial will be held later this year (Fall 2025) at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC, where he will be buried with full military honors beside his wife Annie.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Lorigan family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration

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MAY 31. 1:00 PM.

First Settler's Lodge

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was saddened to hear of Bob's passing. I first met him at the time he was becoming involved with Rideout's. I always enjoyed our conversations as he was easy to talk to and a good listener with a calm demeanor..

*My thoughts and prayers go out to his family but all should be comforted that he is reunited with his "Annie" in a better place.*

*Jerry Riley*

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**Gerald Riley** - January 18, 2025 at 03:01 PM