



## Charles Robert "Bob" Allison

February 24, 1942 - December 2, 2025

Charles Robert "Bob" Allison was born February 24, 1942, to Berg and Louise Overturf Allison in Ottumwa, Iowa. He died in Des Moines, Iowa, on December 2, 2025, from the primary illness of Parkinson's from agent orange and secondary illness of esophageal cancer.

He was married November 17, 1961, to Sue Bennett of Ottumwa, IA.

He graduated from William Penn College, Oskaloosa, IA, in May 1966, and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was deployed to Vietnam from April 1967-1968 where he served with the First Cavalry's heavy artillery division. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart as well as numerous other decorations. He was an E-5.

In 1968, he began his aviation administration career as Airport Manager, Ottumwa, IA Airport; Assistant Aviation Director, Des Moines, IA; Aviation Director, Durango, Co.; and Assistant Aviation Director, Colorado Springs, Co; in charge of many major airport constructions including the Colorado Springs Airport and runways.

Due to health issues from being exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam and PTSD, he retired in 1999.

Bob was a co-founder of Arrowhead Chapter of Ducks Unlimited in Des Moines, volunteer President of the Chamber of Commerce in Durango and co-founder of Colorado Airport Operators' Association. He was appointed to two

three-year terms of the Colorado Aeronautics' Board by Governor Romer. Bob and Sue returned to Des Moines, IA in 2008, to be close to the family who we loved.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sue, daughters Lora (Mike) Bird and Lisa Allison, all of Des Moines. Also, grandchildren Aidan (Ava Grenko), Ames, IA, and Alyssa Bird, (ISU) Des Moines.

He is also survived by his sister Ann (Tom) Dorr of Des Moines, sister-in-law Joy Allison of York, ME, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law David and Alice (Cantril) Bennett of Brooklyn Center, MN.

He was predeceased by his parents, brother David Allison, and brother-in-law Steve Bennett.

Bob will be cremated and a private military service will be held at the Veterans' Cemetery Lot 4, in Adel, Iowa, at a later date.

Memorials can be made to the Youth Law Center, 300 Walnut St. Ste 295, 50309 (nonprofit where Lisa is an attorney) or the Salvation Army, 4620 SE 14th St. 50320.

Services are being handled by Dyamond Memorial in Ankeny, Iowa.

# Cemetery Details

## Iowa Veterans Cemetery

34024 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Van Meter, IA 50003

# Upcoming Events

## Graveside Service

MAY **26**. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Iowa Veterans Cemetery  
34024 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Adel, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Charles Robert "Bob" Allison.*



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December 12, 2025 at 01:29 AM



“ *To the Allison family in this time of sorrow, Bob, Sue and your family you all have been a very important part of our lives, our Friday night card games, vacation to Colorado, visit you made to California. You all have been more family than friends. So many wonderful memories of our shared times. Love you all. Connie*

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**Connie Seaburg** - December 06, 2025 at 12:16 AM



“ *Our condolences go to the family. we have so many good memories with Bob and Sue. Long time friends from high school. One of our vacation trips we played golf, Jeff hit Bob in the wrist with a golf ball! That ended the fun, but Bob said “ I am fine ” with his special Smile., prayers for the family. Bob will be missed. Jeanne and Gary*

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**jeanne menzies** - December 05, 2025 at 11:25 PM



*Our sympathy to the Allison family. So many memories of Bob and Sue, dating back to high school. The Wisconsin vacation, your visits here in Rockford. Your last visit was a year ago for Denny 80th birthday. We will miss Bob smile and his mild demeanor. Joanne and Denny Howe*

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**joanne howe** - December 07, 2025 at 11:34 AM