



William Wright Kappes

April 15, 1946 - January 23, 2022

William Wright Kappes (Bill), age 75, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away Sunday, January 23, 2022.

Bill was born in Evanston, Illinois, on April 15, 1946, and moved to Ft. Lauderdale in 1956. Bill served in the Army and was in Vietnam from 1966-1967, where he made 'brothers' for a lifetime. After he was discharged, he worked mostly in the automotive business in Ft. Lauderdale and Pompano Beach until moving to Tallahassee with his wife Sandy in 1996. In 1998, he was part of starting the 585th Engineer Company Vietnam Association, where men were found that had served together and some of these men became life-long friends.

In Tallahassee he and his wife became very active at Trinity United Methodist Church where he shared his gift of voice and service to others. In 2019, they began attending Wildwood Church and became involved immediately because of the reception they received. Bill never met a stranger, warmed hearts with his smile and always tried to walk the walk of his faith. He loved his family and grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his wife of 33 years Sandy. His daughters Michelle Camandona and Linda Lieblong. And 4 grandchildren, Michael Lieblong, Megan Lieblong (Ryan), Christian and Carter Camandona. He is also survived by many other family members and very close friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks friends to honor his memory by contributing to support the Big Bend Chapter 96 Vietnam Veterans of America: <https://VVA96.org> or any charity of their choice.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at Wildwood Church. Their address is 100 Ox Bottom Road, Tallahassee. The rendering of military honors will be at noon, Friday, February 4, at the Tallahassee National Cemetery.

Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wildwood Church
100 Ox Bottom Road
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Honors Ceremony

FEB 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I was fortunate enough to meet Bill a few years ago when I came and met a few of the Vietnam Veterans at their base of operations at Lake Ella. Together they agreed to allow me to photograph them in their fatigues and create a series of photos that would eventually go into a gallery, then I donated them to them and their families. It was an absolute honor to have met Bill and I'm heartbroken for his family. He was a gentleman and I'm happy to have at least captured his photo for his family to enjoy for years to come. RIP Soldier!

Michael Wewerka - June 23, 2022 at 10:52 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Graveside Service - Tallahassee National Cemetery



Bevis Funeral Home - February 07, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ Boo, as my boys called him was a great grandfather to Christian and Carter. Though they did not see him as often as they would have liked, Boo was always loving and caring and ready to do anything for the two of them. He will be missed deeply by them and myself. Thank you for being part of my life and I will miss you. Love and prayers to Nee and Linda.
Love, Christian, Carter & Christian.

Christian Camandona - February 02, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Wright Kappes.*



February 02, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *Phyllis Twedt purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Wright Kappes.*



Phyllis Twedt - February 01, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ *We met Bill at the 585th reunions..We always look forward to seeing him and Sandy at the reunions..Sandy our prayers are with you and the family. Love, Robert and Debbie Honick*

Robert Honick - January 31, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Bill was my half brother and I loved him the minute I heard his voice on the phone. He was a good loving man who had a big heart. He loved his new found family carolyn Cottar, Tom Cottar, Ron Cottar and Paul Cottar even tho he had not talked to all of them, just carolyn and Thomas . I was proud to call him brother and sweet Sandy is a doll.I will miss him and feel so privileged that his sister found the Cottar family to which he truly belongs. Rest In Peace my sweet brother will see you again some day. I love you.*

carolyn Draper - January 30, 2022 at 12:09 PM

BF

“ Too many great memories to list. Many good times with Trinity’s mens group and just being together. Fondly remember the time you invited me to go with you and Sandy to go to Washington for the tea party rally. Rest In Peace.

Bill Fritchman - January 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Wright Kappes.



January 28, 2022 at 08:39 AM

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“ My best friend. Bill helped me renovate my mobile home and made it livable again. We sang together in the Chancel choir at Trinity UMC and we were in Sunday school together in the Aldersgate class. Bill and Sandy and my wife Charlotte and I enjoyed being together as friends. I miss him very much. I know that he’s got my son Scott in his lap. I can hear you singing in the heavenly choir my great friend!

Gary Mathews - January 27, 2022 at 09:43 PM