

William Benjamin Harrell, III

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Virginia Beach, VA

12.14.1941 - 04.14.2017

Birthplace: Suffolk, VA

Served in the : Marines

William Benjamin Harrell III, "Wild Bill", 75 passed away on April 14, 2017. Born in Suffolk, VA on December 14, 1941, he was the son of the late William B. Harrell, Jr. and Kathryn Baines Harrell. He was preceded in death by his infant son William B. Harrell IV and older sister Miriam E. Beale.

He graduated from Suffolk High School, Class of 1960. He was active in Boy Scouts and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He was noted for his athleticism and was a member of the school's football team. He loved to play tennis.

He joined the US marine Corp and was honorably discharged in March of 1965. He was owner of Harrell Electric Co for over 50 years. He was a Master Electrician with a Class A, Building, Electric, and Gas contractor license.

He belonged to Suffolk Jaycees where he was responsible for initiating the first Miss Suffolk, VA pageant. He was also a member of the Suffolk Kiwanis and Merrimac Kiwanis Clubs. He served as President in each of those organizations. Bill was a past Lt. Governor in Kiwanis. He was also a member of Main St. United Methodist Church in Suffolk, VA.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 13 years Mary Ann Thrasher-Harrell, three children Debbie H. Kennedy and husband John, Connie H. Schau and husband Ray, and William E. Harrell and wife Lorna and seven grandchildren Samuel Kennedy, Jacob Kennedy, Kathryn Schau, Logan Harrell, Ryland Harrell, and Jillian Harrell; sister Linda Harrell Oates and husband Ron; former wife and mother of his children Elizabeth Dare Harrell; and nieces and nephews Kathy Parzygnat and husband Mark, Nancy Oates, Howard Patrick Beale, Jr., Kaye Beale Hewitt, and Michael Beale.

A memorial service will be conducted at Main Street United Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 1 PM by Rev. Myrtle F. Hatcher. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends in the R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory, 509 W. Washington St. Suffolk on Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Caring Voice Coalition, 8249 Meadowbridge Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. Condolences may be registered at RWBakerFH.com

Service

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 - 01:00pm
Main Street United Methodist Church
202 N. Main St.
Suffolk, VA 23434
United States

Visitation

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 - 06:00pm
R.W. Baker & Co.
509 W. Washington St.
Suffolk, VA 23434
United States

Charities

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