



William "Bill" Talmadge Armstrong, Jr.

January 10, 1954 - July 15, 2021

William "Bill" Talmadge Armstrong traded his flight wings for angel wings on Thursday July 15, 2021, with his daughter and son-in-law by his side in Tallahassee, Florida. Bill was 67 years young.

Bill was born January 10, 1954 to parents William T. Armstrong, Sr. and Rosalia Filippello Armstrong in Tampa, Florida where he enjoyed a childhood filled with many Italian family meals and fun times spent together. In high school, his family moved to Orange County and Bill lived in the Orange County area the remainder of his life.

In 1975 he began his career as a Law Enforcement Officer with the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). Bill worked a combined 43 years as a Law Enforcement Officer and Pilot, in various capacities and with several agencies. Bill retired in 2019 as a Commander with OCSO.

Bill was close with and proud of his daughter, grand-daughter and son-in-law and would frequently spend time with them. Bill was the person many family and friends would confide in, depend on for advice or reach out to in a time of need. He was always a strong, steady voice of reason, positivity and humor (though be it dark, but if you knew Bill, you appreciated that).

Bill was known to do what was right even if it was not popular and was a true peacemaker. He will be missed by many.

Survivors include his loving daughter Dana Danielle Lane, son-in-law Logan Lane; granddaughter Lillie Grace Green; bonus grandchildren Logan and Lauren; brother Norman Armstrong, brother-in-law Gregory Pszonek as well as many other family members and friends who will remember him fondly. Bill is now reunited with his parents and his brother, David Armstrong, who preceded him.

Bill requested a small family gathering to celebrate his life, which will be scheduled for July

31st in Tampa, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to PanCan.org to help in the fight against Pancreatic Cancer.

Matthew 5:9 - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements.
(850-385-2193 or <http://www.bevisfh.com>)

Comments



“ Bill was my Captain for several years. He was such a force in putting together our aviation unit. Most of his legacy still lives today in our daily routine. I am sad to hear of his passing and will cherish the memories I have of him. Rest In Peace Captain.

Mark Pergola - August 02 at 10:46 PM



“ My big brother Billy was always the protector of my bother and I when we were kids. He stood up to bullies on the playground and then we would take off on his bike with me sitting on the banana seat facing backwards holding on for life to the seat bar because he would pedal so fast to get us home.

My mom and I would show up early to pick him up from school after ROTC class to watch him march in his uniform. I remember thinking how impressed I was and oh how I looked up to him.

When I was 6 and my brother David was 10 , Billy was 14 , I had to share a room with David and Billy had his own room. My brother David liked to scare me at night telling ghost stories. So I would go into Billy's room upset and he would tell me jump in bed and he would tell me calming stories until I went to sleep. At 14 he had a framed photo of JFK on his wall and a model of Apollo 1 rocket on his dresser. For those who know him well, his room was always very tidy and he was a minimalist .

The three of us had toy guns as most of us did in the 60's, we would play cops and robbers, of course Billy was always the cop. He would put us in jail , but after 5 minutes release us LOL.

He made it very clear as a kid one day he would be a police officer and that dream for him came true , he was dedicated protector of the people for over 40 years, But what really impressed me is when he became a pilot. I would brag about him in conversations with friends.

We were always close in spite of the distance between us after I moved to California in 1985. After our mom passed 14 years ago it was just he and I in our nuclear family and I told him he was going to take on the weekly calls from me and we did call each other once a week. I will miss those conversations until we meet again big brother.

I know one of the proudest moments in his life is when his daughter Dana was born. He and I would chat about her in every conversation and I know he loved her with all his heart . He was so proud of what Dana became , a fantastic mom, smart , independent , compassionate human being. He also love loved loved his granddaughter LG and watching her grow into a wonderful young lady He was not worried about leaving the two of them on this earth because they are in good hands with my nephew-in-law Logan. Billy and I had conversation and he was at peace with knowing Logan would be there for the both of them.

I was so fortunate to have spent 10 days with him this past June, we had conversations about our child hood memories , life and death, spirituality, our family. We cried numerous times , and I have to say that was a first for me to see my brother cry.I think he always felt he had to be the rock and could finally let all that go.

I will miss you and love you with all my heart my dear brother. You are a part of who i am today and I will always cherish the impact you have had on my life. I know your spirit will be with all of us.

Say hi to all the crazy Italian family .

Norman Armstrong - July 25 at 10:14 PM



“ Bill was my corporal, twice, at the Orange County Sheriff 's Office He was a great Leader and example for all to follow. He was a COP, COP their will never be one like him. He cared for all people regardless of color. He will truly be missed
Capt Ken Wilson-OCSO-(Retired)

kenneth Wilson - July 23 at 06:45 PM



“ Bill... worked with him several times...he was my Cpl. in IV on a squad with many good guys... Bill please JR we miss him...miss you thanks for the flying lessons...thanks for good conversations... Will miss you

Larry Spahn

Larry Spahn - July 23 at 11:14 AM



“ Bill was a tenant here at the South East Ramp at KSFB for a number of years. His humor and smile will be missed by many here. Blue Skies and Tail Winds Bill!

Sonya Brauer - July 23 at 10:33 AM



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Sonya Brauer - July 23 at 10:06 AM



“ I first met bill in the Communication Center early in my career with the Orange County Sheriff's Office we later work together in uniform Patrol. What I remember most was how proud he was to ware the uniform .Bill you will be missed but never forgotten. Wayne Calarco

Wayne Calarco - July 22 at 04:35 PM



“ I met Bill when I first came to the agency in 1990 in sector four. I was privileged to get to know Bill outside of our work. He was someone I enjoyed speaking with and laughing with.
He was a good friend, a good Cop, a good supervisor and a great human being. I will miss him. RIP my friend.

