

ROBERT DAVID RICHARDSON,

WAS 77, WHEN HE PASSED AWAY
PEACEFULLY ON MAY 27, 2026.

HE WAS BORN ON APRIL 25, 1949,
IN WALTERS, OKLAHOMA TO

ROBERT E. RICHARDSON AND MARADELL T. RICHARDSON.

ROBERT WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH
BY HIS BELOVED WIFE, KATHERINE RICHARDSON.
HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, ASHLEY RICHARDSON;
HIS FIVE GRANDCHILDREN,
EMILIO, ANGELINA, VA'ALELE, KATHERINE AND AVA;
AND HIS TWO OLDER SISTERS, CINDY AND CONNIE.
HE ALSO LEAVES BEHIND MANY EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS WHO WILL CHERISH HIS MEMORY.

ROBERT AND KATHERINE RICHARDSON,
WERE UNITED IN MARRIAGE IN BEAUTIFUL WAILUKU, MAUI
ON DECEMBER 23RD, 1994.
TOGETHER THEY BUILT
A LIFE FILLED WITH LOVE, DEDICATION, AND FAMILY.

EDUCATION WAS ONE OF ROBERT'S GREATEST
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LIFELONG PASSIONS.
HE EARNED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING
PHYSICS AND A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS IN 1977.
HE CONTINUED HIS STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
MISSOURI-COLUMBIA, EARNING A MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN 1980.
HE LATER RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS,
WHERE HE EARNED HIS DOCTORATE OF PHILOSOPHY IN
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN 1985.

AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, ROBERT TOOK
GREAT PRIDE IN HIS WORK.
MUCH OF HIS FREE TIME WAS SPENT IN HIS OFFICE, WHERE
HE COULD OFTEN BE FOUND BUILDING,
DESIGNING, AND EXPERIMENTING WITH ELECTRONICS
AND COMPUTER HARDWARE.
HE ENJOYED BRINGING IDEAS TO LIFE THROUGH
ENGINEERING PROJECTS AND WAS HAPPIEST WHEN
CREATING AND SOLVING COMPLEX PROBLEMS.

AS A YOUNG MAN, ROBERT WAS ACTIVE IN THE BOY SCOUTS,
WHERE HE LEARNED VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS
THAT HELPED SHAPE HIS CHARACTER.
HE LATER GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL A YEAR EARLY
AND WAS DRAFTED INTO MILITARY SERVICE AT THE AGE OF 18.

ROBERT ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ARMY ON JULY 7, 1967.
HE COMPLETED HIS TRAINING AT FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY,
WHERE HE SPENT 11 WEEKS EARNING QUALIFICATIONS
AS A RADIO TELETYPE OPERATOR.

HE THEN ATTENDED ADDITIONAL TRAINING AT
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA,
SPENDING 23 WEEKS FURTHER DEVELOPING HIS
COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS BEFORE DEPLOYING TO
VIETNAM AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES,
PROUDLY SERVING AS A GREEN BERET.

DURING HIS MILITARY SERVICE,
ROBERT RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AND DECORATIONS,
INCLUDING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL,
PARACHUTIST BADGE, VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL,
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM,
VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH 1960 DEVICE,
COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE, AIR MEDAL,
THREE OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS, AND THE EXPERT MARKSMANSHIP
QUALIFICATION BADGE WITH M-14 RIFLE.

HIS SERVICE IN VIETNAM PROFOUNDLY IMPACTED HIS LIFE.
ROBERT SPENT FOUR DEDICATED YEARS SERVING HIS COUNTRY,
AND REMAINED DEEPLY PROUD OF THAT SERVICE
THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE.

THOUGH HE WAS OFTEN RESERVED AND RARELY SPOKE
ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES DURING THE WAR,
THERE WERE MOMENTS WHEN HE
WOULD SHARE MEMORIES OF BOTH
THE HARDSHIPS AND CAMARADERIE HE
EXPERIENCED. HE CARRIED THE VALUES OF DUTY, SACRIFICE,
AND HONOR THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, AND HIS MILITARY SERVICE
REMAINED A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR HIS
FAMILY AND ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

NO MATTER THE STORY, HE ALWAYS CONCLUDED WITH
THE SAME SENTIMENT:
HE WAS HONORED AND PROUD TO HAVE SERVED HIS COUNTRY.

ROBERT WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS...
INTELLIGENCE, DEDICATION, HUMILITY, PATRIOTISM,
AND UNWAVERING LOVE AND COMMITMENT TO HIS FAMILY.
WHETHER THROUGH HIS DISTINGUISHED MILITARY SERVICE,
HIS REMARKABLE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS,
OR HIS LIFELONG PASSION FOR ENGINEERING,
HE LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON ALL WHO KNEW HIM.
HIS MEMORY WILL FOREVER LIVE ON IN THE HEARTS OF HIS
FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ALL WHOSE LIVES HE TOUCHED.

**I LOVE YOU DADDY,
..WE LOVE YOU PAPA!!!**