



LTC (Ret.) William L. (Bill) Pedersen III

November 19, 1949 - December 13, 2017

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“ *Ted McKay, Jr. lit a candle in memory of LTC
(Ret.) William L. (Bill) Pedersen III*



Ted McKay, Jr. - January 18, 2018 at 11:20 PM

TM

I just learned of Bill's passing a few hours ago, this evening, via his wife, Mary Ann. She was kind enough to call me tonight, even though it has been a few weeks since his death and service. I am sorry I missed it, but very thankful for her call.

I have many fond memories, but one, in particular, was of his first home in Tallahassee, after returning from Vietnam. It was affectionately named "Sponge Acres" and was a little shack. just North of Tallahassee, on US 27 North. There were a string of them there and the large oak tree next to it is still there, but on a parking lot of a bank. I met Bill through his brother, Bob, in 1972, having returned back to Tallahassee with him and a friend, from New Orleans, La., on a motorcycle trip. I met Bob and his friend at the corner of Bourbon St. and Canal (the main drag), being the beginning of the French Quarter. What a time we had and what a trip back it was!

When we returned (they had invited me to come back with them) is when I met his Mother, sister and brother (I believe there may have been another sister or brother) and, of course, Bill! It was with Bill, that I would stay for several weeks and after I returned there from a side trip to S. Florida, I stayed another week or so, until my return to Cincinnati, Oh.

While I was there in Tallahassee, we did just about everything a couple of young guys could do and I was shown the town and the Panhandle beach! He and a friend took me to the old Angelo's Seafood Restaurant in Panacea, a trip and experience I shall never forget! Oh what fun we had and oh what hospitality they all bestowed, upon me. These were the basis for a lifetime of memories and I shall never forget.

Over the next several years I would return for visit and came to know Mary Ann, also. I stayed with them on a couple of occasions, as I recall and always had a wonderful time.

I even seriously considered moving there, as I absolutely LOVE Tallahassee and the surrounding area. Bill always treated me to the best times!

One trip in particular, they took me to the Rose Parade in Thomasville Ga. and we had a great time. Other times we went everywhere to the beach, the sinks, you name it! There were many great times.

Our time together at Sponge Acres is a memory for a lifetime, as was meeting his family and spending time with them also. His Mothers, Mary, will always hold a special place in my heart and even though it has been decades, I still remember the rest of his family pretty well and the friendly experience I had with them.

Sadly, his brother, Bob, passed a few years ago, but I was able to stay in touch with him and we even met up in the Smokies back in 2011-2012 to ride the bikes for a few days!

There are many memories and they all centered around Bill, Bob, and his Mother and siblings.

This is why it is so important that I be able to stay in touch with the

family, if at all possible. I hope to be talking to Mary again before too long.

Writing this message and account is like therapy for me now. I am still dealing with the reality of this loss, even though I have been preparing. You see, I too, have stage 4 cancer, and this is all hitting home doubly hard. I miss them all and want them all (the family) to know much I care about them and how much I will miss Bill. It is as if a large part of me has been ripped away, knowing I will never be able to see him again and the trips to Tallahassee, full of anticipation in getting there. I hope I can do that again and visit Mary and she might take me to his gravesite. so I may achieve closure.

May God bless Mary Ann and shower her with peace and protection and may he do the same for his family. May his memory be eternal

Ted McKay, Jr. - January 19, 2018 at 12:01 AM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of LTC (Ret.) William L. (Bill) Pedersen III.*



January 04, 2018 at 06:22 AM



“ *The Swartzlanders purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of LTC (Ret.) William L. (Bill) Pedersen III.*



The Swartzlanders - January 03, 2018 at 01:39 PM

DH

“ *I remember Bill as a friendly face and a helpful friend during our National Guard careers!
May the family find peace! Donna Hicks*

Donna Hicks - December 27, 2017 at 11:42 AM

JR

“ *Bill Pederson was my brother in arms in Vietnam, but more important, he was a life long reliable friend....May he rest in peace.*

Javier Rios

JAvier Rios - December 20, 2017 at 10:39 PM