

Kenneth LeRoy Robinson, the son of Willis and Jewell (Davis) Robinson, was born on March 30, 1935, in Walters, Oklahoma. His very first attempt at flying was out of a tree at a very young age. He landed on a board with a rusty nail in it, the infection spread, and he was in danger of losing his leg. He was brought to the Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City where they saved his life. Ken has felt indebted ever since.

Ken continued to try to fly by running out to the local airport near Lawton, OK, begging pilots to let him wash their airplanes, in exchange for a ride. Eventually he became a favorite with the fliers and the small airport owner. He was able to log enough hours flying, to fly solo, a long time before he was legal to drive an automobile.

Ken graduated from high school and then enlisted into the United States Air Force. He loved planes and was excited to learn how to fly them all. Ken worked his way to Master Sergeant in the Air Force as a flight engineer. His military career allowed him to acquire every flying credential possible. He served aboard airplanes during the Cuban Missile Crisis, helped refuel fighter aircraft over Vietnam and carry supplies on the air force's cargo aircraft. His USAF career would end after 20 years, with Ken teaching others how to fly via simulators located at Altus, OK.

Because of the Vietnam War, Ken met the love of his life, and future wife of 54 years, Mary Hanson, while passing through Hawaii on a training mission. She was able to experience vicariously what fliers endured during those difficult years. Ken's military and commercial career allowed them to live in communities including, Charleston, SC (where he enjoyed sailing), Altus, OK, and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (located on the Red Sea). Ken went back to college to obtain his Electronics degree all while flying commercially for numerous airlines including Saudi Arabian Airlines, Tower Airlines, Japan Airlines, and American Trans Air. Ken traveled the world many times with his wife and enjoyed many places, but the sidewalk cafes of Paris he enjoyed the most.

Ken was a lifelong student of aviation history and WWII. He was dedicated to his work, wife, and life.

Kenneth L. Robinson, died on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at his home at the age of 86 years old. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Mary Robinson of Alexandria.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Dewayne Robinson, and Willis "Dubbs" Robinson.

In Loving Memory



Kenneth L. Robinson

1935-2021

Celebrating the Life of
**Kenneth LeRoy
Robinson**

March 30, 1935 ✠ July 20, 2021



Memorial Service

Esther Lutheran Church Cemetery

Parkers Prairie, Minnesota

Thursday, July 29, 2021

11:00 AM

Officiant

Pete Pfeffer

Guitarist

Sara Severson

Special Music

"Soon and Very Soon"

"God Bless America"

"Off We Go Into the Wild Blue Yonder"

Honorary Pall Bearers

*All of Ken's former fellow fliers in the private,
military and commercial world of aviation.*

Interment

Esther Lutheran Cemetery

Parkers Prairie, Minnesota



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HIGH FLIGHT

By John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered
wings;

Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tum-
bling mirth
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred
things

You have not dreamed of—wheeled and
soared and swung

High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with
easy grace

Where never lark, or even eagle flew.

And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of
God.

