



William "Bill" Taylor, Sr.

July 12, 2018

William E. Taylor, Sr age 80 passed away on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at his home. He was born in Fulton, NY and known to his friends as "Bill" or "Doc". Bill served his country during Vietnam and was a Navy Man all the way, even after he retired from the Navy.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Ruth Taylor; children William E. Taylor, Jr. and wife Jeanne, Kimberly Pittman and husband John, Sean Taylor and wife Vicky; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Catherine, Richard, Autumn, Thomas, Gabriel; and a great-granddaughter Diana; many beloved nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind a sister Wanonna Heagerty and husband Paul; sisters-in-law Rose Leverett and Donna Kohtz.

A memorial service with Full Military Honors will be held Monday, July 23, 2018 at 1 pm in Loving Funeral Home by Chaplain Burleson.

Previous Events

Memorial service

JUL **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3373

Tribute Wall

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“ *It was both a pleasure and honor to work with Bill at the CRB. He knew far more about the Navy Chaplain Corps than most chaplains and delighted in preserving and highlighting our history and accomplishments. He was the go-to guy for all necessary information not readily at hand. And he was a consistently warm and positive person, despite the pain and discomfort he endured each day from the combat injuries he had suffered years before. To Ruth and the rest of the family, I wish you God's peace and comfort.*

Al Hill

CRB, 1992-1995

Al Hill - August 23, 2018 at 11:13 AM

MJ

“ *I am grateful for Bill's enthusiasm for his work, warmly inviting visitors to share the experience of his treasures. I have recently been doing research for the biography of a man who served as a Navy chaplain with Marines in combat in World War II. The detailed riches of resources preserved in various Chaplain Corps publications have been a huge help! I am sure that Bill had a hand in preserving these priceless archives. Thank you, Lord, for Bill!*

*Dr. Mark Jumper, Navy chaplain (retired)
Director of Chaplaincy and Military Affairs
Regent University School of Divinity*

Mark Jumper - August 23, 2018 at 09:49 AM

JP

“ I have wonderful memories of Bill and his presence at the CRB in Norfolk. Always the consummate gentleman, willing to assist on a moments notice, friendly, affable, well mannered and an expert archivist.

Sorry to hear of his passing.

Sending sincerest condolences

Rabbi Jonathan A. Panitz

Chaplain, USN Retired

jonathan panitz - August 23, 2018 at 09:13 AM

CJ

“ Ruth and family, just heard of Bill's passing, will hold all in prayers. From 1978 to 1985 I worked with Bill on almost a daily basis, I was a BioMedical Photographer there at the hospital, Building 107, behind building 1. His wit, humor and mentoring will always be remembered. Will never forget his auto tag "WET RAT". In 2001 I ran into him at NOB's Chaplains office, where he was archiving their history, when he found out I had been on the USS GUAM (LPH 9) for Desert Shield/Desert Storm he showed me a painting that had been on the bulkhead of the Nativity, a Hospital Corpsman had done the painting.

Cort Jensen - July 20, 2018 at 06:27 AM