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Our beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather “Coolpa”, Bobby James Raley passed away Thursday evening, March 3, 2022. He was born November 26, 1941, in Clifton, Arizona, as the only child born to Sam and Tommie Raley. He attended schools in Cliff, New Mexico, and then went on to get a Master's Degree at NAU in Criminal Justice. He worked at the Department of Public Safety for the state of Arizona in many facets. Upon retiring from the DPS he began a new career serving our country as an agent with the Central Intelligence Agency. Bobby married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Kartchner in 1960. Bobby and Carolyn were blessed with three children, Marshal (Michelle) Raley, Bobby Jr. (deceased), and Richard (Kendra) Raley. They have also been blessed with 5 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren: Jordan (Katherine), Blake (Bethany) Treyson, Lexie, James, Ruby, April, Henry, Olive and Luke. Bobby loved Carolyn and each member of his family and was so proud of them all. He and Carolyn loved to spend time with their children and grandchildren and enjoyed many family gatherings. He kept in touch with all of his grandchildren throughout the years with special handwritten letters, emails, and souvenirs picked up in his travels. He taught his children the value of hard work, and he provided a good life for his family. Bobby loved to ride his Harley, fish, shoot guns, sky dive and the beauty he found in nature as he was able to travel the world. He enjoyed telling jokes and could making everyone laugh. He made friends easily and valued the friendships he made. He made a profound impact on all who had the pleasure of spending time with him. He has been a great influence for good for all of his posterity. He was preceded in death by his parents. He will be greatly missed.

Private Memorial Services will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sunday, March 13, 2022. Graveside services will be at the Gila, New Mexico Cemetery on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 10:00 AM.




Events

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Graveside Service

 **Saturday**, March 26, 2022

 10:00 AM CT

 **Gila, New Mexico**
Gila NM



Tribute Wall

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BP

Bob Peters posted:

I cannot help but smile when I think of Bobby. He always had a smile. He had a gift for seeing the humor in our every day lives. He was a great story teller. My favorites were his accounts of his experiences in Chinle and other areas of the Navajo reservation. My condolences.

March 18 at 9:37 AM

GB

George A. Bratina posted:

A tear shed for a comrade is not a thing to be ashamed of, or which calls for an apology. God's peace to a good man.

March 17 at 7:29 AM

LJ

Larry Jones posted:

As one of Bobby's CIA colleagues, we roamed the world together, especially Central America during the Sandista/Contra era. Flying to islands aboard Air America with Bobby was special. We shared a bond that only war zones could create. BJR was special to everyone he encountered. Bobby's family should be so proud of him as we are.

March 10 at 7:37 AM

WC

William Chilcott posted:

Carolyn and Rich, please accept our condolences for Bobby's passing. We were friends and colleagues for many great years. Bobby was a one-of-a kind and a great patriot. Regards, Chilly and Rhonda.

March 9 at 4:17 PM

GC

Gary Cooper posted:

Bobby was a dear friend. We worked together at CIA. He was a fantastic person and a great American. He was so much fun to be around. I really valued his friendship. My condolences to his family. Gary Cooper

March 9 at 1:05 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bobby by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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