



William P. "Bill" Tapley

April 5, 1950 - February 17, 2022

William P. "Bill" Tapley, age 71, of Sweetwater went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 17, 2022. He was a member of the CrossRoads Baptist Church in Sweetwater. Retired from the United States Navy after 22 years of service. Preceded in death by his parents: Tom and Norma Jean Tapley, brother: Tom "Tinker" Tapley. Survivors include his wife of 40 years: Linda Tapley, of Sweetwater, children: Kristen Smith of Lincoln, Al., Karen Danos, Heather Thompson, Christopher Thompson, all of Madisonville, grandchildren: Eric Borden, Erin Borden, Devin Borden, Blake Rider, Tawney Johnston, Justus Thompson, Braden Smith, Brice Smith, 11 great-grandchildren, sister: Lori Tapley-Schreck, of St. Charles, MO., several nieces and nephews, and a loving church family. Special friends: Marcel Sablan, Tom Potter. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at Kyker Funeral Homes, from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 1:00 P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Isaac Wood, and Rev. Philp Thompson officiating. Interment to follow in the Sweetwater Memorial Park with full military honors. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. [www. Kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.Kykerfuneralhomes.com)

Cemetery Details

Sweetwater Memorial Park

1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

FEB 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William P. "Bill" Tapley*



Kyker Funeral Home - February 22, 2022 at 03:22 PM

SD

I remember bill as being wiry and always on the move in high school. Always friendly and nice to everyone. He used to look over my shoulders in English to get an answer. He will be missed my many. Prayers to family and friends. Sam Melva Beer Day.

Sam Melva Beer Day - June 26, 2022 at 12:24 PM

MV

“ *Rest In Peace Shipmate. VP-94.*

Mary Vernoy - February 23, 2022 at 11:07 PM

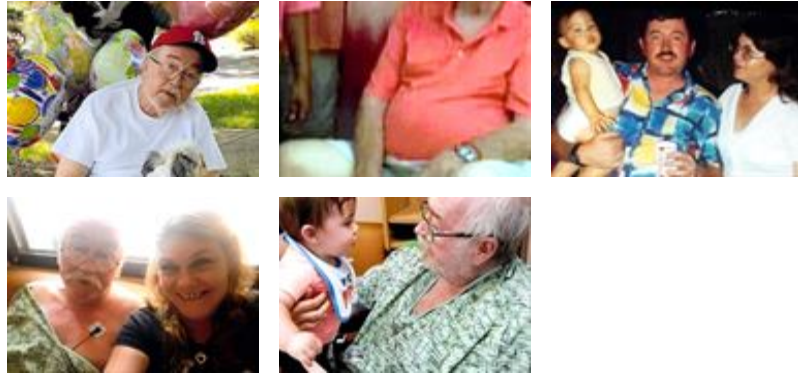
DU

“ *Bill and I were stationed together in a brand new naval command established on Oahu Hawaii. Along with the many challenges he and I work together to solve, we also enjoyed many fun times and laughs together. I salute you, Bill, until we meet up again dear friend and shipmate. 🇺🇸🙏 Douglas Vanous, USN(Ret)*

Douglas Vanous, USN(Retired) - February 23, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of William P. "Bill" Tapley.



February 22, 2022 at 07:47 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of William P. "Bill" Tapley.



February 21, 2022 at 07:43 PM

DM

“ Deena Maiden lit a candle in memory of William P. "Bill" Tapley



Deena Maiden - February 20, 2022 at 04:55 PM

DM

Bill was a classmate. He was such a nut in school. Always joking around, Thoughts and prayers to his family

Deena Maiden - February 20, 2022 at 04:57 PM

KC

*I grew up in Bowling Green and was acquainted with Bill and his brother Tinker in high school. Sure had some fun memories together at the bowling alley dances and hanging out. Condolences to his family.
Karen Straube Corbus*

Karen Straube Corbus - March 01, 2022 at 07:17 PM