



William Anthony Tabor

August 25, 1948 - February 18, 2026

William “Bill” Anthony Tabor, 77, of Woodbridge, VA, passed away on February 18, 2026 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was a beloved husband, father, Papa, brother, and friend.

He was born August 25, 1948 in Portsmouth, Ohio, to Mary Anne (Maureen) and George Tabor. Bill spent his childhood there until his enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps at 19. His service included working in Avionics stateside and as an Aerial Gunner with the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron on Combat Support Missions in Vietnam for which he was awarded 4 Bronze Stars and numerous military medals. Upon discharge, he worked in the Telecommunication Industry and later served in the Army Reserve in Newburgh, NY. Not one to be idle after his move to Virginia in 1982 and earning his Bachelors’ and Master’s Degree in Business Administration, Bill joined the Army National Guard. He was awarded the NATO Medal for Service in 1997-1998 for Operations in the former Yugoslavia. He was promoted to Command Sergeant Major and served in Iraq from 2007-2008. He retired September 1, 2008 with over 23 years of service accumulating. Bill earned numerous awards and commendations in recognition of his dedicated military service.

Bill married Mary Anne Houlihan in 1971 and they celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary September 2025. They had three children: William “Billy” (deceased); Kevin; Christine (Rob) James, and several grandchildren. His most proud role was “Papa” to Liam, Logan, and Madison for which he had

boundless energy and love and he will always be remembered and cherished by them.

Bill is predeceased by his parents and brothers, Ernest and Michael and held in the hearts of his surviving family including brothers, George and Patrick, and sister, Mary, along with several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation at: t2t.org or American Lung Foundation at Home: <https://www.lung.org/>

Family and friends are welcome to a reception following burial.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
12807 Valleywood Drive
Lake Ridge, VA 22192
<https://setonlakeridge.org/>

Burial

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fairfax Memorial Park
9900 Braddock Road
Fairfax, VA 22032

Tribute Wall

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“ *Adrienne & Taylor Seiling purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of William Anthony Tabor.*



Adrienne & Taylor Seiling - February 25 at 09:42 AM

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“ *Bill and I worked together for years at Rolm. As a fellow Vietnam veteran we often talked about lessons learned in the military that carried forward in civilian life. One day he was talking about the years he had in military service before he went into civilian life. I suggested he check into local National Guard units. He ended up in a CAV unit in the National guard and did well with them. .*

Donald Armstrong - February 23 at 09:24 PM

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“ *The Hernandez Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William Anthony Tabor.*



The Hernandez Family - February 23 at 05:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *William Anthony Tabor*.



February 19 at 07:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *William Anthony Tabor*.

February 19 at 07:09 PM