



## Billy C. Pelfrey

August 25, 1949 - December 30, 2020

Billy Clarence Pelfrey, 71 died in his home after a sudden decline in health due to a 12 year battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born August 25, 1949 in Rockwood Chamberlain Memorial Hospital to Clarence W. Pelfrey and Mable Clara (Hall) Pelfrey.

Billy graduated Harriman High School in 1969. Following graduation, he joined the USMC and was deployed to Vietnam in 1969. While serving in the Marine Corps he was awarded The Navy Commendation Medal as a Lance Corporal in 1st Battalion, 5th Marine, 1st Marine Division in connection with combat operation against the enemy in the republic of Vietnam from August 7, 1969 to August 7, 1970.

After returning home he took welding at the Tennessee Technology Center in Harriman and gained employment as a welder. He was employed at different position at Union Carbide (Martin Marietta, Bechtel Jacobs) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee in 1973 and worked until his retirement in 2012.

After the death of his mother in 1972, Billy returned home to take custody and raise his youngest brother, Thomas Henry Pelfrey, which led to a very successful career in the United States Air Force.

Billy was a faithful member of the DAV and an avid UT fan.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his half-sister, Betty Ann (Rumfield) Albert of Morristown, Tennessee.

Billy is survived by his wife of 39 years, Deborah (Givens) Pelfrey; daughter Sherri Renee (Pelfrey) Gilmore, son William Austin Pelfrey (wife Tisha Kirby) of Sparta, TN and 3 special grandchildren; Nicholas Pelfrey, Harper Pelfrey, and Liam Pelfrey. He is also survived by his brother John E. Pelfrey (wife Dawn) of Leavenworth Kansas; sister Martha J. Pelfrey and boys Mike, Braedon, and Broc Pelfrey of Maryville. Brother Thomas H. Pelfrey of Waddell, Arizona, nieces Alexis and Jamie Pelfrey of Kansas and brother-in-law Leroy Albert and Sheila Albert of Morristown, Tennessee; nephews John Allen Pelfrey (wife Brittany) of Georgia, Josh Coffee (wife Jessica) of Rockwood, Michael Kellom and Joey Kellom of Florida. Brother in law Greg Givens, sister-in-law Vonda Oran and husband Glen Oran as well as a host of other family and very special friends.

A service of remembrance was held at the Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman with the burial following in Oak Grove Cemetery in Rockwood, TN.

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ My husband was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's disease at 67. His symptoms were shuffling of feet, slurred speech, low volume speech, degradation of handwriting, horrible driving skills, and his right arm is held at 45 degree angle. He was placed on Sinemet for 7 months and then Sifrol and rotigotine were introduced which replaced the Sinemet but he had to stop due to side effects. We tried every shot available but nothing was working. There has been little if any progress in finding a reliable treatment, I quit my meds due to side effects. Our care provider introduced us to Kycuyu Health Clinic Parkinson's herbal treatment. The treatment is a miracle. My husband has recovered significantly! Visit [kycuyuhealthclinic.com](http://kycuyuhealthclinic.com)

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**Kristin Smeltzer** - January 20, 2022 at 09:37 PM

MM

“ My wife was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at age 59. She had severe calf pain, muscle pain, tremors, slurred speech, frequent falls, loss of balance, difficulty in getting up from sitting position. She was put on Sinemet for 6 months and then Sifrol was introduced and replaced the Senemet. During this time span she was also diagnosed with dementia. She started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. This year, our family doctor started her on Tree of life Health Clinic Parkinson's Disease Herbal mixture, 1 month into treatment she improved dramatically. At the end of the full treatment course, the disease is totally under control. No case of dementia, hallucination, weakness, muscle pain or tremors. all thanks to Tree of Life Clinic, Visit Tree of life Health Clinic website [www.treeoflifeherbalclinic.com](http://www.treeoflifeherbalclinic.com) She is strong again and able to go about daily activities.

