



## William Randolph Holland

February 28, 1946 - September 17, 2007

William Randolph "Randy" Holland, age 61, of Blackwell, passed away on Monday, September 17, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Randy Holland was born on February 28, 1946, in Morrilton, Arkansas. He graduated from Sylvan Hills High School in 1964 and from the University of Arkansas in 1971.

He enlisted in the military in 1963, as a 17 year old private, and retired in 2005 as a colonel. During his career, he amassed more than 4,700 hours flying helicopters and received numerous honors and awards, including induction in the Arkansas National Guard Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

An avid hunter, fisherman, and farmer, Holland worked for several years early in his career as an independent sales representative in the outdoor sports industry. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Morrilton and the Arkansas Army Aviation Association.

Holland is survived by his wife, Leslie Tutt Holland; two children, William Holland of Fayetteville, and Sarah Holland of Washington D.C.; two nieces, Terra Holland and Erin and Jason Avila, all of Rogers; a great nephew, Tristan Avila of Rogers; brother-in-law, Stuart Tutt of Monticello; sister-in-law, Robin Oliver of Mason, Ohio; mother-in-law, Mary Gail Tutt of Little Rock, Arkansas; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Gene Holland and Glenna Mahan Holland; two sisters, Barbara McGinnis and Deborah Westenhaver; and a brother, David Michael Holland.

Honorary pallbearers are Charles Agee, David Benson, Kevin Best, Ronnie Danenhowe, Mike Drinkwater, Steve Hime, Eddie Johnson, Kenneth Jones, Dick and Mickey Mahan, Larry Mahan, Mack Tubb, and Bill Wofford.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, September 20, at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Morrilton. A reception will follow at The Rock Community Center in Blackwell. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Arkansas Cancer Research Center, 4301 W. Markham, Slot 623F, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205; First Presbyterian Church of Morrilton, 105 W. Church, Morrilton, Arkansas 72110; or Arkansas Hospice Russellville, 2405 E. Parkway, Suite 3, Russellville, Arkansas 72802. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Randolph Holland*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Randy was in my graduating Class. My prayers are with you. Mary A. (Henderson) Pifer*

June 30, 2018 at 01:03 AM



“ *Leslie, Sarah, and Will  
My commander, my supervisor, my mentor, and most of all my friend. I will miss Randy and the joy he always brought.*

June 30, 2018 at 01:03 AM



“ *Leslie and family: Betty and I were deeply saddened by the news of Randy's death. We know how firmly he clug to life and all that it meant to him. As we saw over the times of his struggle we were deeply impressed by his courage and your support over a very difficult journey. Your love of one another was clearly present and the foundation of your courage. We will miss Randy and his wonderfully out going nature. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time. We feel the pain and can only hope that you gain some peace in the belief that he is in a better place, feels no more pain, and has love for all those he left behind. God bless you all.*

October 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie, Will and Sarah, we are very sorry for your loss. You have been in our prayers for a while now and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Let us know if there is anything we can you with at any time.

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October 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Lee is on a deployment, but asked me to let you know how much Col. Holland's friendship meant to him. He was a true example of a military officer.

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October 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry of your loss. Our family holds you in our prayers and thoughts. May God be with you in this difficult time.

*Ormond, Patricia, Brittany & Nathan Peters*

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September 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My dearest Leslie, Will, and Sarah: I should only be thinking of you, but I find myself flooded with memories of Randy long ago, before you three came along to make his life complete. He was part of my life, in so many different roles, for the past 35+ years and I can truthfully say there has never been another like him! I'm thankful and joyous that his suffering is over, and I'm devastated for the rest of us to have to be here without him. He is truly one of the people I will fly to see when I go home to Jesus. No doubt he'll greet me with, "That's a Whitmire head if I ever saw one!" and that big old grin and half-evil look he could get in his eyes. My pictures of Randy showing Lucy how to bait a hook will always be treasured, and I'll never eat ice cream without thinking of him. You have my love, and Leslie, you have my undying admiration and true reverence for your strength, faith, and grace over the past two-and-a-half years.

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September 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie

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September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I served with Randy in the military for many years. He was always very friendly, sincere, honest, professional and loved to have fun. He was a friend to all and was well respected. We are all better people for having known him. May God richly bless his family in the days and weeks to come that they all will be granted peace and comfort. He was and is my friend! Ron Snead

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September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sarah, please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. It takes a a very good man to raise a special daughter like you.

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September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Leslie, Will, & Sarah,  
I once read that it's not death that brings us the greatest loss in life, but all that dies inside of us. As your lives go on I know you will find many ways to celebrate the memory of Randy. He blessed us all in so many ways. Our family has so many wonderful memories of Randy; the 23 inning Astro's Baseball with the LA Dodgers that ended at 2:30AM only for us to return the next afternoon for an 18 inning game; trying to decide where we would eat first - Pappasito's or Pappadeaux - we always fit both in at least once on your trips to Houston; the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinners at The Brownstone. Randy requested that we go there for Thanksgiving 2006 and I am so thankful that we did!