Roy Gardner - July 21 at 09:00 AM



“ Best storyteller there was! Thanks for doing the right thing when no else would. Thanks for all the laughs, the words of wisdom & encouragement, and all the great memories. Thanks for being a great friend, you will be missed!

Ginette Rodriguez - July 20 at 07:42 PM



“ Bill, I know that you are spot on navigating your flight through the heavens. You are one of the most organized and detailed people that I ever had the opportunity to work with. Your dedication to the airborne law enforcement community was unwavering. Rest in peace my friend and colleague.

Tim Cannon - July 20 at 06:32 PM



“ I will miss our conversations my friend. Fly high and watch over us. Rest In Peace.

Pat Deans - July 20 at 07:56 PM



“ Bill, your friendship will be missed and your dedication to our profession will never be matched. Rest in Peace my friend.

Kevin Poston - July 20 at 09:43 PM



“ Bill, we met thru your long time love Trace and had many great meals together at our home Thanksgiving and Easter and parties just for fun and wonderful conversations. We will miss you and we know the angels are flying with you now!

Patricia Elliott - July 23 at 10:50 AM



“ Bill was an exceptionally professional law enforcement officer and pilot. He organized and commanded our Aviation Division at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office in the 90's. He was a consummate gentleman and stickler for professionalism. My heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family.

Randy Pittman - August 10 at 02:04 PM



“ I will always remember my summer after high school graduation living 2 weeks with his family while the rest of my family lived with Tina and Nana. After moving to Florida after retirement, at family gatherings Bill was always the quiet one. I didn't see him often but I will miss him none the less. Say hi to your Mom and my Mom in heaven. God bless!

Robert Sherman - July 20 at 12:07 PM



“ Bill was always ready to express his opinion, but ONLY if you asked. He was soft spoken and kind and truly a peacemaker. He loved his daughter and granddaughter unconditionally and was very proud of them both. He was helpful to family and friends and easy to be around. He liked to joke around in his quiet way and frequently made us laugh. Bill was a great American, brave law enforcement officer and a truly good person. We will miss him.

Pam and Frank Green

Pam Green - July 20 at 11:57 AM



“ My dad lead a life dedicated to law enforcement and I remember when I was very young, I'd "help" him get ready for work, trying to walk around in his boots and playing with his "belt keepers", the sound of Velcro as he'd adjust his vest...my love for the uniform he wore, the work he did and the bravery behind the badge he wore has been part of me from a young age and has had a huge impact on my life. When I started working in dispatch and other law enforcement jobs, we'd talk at least weekly and swap stories about crazy things that happened at work. I know he enjoyed those moments as much as I did!

As a teenager he taught me how to drive "defensively" and would frequently quiz me on "what if" traffic scenarios to make sure I knew how to react. He taught me how to mow the yard, wash and take care of my car, use the grill, plan ahead for all things and most of all, to be a strong and independent person.

As most pilots do, he had an even keel, and was always patient and levelheaded...if only I could say the same for me! One time when I was 15, I was driving to Orlando with my dad on the turnpike. As we approached the toll booth I was so nervous about stalling out, as my skills for driving a stick shift were not the best. In his calm voice he said "don't worry about everyone else you will be just fine. You know what you're doing, just take a deep breath and relax...what's the worst that can happen?" So I reach out and grab the ticket from the toll plaza attendant, roll the window up and proceed to stall out 3 times! He just kept reassuring me, while traffic backed up for what felt like a mile behind us...I finally got it and we drove away. "See you did just fine". In times of my life when I felt like a failure, he was always there for me with words of encouragement and was proud of me no matter what.

He was the most generous and compassionate man and enjoyed helping people however he could. There was never a holiday or special occasion that passed that my dad didn't send a card to me, and once Lillie Grace was born, the same with her. If I had a penny for every card and thoughtful note he's ever given me, I'd be a rich woman.

The last year and a half has been hard to watch him endure. I'm grateful for the time he stayed with us and that I was able to take care of him but I'm most grateful he is no longer suffering. My heart is full knowing in the days just before he left this world that he and my mom were able to reminisce and share a few laughs together. I know we will see him again one day and until then I will cherish countless memories and know that he's keeping watch on us until then.

Here's to you dad and the things we shared a love for... I'll think of you each time I enjoy a Mojito, Chicken Piccata, Blueberry or Apple Pie, anything chocolate and old mob movies!

Dana - July 20 at 11:12 AM



“ I know him and I were not blood siblings. But, when I was 12 my mom passed away and Bill's parents became my god-parents. To me he was my big brother. He was always there for me to talk to. I will truly miss him. I will always love my big brother. Fly high Bill be with

the Angels. Love and miss you always,JoAnn

JoAnn Pote - July 20 at 12:21 PM



“ His photo hangs in our aviation ready room at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. We will always be reminded of him and we wouldn't be the success we are today without his leadership and guidance.

Mark Pergola - August 02 at 11:37 PM



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Dana - July 20 at 11:09 AM



“ Bill was great to fly with. He set high standards for us and always gave 100%. He was a true dedicated professional. Most of all a good friend of mine who I could get advise from or he'd just listen to me. This was my last time flying with him. Fly high my friend and I'll see you up there one day.

Pat Deans - July 21 at 05:40 AM



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Bevis Funeral Home - July 20 at 10:53 AM