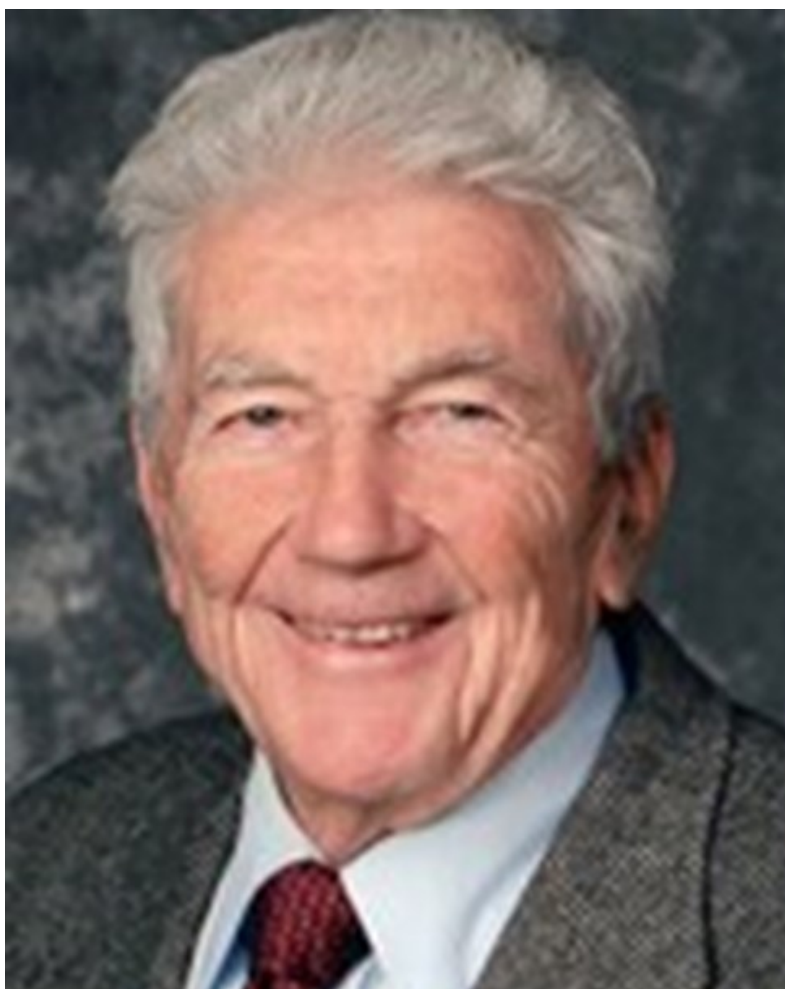


Robert L. Logsdon, Jr.

(1917-2018)



Robert L. Logsdon, Jr. (1917-2018) [Obituary](#). “This amazing man, proud United States Navy retiree, was loved by everyone who knew him. Joined his Lord and Savior on Sept. 30, 2018. Surviving are wife of 9 years, Donnis; children Robert and Charlene (Lyle) Christensen, Sydney Kurtz, Liz (Paul) Stone, Andy (Debbie) Meeder and Kurt (Darsena) Meeder; 16 grandchildren, 18 great-great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren. Family and his many friends will miss him greatly. Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 13 at 11:00 am at Bobbitt Memorial Chapel. Robert will be laid to rest privately at Riverside National Cemetery. To leave an on-line condolence please visit Bob's memorial page at www.bobbittchapel.com.” January – March 2018 [Laffey News](#) has Bob's

Photos and Memories 1950 – 1952. Bob was honored at his [100th birthday](#) at the 2017 USS Laffey Association Reunion in Memphis TN. From Chris Kirhagis, President USS Laffey Association: “Bob was a patriot. He served in World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War. He was a great member of the association. He contributed 1000s of photos from 1950s. He contributed photos of association events. He had great dexterity to move and twist to get just the right angle for his beautiful photos. We loved seeing he and Donnis at our reunions. His memory, photos, and contributions live on the USS Laffey Association website www.laffey.org.”

Bob Logsdon Honored on his 100th Birthday

From the Highland News

Last year on September 1, 2017, Bob Logsdon turned 100 years old. See “Bob Logsdon: 3-war veteran celebrates 100 years”. He was given the flag that was flown over the US Capitol in his honor. Bob was honored by the local, District and International Rotary Club where he and his wife Donnis are long time members. He received a personal letter from the Secretary of Defense.

