

SFC (Ret.) Robert “Bob” Louis Walton  
21 March 1936 – 26 August 2012

My brothers and I thank you for your attendance and participation as we say “Goodbye for now” to our father.

We sincerely hope you find some solace and comfort in the words and experiences during this period.

Part of our father’s wishes was to continue to be of service to others even after his physical absence. Instead of flowers and condolence cards, he asked to please donate the same amount to the Army Community Services (ACS)’s food bank at Fort Knox:

In the memory of SFC (Ret.) Bob Walton  
Army Community Services Food Bank  
Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121



Homegoing/Funeral Program  
31 August 2012  
Nelson-Edelen-Bennett Funeral Home  
Radcliff, Kentucky

Robert Louis Walton, a wonderful father, grandfather and friend; and a tireless volunteer, transporter and servant to so many others, has passed onward to Heaven on the morning of August 26, 2012 in his Radcliff, Kentucky home.

He was 76 years young.

Robert was well-known in the Fort Knox/Radcliff community for many decades: as the “silent partner” as he and his preceded wife Ann ran a highly successful beauty salon in Radcliff; as the proud father to three boys who made their own marks within the community and onward; and finally as a volunteer and community asset on his own.

Robert was born in Haywood County, Tennessee on March 21, 1936. After his marriage to Ann, he enlisted in the United States Army and completed basic training at Fort Knox with additional training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After a tour in Germany in which he successfully safely traveled the roadways accident-free for more than 25,000 miles, he went to Vietnam where he successfully safely drove truck after truck for another more than 25,000 accident-free miles. Upon his return to the States, Walton transferred to the Transportation Corps and started a succession of leadership roles at the platoon and company level. He then took his family to Germany where he was a young Truckmaster of an Air Defense Artillery battalion north of Stuttgart. With more accolades in hand, Walton and his family made their move from Germany to Fort Knox. For the next ten years – minus some temporary duty assignments and a tour in Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division – Walton served proudly as a basic combat training instructor, senior drill instructor, and in several key leadership roles as a part of the 75th Support Battalion, 194th Armored Brigade. Robert – “Bob” to his friends – retired honorably from the United States Army in 1978 after 21 years of service to the nation.

Robert Walton was never satisfied with retirement. He sought and gained employment at Fort Knox as a driver, driving everything from a sedan to large busses. He also worked at Army Community Services and with the Recreation Services groups as a Bingo caller and in other roles. For the next 7 years he would also volunteer his time as part of the Gospel church program first at Disney Chapel and later at Prichard Place Chapel. Walton later was employed by the Transit Authority of Central Kentucky (TACK) as a driver and trainer. After the death of his wife and due to his declining health, he ceased work and concentrated on being of help this sons and their families.

A man of few words, when spoken, Robert Walton spoke volumes. He lived a full life, touching the lives of many with his smile, his warmth, and his enthusiasm. He was a superior Soldier and NCO. He will be missed by his three surviving sons – Mike, Shell and Mitch; a grouping of grandchildren living around the nation and the world; and brothers, sisters and many, many other relatives –all of whom will miss Robert a lot.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Opening Remarks

... CH (COL) John Tatum

Hymn

Family Comments and Welcome

... Walton Family

Hymn

Acknowledgements and Memories

Obituary

... CH (COL) John Tatum

Eulogy

Hymn

Benediction

Recessional

Military Honors will be rendered at the gravesite, located within the North Hardin Memorial Gardens, Radcliff, Kentucky