



Bobby Luther McKinnon Jr.

September 7, 1964 - April 22, 2026

COL Bobby L McKinnon Jr., US Army National Guard (Retired), passed away peacefully at his home in Fairfax Station, Virginia, on April 22, 2026, at the age of 61, after a brief battle with cancer.

Bobby was the son of the late Bobby L. McKinnon Sr. and Ellen Allen McKinnon.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Nancy McKinnon, his daughters, Emily McKinnon and Meredith McKinnon; his brother, James McKinnon, his brothers-in-law Wayne Keeter (Pam), Steve Keeter (Kathy) and sister-in-law, Cathy Keeter; seven nephews, one niece, and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Bobby began his military career at the age of 18 with the North Carolina Army National Guard. He went to University of North Carolina at Wilmington where he graduated with a Computer Science degree and completed the Army ROTC program. After graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He was stationed at the Headquarters of the Army National Guard in Arlington, VA. He served with distinction for 25 years before retiring as an Army National Guard Chief Information Officer (CIO/G6) in 2006. His time in service reflected his enduring commitment to helping others and his steadfast sense of duty to his country.

Following his retirement, he continued supporting the Army as a government civil servant and later served as a federal contractor. He held executive leadership roles as President and CEO of multiple companies, retiring again in February 2025. Outside of his professional life, Bobby enjoyed golf, poker, jet skiing, and spending time at Lake Anna. He especially valued time with his family and his grand-dogs, Mia and Archie.

He will be remembered for his steady presence, quiet strength, and lifelong commitment to others. Above all, he was a devoted husband, father, and friend.

A celebration of life will take place on the day of interment at Arlington National Cemetery. The date of interment will be provided at a later time.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ Bobby was a fantastic leader. He quietly commanded a room with his presence. Most of all I will remember him as a very kind person. He always treated others with respect and fairness. We miss him so much!

Peggy Jacobs - May 28 at 10:17 AM

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“ The first image that always comes to mind when I think of Bobby is his warm smile. He was friendly and kind -- his easy-going nature was a wonderful quality. Secondly, I think of how attentive and loving he was to Nancy. She captured his heart and his devotion to her was so sweet and so evident to everyone. I feel blessed to have known him since our college days and enjoy the many blessings and joys he, Nancy, and the girls have had over the years.

Leigh W. Allman - May 02 at 01:05 PM