



Robert Norris Gilliam Co F-1

Big Bob hustled in from Dover, Delaware, with a strong left arm and an eye for girls that bettered 20-20. His interest in sports prompted him to make the football team as a first classman.

Starring on the pitcher's mound, he led the "rabble" to many victories. His winning way and easy manner are sure to help him over any hurdle.

Born – 2 Jan 1937 at Dover, Delaware.

To USMA – from Dover, DE. Nicknames “Giller” and “the Lanky Lefty.”

Died – 20 Jan. 2024 (age 87) at Trophy Club, TX. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Pilot Wings, Air Medals, Air Force Commendation Medal.

Schooling – Air Force Pilot Training.

Family - Wife – Sally Gilliam (62 years) – one child (Jeff) – one grandchild (Avery).

Contact – Sally Gilliam, Address 116 Oakmont Drive, Trophy Club, TX 76262, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Bob served on active duty in the Air Force for 6 years, resigning in 1967, with the rank of Captain. His first assignment was in bomber pilot training at Reese AFB, in Lubbock, TX. He then served as a B-52 Pilot with the 95th Bomber Wing at Biggs AFB in El Paso, TX and a B-52 Air Crew Commander with the 24th Bomb Squadron of the 6th Aerospace Wing at Walker AFB in Roswell, NM. He also had multiple deployments to Guam during the Vietnam War.

After leaving active duty in the Air Force, Bob had a successful career continuing in commercial aviation. He worked as a pilot for Braniff Airlines and then Sun Country Airlines. He worked for the Federal Aviation Administration FAA FSDO (Flight Standards District Office) in Oklahoma City, OK as an Aviation Safety Inspector. He then worked as an FAA AMR (Airport Master Record) CMO (Certified Management Office) Southwest Region (SW-21) ASI (Aviation Safety Inspection) in Fort Worth, TX. Bob passed away on 20 January 2024.

Footnote from Bob's obituary - “Bob leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and lasting friendships.....Though he may be gone, the memory of Uncle Bob's spirit and zest for life will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to have known him.”