



## MAJOR Robert E. Dobbins, USMC, Retired

January 1, 1934 - January 13, 2023

Major Robert Eugene Dobbins (RET), 89, passed away January 13, 2023, surrounded by his loving family, at the Palmetto Patriot Home. A native of Fletcher, Oklahoma, he was the son of the late M.E. and Grace L. Dobbins. He served his country for 30 years in the United States Navy, United States Army, and finally retiring from the United States Marine Corps. He later retired as a Sgt from the Lewisville, Texas Police Department. In his younger years, he loved fishing and camping. Robert was a true patriot and loved his country and his Catholic Faith.

Surviving are his son, Patrick Dobbins (Catherine) of Greer, SC and daughters Deborah Swanson (John) of Cameron, NC and Dyan Sheets (Terry) of Scio, OR; one brother James Dobbins (Wanda) of Bowling Green, KY; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held on Monday, January 30, 2023, 1:00 pm at M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery, Anderson, South Carolina, conducted by Deacon Gary Walczak.

Memorials may be made to Palmetto Patriot Home, 120 Hampshire Dr., Gaffney, SC 29341.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **M.J. “Dolly” Cooper Veterans Cemetery**

140 Inway Drive  
Anderson, SC 29621

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

**JAN 30.** 1:00 PM (ET)

M.J. “Dolly” Cooper Veterans Cemetery  
140 Inway Drive  
Anderson, SC 29621

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ *The Marines today would have made you proud Sarge! RIP!  
Constable Dan Rochelle (LPD Retired)*



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**Dan Rochelle** - January 30, 2023 at 04:50 PM

DR

*I briefed the Marines on who you were Sarge. They were sharp, you would be proud! RIP Sgt Dobbins!!*

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**Dan Rochelle** - January 30, 2023 at 05:12 PM

TB

“ *To Sean and Erica and to the entire extended Dobbins family, you have our deepest condolences for your loss. We appreciate the service of Major Dobbins and the service from his family in supporting his military and law enforcement careers.*

*Kindest regards,  
The Emergent BioSolutions Team*

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**Tom Bolton** - January 30, 2023 at 03:51 PM

BE

“ *I have Known Gunny since 1983 when we worked together at Lewisville PD . He was an exceptional man and a loyal friend. We became close because of the job and our military service. Bob was a good man and will be missed.*

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**Bob Ellis** - January 30, 2023 at 01:44 PM

JB

“ John and Sarah Bonnette purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of MAJOR Robert E. Dobbins, USMC, Retired.



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**John and Sarah Bonnette** - January 29, 2023 at 06:42 PM

EA

“ *"Major Bob" is an old Marine Corps League friend from Durango and Pagosa Springs CO. I didn't know he moved to SC, as did I. I really regret we didn't connect here. We shared many hours together travelling to MCL meetings around the expansive State of Colorado. I never tired of hearing his "sea stories" and many exploits covering his very unusual (USN, USA, USMC) military career. Angie and I send our heartfelt condolences to Bob's family and friends. I will let others in CO know of Bob's passing immediately. God willing. I will attend his funeral!*



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**Edmund Andersson** - January 26, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of MAJOR Robert E. Dobbins, USMC, Retired.*



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January 24, 2023 at 09:48 AM

AS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Dobbins family during this difficult time. Please accept my condolences on the loss of your father. Please know my loving thoughts embrace you each and every day.

*I have fond memories of your father and of Pat and Dyan in our times together in the Panama Canal Zone. Your father was such and extraordinary military man and warrior. A real “Quiet Professional.” He always made me feel like I was around such a patriot and hero. He touched my life in a very special way and I had the utmost respect for him! I am deeply saddened for your family’s loss. Rest in Peace Major Dobbins! Art Serig*

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**Art Serig** - January 20, 2023 at 01:07 PM

DS

“ 2 files added to the album Family



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**Deborah Swanson** - January 20, 2023 at 11:52 AM

AA

“ Pat, Cathy, Sean, Tyler and the Dobbins family, we are sorry to hear about your fathers passing. He was a hero and made such a difference by example and leadership. May you find peace and comfort in all the wonderful memories you have and be proud of the men you are because of the examples of the men that have been in your lives. Gods grace, mercy, and love be upon you all the days ahead. We will be praying for you and your family during this difficult time. Love, Angie AshmoreKruse and Austin Johnson



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**Angie AshmoreKruse** - January 20, 2023 at 12:10 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Sean Dobbins** - January 19, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of MAJOR Robert E. Dobbins, USMC, Retired.



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January 19, 2023 at 03:03 PM

BS

“ *My most sincere sympathy and condolences to the family of Robert Dobins. It was my great honor and pleasure to have worked with and for Robert, more affectionately known as Gunny, while he served at the Lewisville Police Department.*

*Gunny was a great leader and an exceptional human being. He will be missed.*

*Brad Showalter*

*LPD Retired*



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**Bradley Showalter** - January 17, 2023 at 07:03 PM