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**Maclean Makon** - February 23, 2021 at 03:06 AM

AG

“ After my Parkinson's Disease diagnosis, my primary care provider introduced me to Mayaka Natural Clinic and their PD Formula protocol, the herbal treatment has made a tremendous difference for me. My symptoms including numbness and muscle weakness all disappeared after the treatment plan! Their website is w w w. mayakanaturalclinic. c o m

Amy Grahams - February 04, 2021 at 11:20 AM

DD

“ Billy was my 81mm Mortar Section Leader 1969-70 in 1st Bn 5th Marines. I was a Radioman. In Feb. 1970 during a Night attack while serving with B Company I was knocked out by a Rocket Propelled Grenade and Billy dragged me out of the hole and held me in his lap as he thought I was dead I will always regret not reestablishing with Billy. Maybe he talked about me to someone I was called PAPPY. We were Bunkmates in VIETNAM

Daniel Davis - January 25, 2021 at 09:03 PM

DP

Yes, I heard many stories about Viet Nam and Pappy.

DPelfrey - February 08, 2021 at 02:47 PM

TP

“Pappy” I am Billy's youngest brother and he raised me from age 14 until 19 when I joined the United States Air Force, he did not want his baby brother to see the things that you and him saw. My email address is Chiefthp@yahoo.com I stayed 30 years in the Air Force thanks to Billy's guidance and preparation for life in the service, I currently live in Arizona. I heard many many stories about you and Billy, without a doubt I remember him saying he served with none better or trusted anyone more than he trusted you!

Thomas H Pelfrey - February 08, 2021 at 11:23 PM

TR

“ So sad to hear of this fine person leaving so soon. My condolences the all the family. Sending prayers, Teresa Hixson Riggs

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**Teresa Hixson Riggs** - January 11, 2021 at 08:03 AM

RG

“ Billy was a fine person that I knew and worked with at the K-25 Site.. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. He served his country well in the military. He became like a brother to me over the years. It's time to say farewell but not gone forever. We will see you again some day in Heaven.. Brother in Jesus Christ, Rickey Gallaher

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**Rickey Gallaher** - January 11, 2021 at 06:05 AM

BA

“ Bill was always great friend. We grew up together in lake view heights. Always fun to be around. Rest In Peace Bill. We will see each other again. Praying for the family.

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**BarbaraPope** - January 09, 2021 at 04:10 PM

MD

“ So sorry I couldn't be there. Many of my childhood memories included Bill and I'll forever be grateful for those. Prayers go out to you all. I love you!

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**Melanie Davidson** - January 05, 2021 at 11:18 AM

JC

“ Sorry to hear about Bills passing. We have many fond memories of him. Prayers for the family. Jimmy, Judy & Jennifer Coley



Jennifer Coley - January 05, 2021 at 10:45 AM

JM

“ Mr. Pelfrey was such a nice man and my family and I so enjoyed seeing him at ball games and in the community. He always had a smile on his face. He will be missed.  
McCullum Family

Jennifer Mccullum - January 04, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Billy C. Pelfrey.



January 04, 2021 at 03:28 PM

RL

“ Renee, I'm not sure if you remember me or not but we went to high school together. I was always with Sonya, Tonya, & Janet. Anyways, I'm sorry to hear of your father's passing. My family is praying for your family.

Becky (Barger) Ledford

Rebecca Ledford - January 04, 2021 at 08:03 AM

MC

“ Bill and I became friends in 1978, that is when I moved to Kingston, we ran around together, played softball for years.

We ran a concession stand at one of the tournaments and went broke buying for the little boys and girls that came to the counter with 10 or 15 cents and wanted a 25 or 50 cent item. We loved the little ones. Played a lot of volleyball and pitched horse shoes at the river.

Ole buddy you will be missed by numerous people that knew you and heard of you.

We will miss you and talk about you for years to come.

Love ya, ole buddy.

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**Marvin Carlton** - January 03, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ Worked with Billy at K25 K1065 in Operations Many Fond Memories.. Prayers For the Family

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**Porter Holland II** - January 03, 2021 at 05:19 PM

EE

“ I met Billy at K25. He was always an up spirited man. Always had a good story to tell. Prayers to the family.

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**Erik Easter** - January 03, 2021 at 01:13 PM

KE

“ I met Bill when he and I carpoled to the Crossville vocational school where he studied welding. Our friendship continued as we worked at K25. I have many fond memories of Bill. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

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**Keith Easter** - January 03, 2021 at 01:07 PM

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*Billy and my brothers ran around together when i was young. So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you sa*

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**Yevette Hall olmsted** - January 06, 2021 at 02:26 AM

MJ

*“ Our family has fond memories of Bill to cherish. Our thoughts and prayers and love for Deb, Renee, William and all the family in the time ahead.*

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**Mickey and Jeanie** - January 03, 2021 at 12:41 PM