



William Lawrence Washburn

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Bill~Wild Bill~Snapping Turtle
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Passed away peacefully at his son's home in Greensboro, MD surrounded by the people who truly loved him and his kitty fur baby, Annie Mae.

Born April 26, 1940, to the late Jennie "Mickie" Ashley and Oakley Chaffin Washburn. He served his country in the United States Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He retired from Maryland corrections as a Correction Officer after working at Jessup Prison in Jessup, MD and ECI in Princess Anne, MD. In his younger years, Bill was a volunteer at the Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department. He would be seen running down Main St in shorts and barefoot to respond to calls.

He took pride in his Native American Cherokee Heritage. Bill and his late wife Gloria "Jean" (White Dove) Washburn would attend Pow-Wow's and other Native American functions.

Bill enjoyed racing drag bikes at the US 13 Dragway in Delmar, DE. You could find him most weekends there.

He owned Eracer's Corner in Delmar MD and Elba AL. He could be seen cruising around Elba in his blue GEO Tracker, top down and blaring his gospel music.

Bill loved sitting on his front porch watching the cars go by, smoking his Pall Mall cigarettes and listening to his country gospel music.

On Sunday's, you could find him sitting in his "throne room" watching NASCAR races. When they would get exciting, he would call his son, and they would talk during the rest of the race. Some of his favorite drivers included Davey Allison, Bill Elliott, Alan Kulwicki, Dale Earnhardt Sr and Mark Martin. Bill is survived by his son, Tracy Washburn Sr (Jennifer), Grandsons Tracy "Trey" Washburn Jr (Madalyn & 3 Great-grandchildren, Bently Detroit, Bella Louise & Kylee Ann); Aaron Coleman (Tricia & 2 Great-grandchildren). Granddaughter, Taylor Pate (Justin & great granddaughter Allison). Siblings Carol Wolfe (Chris), Dough Ashley (Retha) and Barbara Goldenberg (Adam). Two nieces and four nephews. Dear friends, Dewey Ellis Brantley AL, Kathy Allen Greensboro MD, Bruce Quinn Grasonville MD, Stacy Bernstein Stevensville MD, Terri Fondren & Jack Bernstein St. Albans WV and a host of others.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers; Oakley "Buddy" Washburn and James Washburn, a nephew, Chaffin Washburn, his stepfather Reggie Ashley, daughter Mickie Lynn Washburn and grandson Kyle Lee Washburn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to one of the following charities in Bill's name:

*Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org)

*St. Jude Children's Hospital (www.stjude.org)

*Caroline County Humane Society (www.carolinehumane.org)

*American Heart Association (www.heart.org)

*Cherokee Nation Foundation (www.cherokeemnationfoundation.org)

(Please use his name as well as Snapping Turtle, his Native American name.)

A celebration of life will be scheduled for a later date by the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home, PA created a Tribute Video in memory of William Lawrence Washburn*



Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home - May 14 at 09:51 AM



“ *Jennifer Washburn lit a candle in memory of William Lawrence Washburn*



Jennifer Washburn - May 18 at 05:03 AM



“ *Tracy Washburn lit a candle in memory of William Lawrence Washburn*



Tracy Washburn - May 15 at 04:02 PM

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“ Stacy Bernstein lit a candle in memory of William Lawrence Washburn



Stacy Bernstein - May 08 at 02:57 PM

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“ Bill, thank you for being an amazing father, and loving your children exactly the way a father should. You were a good man who will be missed immensely. You were funny, compassionate, dynamic, and one-of-a-kind. May you rest in peace, and look down upon your loved ones knowing that your sweet kitty, Annie Mae, is in the very best care. ❤️

Stacy Bernstein - May 08 at 02:55 PM

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“ Where do I start met Bill and his wife Jean working at Eastern correctional Institute. He was always carrying a Bible. he was friends with my husband. We moved to Alabama and they came to visit after that. They sort of never left. They loved it down here. He was a good friend. He would've give you the shirt off his back and jeans if you needed it I don't believe Bill Washburn ever met a stranger he is loved and sadly missed forever in our heart. I hope you're having a good time in heaven, with all my people rest in peace, pop pop

D Ellis - May 07 at 08:47 PM



“ I met Bill /dad when he moved in next door to me we became close friends he had lost his wife I lost my husband 3 months after he moved next door Bill helped me by saying religious sayings to me and saying they both are in a better place I loved listening to music with him and we watched nascar together he kept my spirits up and I tried to keep his spirits up he was a very special man and iam so glad I met him and got to be a special friend to him Eddie my brother loved Bill also they talked about lawnmowers and doing work out in the yard Eddie always would say hi to Mr Bill as he called him whenever he saw him sitting outside in front porch he thought he was a very sweet man Bill will truly be missed but we will never forget him we both truly loved him.

Kathy Allen & Eddie Johnson

Tracy Washburn - May 07 at 07:33 PM