



## William Albert Halyak

November 3, 1961 - January 19, 2024

William Albert Halyak was born on November 3, 1961, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. At the young age of 20, he joined the U.S. Navy and proudly served from 1981 to 1987. William met his future wife, Tammy Leigh Halyak (Puckett), in 2003 in Woodbridge, Virginia, and they married on August 28, 2004.

William was a well-known funeral director in the Northern Virginia area and worked for more than 40 years at various funeral homes, including Miller Funeral Home. He loved dogs, motorcycles and spending time with his wife and friends at the American Legion Post 10, where he served as the post chaplain as was fondly referred to as “Cowboy.”

William passed away at home, peacefully in his sleep on January 19, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Tammy of Manassas, Virginia; son, David Halyak of Morrisville, PA; stepchildren, Jennifer O’Deay of Manassas, Virginia, and Patrick O’Deay of Denham Springs, Louisiana; parents Raymond and Joy Halyak of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, and Raymond and Louise Oliver of Big Rock, Tennessee; sisters, Joy Halyak of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, and Nawanna Phippen of Dover, Tennessee; brothers, Joel and Raymond Oliver of Big Rock, Tennessee; and a host of family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 from 10-11:00

a.m. at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, VA 22192, where a funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment with military honors to follow at Quantico National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**JAN 30.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
703-878-CARE (2273)  
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

**JAN 30.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Interment

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JAN 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery  
18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172-1636  
(703) 221-2183

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ Beth Montgomery planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Albert Halyak.

Beth Montgomery - February 04, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Albert Halyak.



February 04, 2024 at 09:16 PM

JR

“ RIP my brother. Proud to have served with you. We have the watch. Rest easy. Love you Shipmate.



Jon Rosenberg - January 30, 2024 at 09:58 PM

BT

“ So sorry for your loss, Will was one of the good one's and a great friend. He will be missed by all.

Brian Terry - January 29, 2024 at 04:46 PM

LP

“ Love, Carla, Mike & Peggy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William Albert Halyak.



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Love, Carla, Mike & Peggy - January 26, 2024 at 07:27 PM

LP

“ Love, Carla, Mike & Peggy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Albert Halyak.

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Love, Carla, Mike & Peggy - January 26, 2024 at 07:27 PM

FF

“ Family Friend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Albert Halyak.

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Family Friend - January 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William Albert Halyak.



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January 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM

BT

“ Bonsu, Tsegay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Albert Halyak.

Bonsu, Tsegay - January 25, 2024 at 02:27 PM



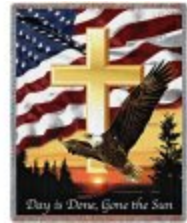
“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of William Albert Halyak.



January 25, 2024 at 02:27 PM



“ Memorial Honor Blanket was purchased for the family of William Albert Halyak.



January 25, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ Sending love, hugs, and prayers to Tammy and the family. I have fond memories of my favorite Champlain. RIP, Dear Friend.

Ashlee Memitt - January 24, 2024 at 12:33 AM

DD

“ Dear William,

*I will always have such fond memories of you from childhood. Every summer we would visit Pittsburgh, and we had such fun together. My father was so proud of you when you joined the Navy, as were all of us. As a child I was in awe of your understanding and knowledge of our family's history, to the point I often thought of you as the "family historian." You left us too soon, but I'm thankful for the life you lived and the memories you left us.*

*With love, your cousin,*

*Lee*

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**Dr. Lee Duemer** - January 23, 2024 at 07:42 PM

GK

“*My dear old friend, you were my best friend in high school, and helped me make it through the rough times, especially when our fathers lost their jobs at Heppenstall's. I fondly remember going roller skating on weekends then walking home from Sharpsburg across the 62nd street bridge. You convinced me to join the Navy, which was one of the best things I have ever done. We drifted apart over the years, but you where always in my heart.*  
**FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS old friend”**

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**Glenn Krofcheck** - January 23, 2024 at 06:39 PM

DF

*Cheswick roller skating rink is where I first met you two. Boy was he something on those skates! He glided like a professional! Became an every weekend hangout spot just to see him! Couldn't believe when he came over and asked me to skate with him...I was in heaven ❤️. Fond memories Crawdad! I miss those days 💜💙*

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**Donna Friday** - January 25, 2024 at 10:16 AM

ME

“ Tammy - I love you and I am so sorry for your loss.

Michelle Ennis - January 23, 2024 at 05:45 PM

CR

“ My condolences to Joy and the family.

Christopher Rogers - January 23, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Albert Halyak.



January 23, 2024 at 04:05 PM

RP

“ William, you were the BEST son 2 loving parents could have. We will cherish all of the great memories of you growing up. Going to baseball games and fishing at North Park and cub scouts and so much more. Your mother and I are so proud of you and all that you accomplished. You and I were as close as father and son could be. Your mother and I are so glad we got the chance to tell you how much we love you in the days prior to your passing. You will always be in our hearts. Nothing will take away our emptiness of not hearing your voice or having you here. We will forever love you. Rest In Peace our son

Ray and Joy Halyak. Parents - January 23, 2024 at 11:03 AM

DF

*Ray and Joy, I am so sorry for the loss of William. He was such a kindred spirit since he was a teenager. He certainly forged his own path in life, however so hard it may have been. I will forever carry fond memories of our time together and his miraculous journey into the man he became ❤️👉. He was my first love, the father of my son and I will forever hold him close to my heart. My sincerest condolences. 💙💜*

Donna Friday - January 23, 2024 at 12:17 PM

DD

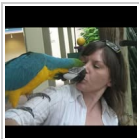
*He could not have asked for better parents. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Dr. Lee S. Duemer - January 23, 2024 at 07:36 PM

TM

*“ We loved hanging with him at the American legion post 10 and he also loved when I sang dads hands to him we will surely miss him love Tina and mike miller*

Tina miller - January 23, 2024 at 10:53 AM



*“ First let me give my condolences to William's friends and family. Prayers for you all and hugs. I used to get on the phone with William and we would pick on his sister! He had a great sense of humor and love and will be dearly missed!*

Carrie Stecz - January 23, 2024 at 10:04 AM

JD

*“ My cousin, my childhood friend, I will always remember you*

jerry donaldson - January 23, 2024 at 08:30 AM

JD

*“ My cousin, my childhood friend, I will always remember you*

jerry donaldson - January 23, 2024 at 08:17 AM

JH

“ You will always be my big brother William. I love you so much and will miss you forever. I will always think of you everyday until I take my last breath. Rest in peace.

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**Joy Halyak** - January 23, 2024 at 08:03 AM

DF

I'm so sorry for the loss of William Joy. You two were so close growing up. Keeping you in my thoughts ❤️

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**Donna Friday** - January 23, 2024 at 12:20 PM

JH

“ Joy H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Albert Halyak.

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**Joy H.** - January 23, 2024 at 07:50 AM