



**Benjamin (Bob)
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Army

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Mar 22, 1920 - Oct 1, 1987

BIRTHPLACE: Hamlet, NC

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Army, Intelligence Agency

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

HONORED BY: The Carroll Family

BIOGRAPHY

Benjamin Robert 'Bob' Carroll, Jr. attended high school in his hometown of Hamlet, North Carolina. He attended the University of North Carolina, where he received a degree in English and Drama in 1942. While at the university, Bob was an actor in 'The Lost Colony', an outdoor theater in Maneo, NC, where Sir Walter Raleigh of England brought 117 men, women, and children to the New World in July 1578. After graduation, he received his commission and served in the Army as a First Lieutenant. He was assigned to the Signal Corps, an Intelligence Agency. He was stationed in London for the majority of his military career working on intercepting and breaking code during the war. He was there during the heaviest of the German V-1 'Buzz Bomb' attacks against the city. (At the height of their use, 190 were launched daily). After his discharge in 1946, Bob performed on the professional stage. During the next 15 years in New York, he had acting roles with such stars as Jose Ferrer, Lillian Gish, and Arlene Dahl. He later performed in a number of television programs. Bob played the lead role of Patrick Henry in the movie 'Story of a Patriot'. This film is shown in historic Colonial Village at Williamsburg, VA, and has been shown to over 30 million visitors. The film debuted March 31, 1957, and has been shown daily ever since, making it the longest-running film in American motion picture history. He moved to Salina, KS in 1962. He had a short stint with radio station KFRM; taught English briefly at Bethany College in Lindsborg, and then moved to Wichita in 1965. In Wichita, Bob was active in both radio and television. He was a newsman, special projects director, producer of documentaries and public service programs, helped plan Wichita's centennial celebration, worked Boy Scouts, was active in Wichita Community Theater plans, and for two years was board chairman at KPTS-TV. One of his greatest loves was the Mid-America All-Indian Center in Wichita. He was involved from the start of the center and was a Board Member for 16 years.