*I admire the physical and spiritual strength you have exhibited throughout Randy's long, valiant ordeal. You have allowed us all to mourn with you and have shared your hope, grief, and memories with us.*

*I hope the days will soon become brighter for each of you as you cherish Randy's memory and love and draw strength from The Lord.*

*"Lissa"*

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September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sarah and Will, We are so sorry for you loss. Please know you both are in our thoughts and prayers. With love, Bess and Steve

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September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie: You would never know how many times we've thought of you and your family. We were so sorry to hear about Randy. We've heard so many wonderful things about him. I hope you know how much we care. Please give our love to everyone. We hope to see you soon. Love, Anne & Tommy

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September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Although I did not know Randy & his family well personally, his kindness and care for my brother was very much appreciated. Leslie, thank you for all you did also. I'm sorry I did not get E.J. there for another visit. Maybe soon. God bless you all. Inice

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September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Mike and I are so sorry for your loss. Randy was such a special person. I can see him standing here in the warehouse with his head cocked over and looking up and saying - NOW BEAR! We always enjoyed visiting with the both of you. He will always be in our memories.

We are praying for God's comfort and peace for all of you

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September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sarah, The loss of a father is quite painful, but you are strong. Remember in your heart the good times and continue to make him proud. You've got a support network full of thoughts and prayers. See you soon.

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September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We are both sorry to hear about Randy and we will have you and your family in our prayers.

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie, I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of Randy. Randy and I are fraternity brothers at UCA and we were housemates with Hank and Charlie in the early 70s. I've missed his laugh and that gleam in his eyes for a long time. I talked to him some time ago and knew of his plight and hoped things would work out for him. Please know that I wish you and your family well and that you can bear up to this. Sincerely, Don Owen

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Will & family - We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Leslie, I remember when you met Randy and you immediately knew he was "the one". God blessed you both with a truly wonderful relationship and I know that God will provide you, Sarah and Will the strength to go on and celebrate your lives together as the wonderful family that you are. John and I send our love and prayers. God bless you all.

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I was saddened to hear from my Dad today that my Cousin Randy had died. I had not seen him in a long time , but have many memories of him when we were younger. We had a wonderful family of cousins who have many wonderful memories of growing up together . My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and loved ones.I knew of his illness and had prayed for him and remembered him throughout his illness. I kept up with his progress through my Dad. HE will be missed., Blessings, Cissy Mahan Lieblong

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sara,  
I am sorry to hear about your father's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie, I am so sorry to hear about Randy. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Pam Banister Stephenson*

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Leslie & Family,*  
*Please know how saddened we were to read of Randy's death in yesterdays paper. Having seen him twice in the past year, we've known the difficult road he's had to travel, and he was constantly in our thoughts and prayers. Dad mentioned last night that Randy did so well in the Military & that his parents would have been so proud of the man he'd become. Me too! It's difficult to talk of him in terms of being a Colonel. To me, he was just "Randy, my friend with the freckles that lived just outside the Orphanage gate". There was a lifetime of memories, & I feel so blessed that I was able to reconnect with him in the past year. You should all know that Randy was so at peace with his Christian life, and was so proud that his children were successful & at good places as young adults. He was so pleased with the good life he'd led and was so in love with all of you. Please know that you are all in our thoughts & prayers & that we share in your loss.*

*Love, Joetta Milhoan Duke & Famiy & Col. Joe Milhoan*

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sarah, I'm sorry about your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers here in DC.*

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Leslie, Will, and Sarah,*  
*I have been praying for each of you in the past few weeks. I am sorry for the loss of your husband and father. I can tell you have a strong faith and that will see you through the tough days ahead.*

*Paula*

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to here of Randy's passing. I first met Randy At Arkansas State Teachers College in 1965. I consider him a dear friend and will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. God bless you.

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Randy and I attended Sylvan Hills High School. I will always remember his simle and his laugh. AND red hair. I am so sorry for your loss and pray God will send you comfort and peace.

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September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so blessed for having the opportunity to spend time with Randy and his family over the years. I will never forget his quick smile and infectious laugh that always accompanied his quick wit. He had a heart of gold and was truly one of God's beautiful people. God bless you Leslie, Will and Sara. - Chock Walden

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September 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie, Will and Sarah,  
Tim and I were so sorry to ready of Randy's passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Cancer may have won the battle, but Randy won the war as he is with our Lord in heaven. - Tim and Karen White

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September 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie, Will, and Sarah: I am so sorry for your loss. Unfortunately I'll be out of town for work tomorrow, and will not be able to attend the funeral. I wanted you all to know how much Col. Holland meant to me and that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jason Ware

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September 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sarah, I was so sorry to hear the news. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. -Laura

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September 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie,  
I am so sorry to hear about this. You are in our prayers, and if there is anything we can do, please let us know. we love you and are praying for you and Will and Sarah.  
Sam Debbie and John Anthony

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September 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I say Randy's obit in the Ark. Democrat this morning. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Randy will be missed by all who knew him. He was a man of action and his actions speak for themselves. Be proud.  
I hope to see you soon.  
Peace be with you.  
-Keith & Sarah Coker

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September 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. I enjoyed serving with Randy for many years. A good man well thought of.*

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September 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. We will remember your family in prayer. We miss seeing your mom. Hope she is ok. We cherish memories of your family. love, Thelma and Buford Conner*

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September 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM