



William John Brennan

February 21, 1943 - August 27, 2023

William (Bill) Brennan retired to Guntersville in 2004 from the United States Army after serving thirty - two years in uniform. During his career he served two tours as a helicopter pilot in the Republic of Vietnam, numerous stateside assignments, and “short term” deployments to Germany, Korea, and Venezuela. He also served as a fixed wing pilot, pilot instructor, maintenance officer, and aviation safety officer at the brigade level.

During his retirement, Bill served the community through the Guntersville Civitan, and Marshall Shrine Club and was a member of the Church of the Epiphany in Guntersville.

He was an active member of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 18, and a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Veterans 4 Veterans Foundation.

Bill is survived by his wife Nancy Brennan, and daughter Patricia Brennan Lipe (Brian) (born to Verna Brennan), granddaughters Megan and Sara. Brother-in-law Jerry Phillips, nieces Cathy

Lello-Phillips, and Jennifer Phillips Epolito (Bill) and their daughters Hannah and Josey.

Bill is also survived by four stepdaughters, seven step grandchildren, four step great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held August 31, 2023 at Carr Funeral Home beginning at 1:00 pm followed by a memorial at 2:00 p.m.

A burial with full military honors will be at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations to your favorite charity, church, or shelter.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Carr Funeral Home
1960 O'Brig Avenue
Guntersville, AL 35976
(256) 582-3411
carrguntersville@gmail.com

Funeral Service

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William John Brennan.



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“ Bill and I flew together as the onset of CASSO, now JOSAC, as the second flight group formed at Scott AFB in 1986 (now headquarters for JOSAC). We flew Hueys, U8Fs, U21s and C12s as instructors, Safety Officers, test pilots and accident investigators. We stood alone when we had to file a Pentagon Level Safety investigation to correct a serious safety deficiency and it was removed. Bill had several full lives, Vietnam, start-up charter air service, to mention a few, He leaves a loving spouse and partner and appreciative children, step children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.... It's been said, "One really is never gone until the last person remembering them passes away.

I post the following Army Aviators Lament in his Honor and Respect:

" As the Bells Toll, Claiming Souls, the 13 Folds and the Slow Salute; the Sudden Crack of Three, Followed by the Echoing sound of 24 Parting Notes as they Fade into the serene Darkness of Night, The Moonlight on the Granite Stone Reflects Our Grateful Smile, as We Remain, 'Above the Best."

'May You Continue Your Journey in GOD'S Loving Care and the Comfort of His Wings.

Till We meet Again, Your Friend, Paul

Author's Note: "Above the Best" is the motto of USAAVNS, the U.S. Army Flight School Center."

Paul Herrick - August 31, 2023 at 09:00 AM