



Robert Neal Babcock

March 30, 1955 - April 15, 2026

Funeral services for Robert Babcock will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2026, at the Freedom Christian Church with Pastor Mark Kinkel officiating.

Cremation will follow the service and his cremains will be buried at a later date in the Freedom Cemetery. There will be a visitation with family present from 6-8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at Marshall Funeral Home.

Robert Neal, son of Raymond Lewis and Blanche Irene (McMoran) Babcock, was born March 30, 1955, at Welch, Oklahoma and passed away peacefully with his daughter and his son in law by his side April 15, 2026, at Oklahoma City at the age of 71 years and 16 days.

He was raised in Freedom where he graduated high school in 1973. He attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Math in 1978. On July 22, 1977, he was united in marriage to Debra Pate and to this union two children were born: Heather and Robert, Jr.

Robert enlisted in the United States Army and served proudly, retiring after 20 years. Being in the military, he moved his family around various places where he was stationed. After he retired from the military he returned to his hometown of Freedom where he lived the rest of his life. Robert was a member of the American Legion and served on the Freedom School Board for

a few years. He enjoyed playing solitaire and war games, spending time with his family and watching old war movies.

Besides his parents, Raymond and Blanche, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Sandra Matherly and Carol McKim; other siblings, Ramona, Deverle, Lahoma, and Oleta; and a grandson, Matthew Arndt.

Robert is survived by his daughter, Heather Arndt and her husband, Michael, of Alva; his son, Robert Babcock, Jr. and partner, Meg Smith, of Edmond; his brothers, Jim Shreeve of Freedom and Bill Fuller of Hewitt, Texas; his sister, Sue Mitchell of Freedom; his grandchildren, Joseph Watson of Alva, Sergio Babcock of Oklahoma City, Michael Arndt, Jr. of Alva, and Dayton Arndt of Alva; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Freedom Cemetery

--

Freedom, OK 73842

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **23**. 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804
Alva, OK 73717
(580) 327-2311
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

Family will be present from 6-8:00 p.m.

Visitation with Family

APR **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804
Alva, OK 73717
(580) 327-2311
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Freedom Christian Church
500 Frontier Drive
Freedom, OK 73842

Tribute Wall



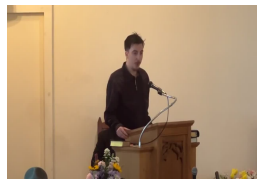
“ 1 file added to the album *Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - April 25 at 10:10 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Service Video*



Marshall Funeral Homes - April 25 at 10:10 AM



“ *Love, hugs & sympathy sent to Robert's family. So sad & a sudden loss indeed. He was proud to serve his country in the US military. Thank you Robert. Your work here is done....RIP.*



Jeanne Winn - April 17 at 09:33 PM

CB

“ *Sorry for your loss & many your memories bring you some comfort.*

Catherine bilyeu - April 17 at 10:33 AM

SB

“ *I never saw Robert when he wasn't smiling. Always so friendly. I pray that his loved ones are comforted by all the precious memories of Robert.*

Sherry Beagley - April 16 at 08:38 PM