



Mary Ann & Robert Aitken

December 6, 1944 - April 13, 2018

Mary Ann Aitken, 73, and her husband Dr. Robert P. Aitken, 69 of Summerville, both passed away at Trident Medical Center.

A Memorial Mass will be held for Mary Ann and Robert on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 9 o'clock at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, 28 Sumter St., Summerville, SC. Inurnment will follow at 12 o'clock at Beaufort National Cemetery, 1601 Boundary St., Beaufort, SC.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Patriot Paws Service Dogs, 254 Ranch Trail, Rockwall, TX 75032.

Mary Ann was born on December 6, 1944 in Niagara Falls, NY, daughter of the late Helen and Albert Rinaldo. Robert was born on July 7, 1948 in Savannah, GA, son of the late Robert and Ruth Aitken. They both retired from the US Navy where Mary Ann worked as a nurse practitioner and Robert worked as an eye doctor. They were Vietnam and Desert Storm Veterans. She was a member of St. John the Beloved Catholic church and loved volunteering with the Humane Society. He was a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation and a board member of the American Optometric Association.

Survivors include: two daughters: Christi Hartsock (Christopher) of Salem, SC

and Rebekah Aitken of James Island; Mary Ann's brother: Albert Rinaldo of Perris, CA; Mary Ann's sister: Kathleen Bertulli (Rich) of Winthrop, MA; Robert's two brothers: Ken Aitken (Jan) of Texas and Walter Aitken (Frances) of Louisiana.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Cemetery Details

Beaufort National Cemetery

1601 Boundary Street
Beaufort, SC 29902

Previous Events

Service

JUN 11. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church
28 Sumter Avenue
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann & Robert Aitken*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *For some reason, my niece Christi Hartsock did not want people to know that Robert (Bob) had 2 adopted daughters, Cindy and Alison.*

Walter - March 26, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *Bob and Mary Ann were very close friends of mine for many years. I've just discovered both have passed away and I'm heart broken. I wish I'd stayed in touch over the years but I let life get in the way. May God bless. The girls will remember as "Sarge"...*

Duane Thornton Reubinthornton@gmail.com

Duane Thornton - July 23, 2020 at 11:52 AM



I met Mary Ann through the Navy. We were in the nurse practitioner program together. She was a lovely and fun Friend. This evening I came across her 1988 Christmas card. Their Daughters were awaiting their first snowfall in the DC area! Rest in the loving arms of God, Mary Ann and Robert!

irene Biffar - November 17, 2020 at 10:32 PM

JU

I worked as an Ocular Technician at MCAS El Toro. Robert Aitken was the Optometrist I worked for. He and I got along well and I remember him telling me Mary Ann was promoted to Captain . They were both excellent professionals, one evening Mary Ann worked in our Acute Care unit and I learned much from both. Rest in peace and I look forward to seeing them again in Heaven.

Jack Newland Formerly HM2 Newland USN - February 02, 2025 at 09:57 PM

PK

“ *To the Family of Bob and Mary Ann Aitken - Information came to me today of the passing of Bob and Mary Ann for which I am very sorry to hear of. Bob was my 1st cousin, his father and my mother were siblings. Since we are not a close family, news is slow to reach others. I do extend my sympathy to all of you. May they rest in peace together.*

*Pam Roberts Keegan
Stratford, CT*

Pam Keegan - August 15, 2018 at 01:40 PM



“ *Lisa Bishop lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann & Robert Aitken*



Lisa Bishop - July 13, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *Lisa Bishop sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ann & Robert Aitken*



Lisa Bishop - July 13, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear about Bob's sudden passing. He was a valued friend and mentor to me for my entire Navy career. He took me under his wing along with the other junior officers and not only showed us the way but the right way to do things and what is truly important. He always cared for others more than himself and he was truly a great friend. I was happy to be able to see him a few months ago in Atlanta. He is one of a kind and will truly be missed.*
Lisa Bishop

Lisa Bishop - July 13, 2018 at 11:00 AM

DH

“ May I offer my deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Cmdr. Aitken whom I knew via my association with military optometry and AFOS. Cmdr. Aitken was always affable, approachable, and warm whenever we met during continuing medical education events. We often talked at length about our profession and our respective work environment in the military. I wish I had known he had moved to Summerville as I did as well in December 2016, for I would have liked to have met with him. Cmdr Aitken will truly be missed by all those who knew of his military service, his dedication to patient care, and his warm and engaging personality. Rest in peace Commander! May you have fair skies, calm winds and be forever anchored to the Lord Jesus! Salute!



Dr. Arnold M. Huskins - July 09, 2018 at 08:44 AM

JR

“ Bob was a great mentor and friend in AFOS. I am so sad to hear of your passing but so grateful to have known you. John Randall

John W. Randall - June 26, 2018 at 11:05 PM

VN

“ I remember seeing Bob Aitken many times at various meetings over the last 30+ years. He was always cordial to me, and I remember him smiling and acknowledging everyone that he knew. It was apparent to me that he loved optometry and everything it represented. My sincerest condolences and prayers go out to his entire family.

Van Nakagawara - June 26, 2018 at 06:59 PM

TA

“ Bob and I worked together in the mid 1980's at NMC Bethesda in the optometry department. I'll remember his sense of humor along with his energy and dedication to his patients and optometry.

Timothy Albert - June 26, 2018 at 09:06 AM

SB

“ Mary Ann was a kind woman a dear friend . I Will miss her. Bob was always working and hunting. he loved my homemade potatoes salad!! rest in peace.

sandra bryant - June 14, 2018 at 05:20 PM

JD

“ Rebecca ,
I am so deeply sadden to hear of your parents passing . They were always so nice to Mike . Please if you need anything or need to call I still have my same # . Hang in there.
Love ❤️ always , MaMa Joan

joan davis - June 09, 2018 at 08:08 PM

 Cindy Walsh

“ My sincere and deepest condolences to you and your family. I'm really gonna miss all the times we would have our gatherings and super bowl parties.. Both of you were my second Mom and Dad!! Rest easy you two and don't worry Becky will be taken care of. Until we meet again! Love you both

Cindy Walsh - June 09, 2018 at 09:58 AM

TC

“ *Troy and Candie purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Mary Ann & Robert Aitken.*



Troy and Candie - June 08, 2018 at 04:06 PM