



Col. William Preston Stubbs, USA, Ret.

January 26, 1934 - December 19, 2021

Colonel William Preston Stubbs, US Army (Ret.), passed away on December 19, 2021, at age 87. He leaves behind his wife of 66 years, Barbara Dunberg Stubbs; a daughter Kimberly Stubbs Rogers (Anthony Wilson); a son W. Preston Stubbs (Laura); a daughter Hillery Stubbs Efkeman (Edward); and eight grandchildren (Trevor, Tristan, Emma, Shamus, Olivia, Ava, Blake, and Nicholas).

Born January 26, 1934, in Jamestown, New York, Bill led a full and remarkably multifaceted life that benefitted his family, friends, and country. His 34 years of military service spanned from his early days as an Air Force bush pilot in Alaska and flying Super Constellations in an early warning radar squadron, to his transition to a New York Army National Guard aviation unit, and then back to active service as an Army aviator. There he was selected to participate in an Army Special Mission in Vietnam flying a US Navy P2V Neptune. After two tours in Vietnam, Bill commanded an Air Cavalry Troop in Germany, being one of those rare aviators who are qualified on both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft. Bill eventually transferred with his family to Washington, DC, where he served in the Joint Chiefs of Staff and various other Army Staff positions. Ever mindful of his family's well-being, the family remained at their home in Lake Ridge, Virginia while he was stationed in Korea for a year and then when he was assigned to Ft. Monroe, Virginia, where he retired in 1989. During his service, he was recognized with the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster),

Bronze Star (with Oak Leaf Cluster), and he attained the Army Master Aviator Badge.

After his retirement from the Army, Bill's life was just as full. He had a successful civilian career with Lexis/Nexis for 15 years. His love of cars and motorcycles started as a teen working on motorcycles in Hollywood, California, and included a stint as a Mercedes Benz/Volkswagen Sales Manager between the Air Force and Army. He continued this passion into retirement as he restored and showed antique motorcycles, winning multiple awards along the way. His motor and tinkering hobbies—Bill had an amazing knack of fixing virtually anything—perfectly matched with his life-long friends from Jamestown, with whom he went to auto races in Watkins Glen and started a metal fabrication company. Combined with his love of jazz and audio equipment, his vacation trips up and down the East Coast, and time spent with his family, Bill shared his extraordinarily diverse experiences and skills, and in return enriched the lives of the many who knew and loved him. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he will be missed by them all but leaves a remarkable legacy. Those who wish may make memorials to Air Warriors Courage Foundation, Fisher House Foundation, or the Gary Sinise Foundation.

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, VA
Visitation Saturday, January 8, 2022 9:00am – 10:30am
Celebration of Life, January 8, 2022 10:30am
Gathering to follow at Old Hickory Golf Club, 11921 Chanceford Drive,
Woodbridge, VA

Interment at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

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“ My favorite story was when he took his check ride for his glider pilot sign off. At about 50ft the tow cable broke and Bill landed the glider on the runway and the FAA check airman said he needed no other demonstration and gave him his glider license. My father was a life long friend and both are greatly missed.

Gary Sundean - December 17, 2023 at 12:52 PM

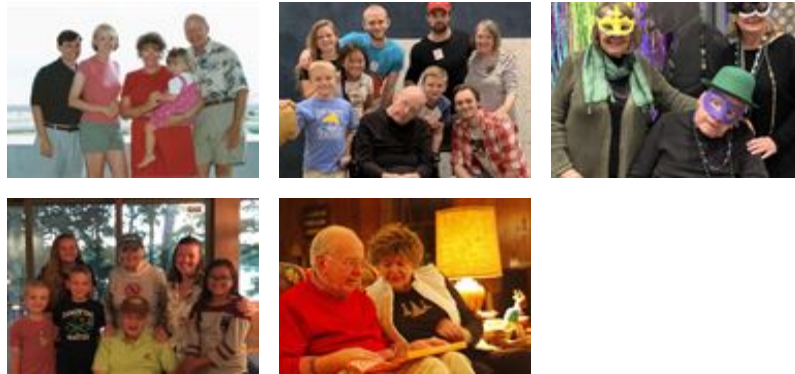


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Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. - January 07, 2022 at 02:58 PM

JB

“ *Janice Boyer purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Col. William Preston Stubbs, USA, Ret..*



Janice Boyer - January 07, 2022 at 02:12 PM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences to the family and to my friend Barbara. Bill was a great guy and always ready to share a story of his past life. I have been a neighbor for over 17 years and have never seen a more devoted couple and family. My heart is very heavy and burdened as we struggle to move past this loss. Bill will forever be remembered by those that loved him and found inspiration in his words. God has a place for you Bill and we will meet again.*
Janice Boyer

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“ *Diane, Wendy, Bill, & Families purchased the With Distinction for the family of Col. William Preston Stubbs, USA, Ret..*



Diane, Wendy, Bill, & Families - January 04, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Col. William Preston Stubbs, USA, Ret..*



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“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Col. William Preston Stubbs, USA, Ret..*



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“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Col. William Preston Stubbs, USA, Ret..*



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“ *Kim, the joy and happiness your Father brought into your lives will not be forgotten. He will be remembered for his life lived and your memories shared. Have faith, be strong and know that you are not alone. Sending hugs, love and lots of prayers for you and your family from Bonnie and Tracey.*



Tracey Owens - December 30, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Col. William Preston Stubbs, USA, Ret..*



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