



William F.(Bill) Scarbrough

January 10, 1933 - December 9, 2015

William F. (Bill) Scarbrough of Harriman, TN, passed away peacefully at his home, Wednesday, December 9, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born January 10, 1933, in Harriman's Pollard Hollow to the Reverend Mark and Delta (Mayton) Scarbrough. Having grown up in the Harriman/Oakdale TN areas, he was a member of Piney Baptist Church where his father pastored. His parents, son Mark Scarbrough, brother Gene Scarbrough, sister Peggy Johnson, brothers-in-law Clarence Langley, Roger Leib, Max Uhlman and sister-in-law, Beverly Uhlman preceded him in death. Bill is survived by his wife of 48 years, Joy (Leib) Scarbrough, whom he married at the United Methodist Church in Guthrie Center, IA, on November 11, (Veteran's Day), 1967; his daughter Kim (Scarbrough) Robinson, of Cold Spring, KY; grandchildren: Justin (Jen) Newman of Cincinnati, OH; and Lindsey (Newman) Testa (Mike) of Stow, OH; brother, Paul Scarbrough (Vera) of Oakdale, TN and sister Jacqueline Langley, Oakdale; sisters-in-law Christine Scarbrough, Chattanooga; Rose Mary Leib, Panora, IA; brother-in-law Clifford (Dorothy) Leib, Guthrie Center, cousins and several nieces and nephews from numerous states who will miss their "Uncle Bill."

Bill had an illustrious military career, having joined the US Marine Corp in 1951 and serving on the USS Long Beach. He did tours at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, (GITMO), Washington, DC and Quantico, VA. He was in the Korean and Viet Nam wars and participated in many skirmishes throughout his 20 year career. For two of those years he served as NCOIC over the Marine

Security Guards assigned to the United States Embassy in Lima, Peru. He received an honorary discharge in 1970.

After retirement, he and his wife returned to Iowa where he farmed and served as one of the two very first Magistrates for Guthrie County. He had an unsuccessful bid for Guthrie County Sheriff in 1976. He graduated Oakdale High School and attended Des Moines Community College. In 1977, Bill and Joy moved to Tennessee where he served as Harriman's Assistant Police Chief for one year. He also added twelve and a half years in the work force serving as a mail carrier and clerk for the US Postal Service in the Oak Ridge and Oliver Springs, TN offices. Not being content as a retiree, Bill became self-employed and ran a small engine repair shop for ten years; he worked in wood, turning, dying and designing furniture for family and friends. He never saw an idle moment. He was an avid gardener, raised prize-winning vegetables and muscadines, always willing to share harvest from both. For enjoyment, he played cribbage and loved the Pitch Card Club in Iowa. He welcomed all with a big smile and was known for his one-liners and jokes. He daily expanded his mind by working crosswords, reading and watching educational TV: Discovery, History, news broadcasts, current events and documentaries.

Per his wishes, Bill will be cremated. Friends may call at Piney Baptist Church, 345 Piney Church Rd Oakdale, TN, from 10:00-11:30 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, to express condolences. At 11:30 AM, Reverend Pat McGee will conduct a memorial service which will be followed by full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the following:

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924, Marine Corps League, YOUNG MARINE UNIT, POB 145, Knoxville, TN 37901

Avalon Hospice, 152 F Marketplace Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37922 OR a local hospice of your choice.

Kyker Funeral Home of Harriman, TN is in charge of the arrangements.

Further details and directions to the church are on their web site:

kykerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Piney Baptist Church
345 Piney Church Rd
Oakdale, TN 37829

Memorial Service

DEC 15. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ So sorry for your loss

David&Bernice Hennessee - December 15, 2015 at 12:20 PM

EF

“ Eric & Kate Fryda purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William F.(Bill) Scarbrough.



Eric & Kate Fryda - December 14, 2015 at 04:12 PM

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“ Wayne McKinney (cousin)) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William F.(Bill) Scarbrough.



Wayne McKinney (cousin)) - December 14, 2015 at 10:54 AM

RS

“ Joy and Kim, I am so sorry to hear about Major Dad passing away. I feel great comfort in knowing that a couple years ago that I was able to spend an evening with him and you talking about old times. He was a very special person to me and I still consider and will always consider him as my second dad.

Love,
Robin Scarbrough

Robin Scarbrough - December 13, 2015 at 06:56 PM

CL

“ Joy, Bill Scarbrough was loved by many mail carriers. condolences. Carson Lee.

Carson Lee - December 11, 2015 at 07:18 PM

SC

“ When I was in high school, Uncle Bill would come visit with Mamaw and Papaw Scarbrough. I stayed with them often during those years and always looked forward to his visits. He was a hero to me and I greatly admired how he looked in his Marine uniform. On one of his visits, I was sleeping upstairs in Papaw's room. Uncle Bill always slept in the room across the hall. It was late evening and I was changing clothes. I heard Mamaw talking with him in his room. A few minutes later, Mamaw called for me to come there. When I walked in the door, Uncle Bill was holding a small pistol in his hand and pointing it at me. I nearly peed my pants when he pulled the trigger three times and the sound of gun shots filled the room. I thought I had been shot! My face must have really had a scared look because he and Mamaw started laughing. He finally stopped laughing long enough to explain that it was a blank pistol. Yes, Uncle Bill was a jokester, but I felt special that he would pull a joke on me. I will miss his great sense of humor and especially how he always made me feel welcome and special when I was around him.

Stephen Cantrell

Steve Cantrell - December 10, 2015 at 11:01 PM

JW

“ *What a sad day it is but my wonderful memories of Bill will keep him forever close in my heart. I am so glad that I have this photo of the two of us from the 2015 Scarbrough family reunion. I know when I see him again he will greet me with "that's my Brown Eyes" and his endearing hug but until that day, he will be missed! We know he is in a better place and sharing wonderful stories and laughs with Papaw Carl!!!!*



Jayne West - December 10, 2015 at 12:21 PM

JW

Fair Winds and Smooth Seas on you trip Marine, you will be missed on the Roster of Marines. Simper Fi

*James Williams
Commandant Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Det.924
Marine Corps League*

James Williams - December 14, 2015 at 12:07 PM