Bob enlisted in the Navy in 1945. After boot camp in San Diego, he went to Radar school, then was assigned to an aviation repair ship, USS Aventinus ARV(E)3, which went from San Diego to Pearl and Okinawa. Due to a bad typhoon, the trip was via the China Sea. In Okinawa we performed repair on aircraft brought to our docked ship. When WWII was over, he returned to San Diego for discharge, opting to stay in the Reserves, training new recruits until recalled to active duty in 1950 to take the Laffey out of "mothballs."

He reported aboard Laffey in 1950 as Radarman 3rd Class. He recalls his pride that “Laffey had the best radar in the Fleet”. He was aboard during the Korean War. He says “We were shooting and dodging the enemy’s shells but never took a direct hit. We were hit by some shrapnel. Our big concern was to avoid the floating mines. We picked up a wounded airman. We carried some prisoners of war”. He recalls riding out terrible typhoons but loving the around the world cruise. He left the Laffey in 1953 and remained in the US Navy reserves until 1977

retiring as a Chief Radarman (now Chief Operations Specialist). With his love of photography, he had a very successful photography business. He has taken and shared many, many photos from 1950 to present including many Laffey reunions.

The link to Bob's Photo Album 1950 – 1952

<https://www.laffey.org/Cruises/Bob%20Longsdon's%20Album/logsdon1.htm> .

Bob's album consists of several hundred slides starting with the Laffey being taken out of mothballs in San Diego, California, around the world cruise, and arrival in Boston, Massachusetts.

Bob and Donnis love to travel in their RV. They plan to fly to Charleston to attend the Fall 2018 Laffey Association Reunion after his 101st birthday. We all thank Bob for his service and support for the Laffey Association. Thanks to Ari Phoutrides for scanning Bob's photos and for creating the web pages that we can all appreciate. Well done Chief Bob Logsdon for your service to the US Navy and the country.



Robert, Richard Felsinger, and Donnis Logsdon at the USS Laffey Association Reunion in 2017



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Robert Lincoln Logsdon Jr.

BIRTH 1 Sep 1917

DEATH 30 Sep 2018 (aged 101)

BURIAL Riverside National Cemetery

Riverside, Riverside County, California, USA

PLOT Section 53B Site 2125

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Robert Lincoln Logsdon, September 1, 1917 - September 30, 2018

Robert L. Logsdon, Jr. (1917 – 2018)

A San Bernardino native, “Bob” was born Sept. 1, 1917 to Robert Sr. and Bonnie Gardner Logsdon, joining sister, Margaret. When he was two, the family relocated to Kentucky. Upon high school graduation, Bob and Margaret returned to San Bernardino. He extended his education at SBVC, while working at various jobs.

In 1938, he married Barbara Muensenberger, and they had two children, Charlene Kay and Robert H.. He worked as service station attendant until WWII, when he entered the Navy. Leaving active duty, he stayed in the Navy as a reservist, returning to active duty during Korean Conflict and Viet Nam, retiring in 1977. When not on active duty, he: Operated/then owned the 6th & H gas station, worked for Smart and Final, and became involved in the photography business, first as an employee, then as owner of Empire Camera, with partner, Claude Williams. He retired from the business in 1977, but not from photography. Bob was an excellent photographer, and received many awards for his work, including fellowship in Photographic Society of America, and was on the job at a recent ceremony at his church.

He and Barbara separated in 1949. In 1952, he married Ruth, and became the father of her daughters, Sydney and Nancy. Bob and Ruth traveled the world, (in their motor home when in the USA), and had 51 years together until Ruth passed in 2004. He planned to remain a bachelor, but the Lord had other plans for him. In 2009, he married Donniss, a fellow Rotarian and a staunch “bachelorette”, and increased the family size when he added her children; Liz, Andy and Kurt. Bob and Donniss continued the RV travels, and attended the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sidney, Australia.

Besides the Rotary Club of San Bernardino (52 yrs), Bob was a member of the Elks Club (75 yrs), Death Valley 49’ers (69 yrs), American Legion (12 yrs), the USS Laffey DD-724 Association (since its inception) and First Christian Church of San Bernardino (most of his life). Bob was very active in Rotary (including District 5330), 49’ers, The Laffey Association, and his church, and constantly taking pictures.

This amazing man, loved by everyone who knew him, left earth for a better place, very quickly early in the morning, September 30, 2018. Bob is pre-deceased by his

parents, sister Margaret, and daughter, Nancy. Surviving are wife of 9 years, Donnis; children Robert and Charlene (Lyle) Christensen, Sydney Kurtz, Liz (Paul) Stone, Andy (Debbie) Meeder and Kurt.

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1917- September 30, 2018

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