



## Robert Leroy Kietzman

October 7, 1933 - March 13, 2019

Robert Leroy Kietzman passed away on March 13, 2019 at the age of 85. Bob is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dolores, his children; Laura Lynn Dabbs of Kingwood, Texas; Robert Gordon Kietzman & wife Marla of Southlake, Texas; and Janice Marie Kramer & husband Doug of Longview, Texas. Seven grandchildren; Kristen Rooks & husband TJ, Lindsay Halliburton & husband Peter, Austin Dabbs, Anthony Kramer, Andrew Kietzman, Alexander Kietzman, Michael Kietzman, and great grandson Carter Halliburton.

Bob was born in Iola, Kansas, in the middle of the Great Depression – October 7, 1933. Bob's family moved to Dewey, Oklahoma, in 1940 where he graduated from high school in 1951.

He enrolled at Oklahoma A&M College (now Oklahoma State University) and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and Management in 1955. Bob was active in both social and honors societies in high school and college and was listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, and a Distinguished Military Graduate.

Bob served as an officer in the U. S. Army for 8 years during the "Cold War" on Active Duty, Active and Inactive Reserve, receiving his discharge as a Captain.

While at college, he met and fell in love with a beautiful coed, Dolores Mae Gordon of Oklahoma City. They were married on February 10, 1956, and immediately drove to Ohio where he was employed with The Cooper-Bessemer Corporation (the fore-runner of Cooper Industries) as a sales engineer. He became Vice President – International Operations with responsibility for all company activities outside of North America.

The family moved to Houston in 1969 and with a business partner in 1970, he formed and served as President of North American Turbine Corporation. In 1976, the company ultimately became part of Dresser Industries.

In 1977, he was a founder and President of Enserve, Inc., a privately held company with manufacturing operations in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. He continued in that capacity until retiring from the company in 1996. After retirement he was active as a consultant, helping privately held companies with strategic planning and divestiture and later served as a full-time consultant to a European gas turbine manufacturer.

Bob was a private pilot with multi-engine and instrument ratings and owned several single engine and multi-engine aircraft for business and pleasure. He was a proud member of Ye Ancient and Secrete Order of Quiet Birdmen, he served in several officer positions locally and nationally including that of Governor and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Bob sailed his yacht on Lake Travis for over 30 years, one of his greatest pleasures. He was an avid reader, loved to travel and was a talented furniture craftsman. He was active on the church council, a Grand Jury member and foreman and enjoyed golf, tennis and researching family history and genealogy.

Bob was very proud of his grandchildren and their parents, that he was part of

this family represents his finest and most important achievement.

The family would like to thank Juan Olivero Sr., MD with Houston Kidney Consultants who was Bob's doctor and became his friend. Clement A. DeFelice Jr., MD with Interventional Cardiology Associates, the wonderful staff at both Oasis Hospice and Caring Senior Service of Houston North. A special thank you to Amber Lopez his care giver who has become part of the family.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079 on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 10:30 am. Interment will follow at Memorial Oaks Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Bob's memory to the Wounded Warriors Project.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

MAR 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-1500

## Graveside Service following Holy Mass

MAR 22. 11:45 AM (CT)

Memorial Oaks Cemetery  
13001 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Leroy Kietzman*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Robert Leroy Kietzman*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Robert Leroy Kietzman*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Robert Leroy Kietzman*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

 Jan  
Kramer

“ *So thankful God picked you for my dad, thankful for our time together and so many special memories. I love and miss you, and until we are together again you are in my heart forever. Dad, as hard as it was to walk those final steps with you, I also find peace knowing that I was able to walk with you on your journey to Jesus.*



Jan Kramer - March 27, 2019 at 02:14 PM

LD

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Lorrie Dabbs - March 27, 2019 at 10:45 AM

LD

“ Bob was such a good and caring friend to my father, Grant Woodard. Bob and Delores both rescued him many times and provided him with the love and enduring friendship that was the hall mark of their relationship. He and Grant enjoyed their love of flying together with the quiet birdmen. They also worked as colleagues throughout their business careers. Good hearted and kind, always thinking and doing for others, that's how I will remember, Bob as he ascends to heaven.

Fondly, Laura and Rob Devinney

Laura Devinney - March 17, 2019 at 03:17 PM

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“ 16 files added to the album Memories Album



Lorrie Dabbs - March 16, 2019 at 03:12 PM

MD

“ We will dearly miss this amazing gentleman. In the short few years that we have been blessed to have Bob and his wonderful Dolores as neighbors, we have come to love and appreciate their family as our own. The accomplishments, talents, and dedication and devotion to country and family that defined Bob can not be surpassed. We'll never forget his graciousness in reaching out to my father, a fellow veteran, when he visited us in Houston. Bob welcomed him to spend the afternoon with he and some other buddies, and this meant so much to my father. Thank you, Bob; you are a true treasure.

You will be missed.

Dan and Marie Deal

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**Marie deal** - March 16, 2019 at 01:22 PM

LD

Mom and Dad are so lucky to have had you and Dan as neighbors, knowing you are next door will make Mom feel so much safer. We all love you!

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**Lorrie Dabbs** - March 16, 2019 at 10:47 PM

JK

Thank you for your kind, loving words! You and Dan are a blessing to all of our family! Love you!!!

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**Jan Kramer** - March 17, 2019 at 11:42 AM

MB

Praying for God's peace for the Family.

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**Mike Bernhard** - March 20, 2019 at 11:35 AM

DR

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family. If you need any thing please don't hesitate to let me know.

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**Dora Reincke** - March 21, 2019 at 06:31 PM



*Going to Miss you Guy*

*Rest In Peace, My Friend*

*Bob Stearns*

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**Robert O Stearns** - March 21, 2019 at 09:26 PM