



## William Thomas Durham

July 31, 1970 - June 9, 2018

William Thomas Durham, 47, of Fayetteville NC, formerly of Milton and Teays Valley WV, passed away on June 9, 2018.

Born the only child to William G. Jr. and Paula Beverage Durham on July 31, 1970 in Dayton OH.

Billy was a graduate of Milton High School and Marshall University with a Bachelor of Arts, Masters in Psychology. He served his country in the US Air Force as a medic, a Pararescueman and a loadmaster, serving in both Desert Shield/ Desert Storm. He also served as firefighter in the West Virginia Air National Guard's 130th Airlift Wing and the WV Army National Guard's 2/19th Special Forces Group and 35th Civil Support Team.

He also was a graduate of the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg MD, a longtime member of Teays Valley Fire Department as Asst. Chief of Training, and a WVU/RESA III Instructor.

In addition to his parents, he also leaves behind his wife: Mary Jayne Durham; children: Anna Victoria Durham and William Thomas Durham II.

Funeral service for Bill will be 7:00pm Saturday June 16, 2018 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane with Pastor Charles V. Williams officiating.

Visitation will be an hour prior to the funeral at the funeral home.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made in Billy's name to: Teays Valley Fire Dept., 105 South Poplar Fork Road, Scott Depot WV.

Anyone wanting to share an online condolence or memory, may do so visiting Billy's tribute page at: [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com)

Chapman Funeral Home, 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane WV is honored to handle Mr. Durham's arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
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Hurricane, WV 25526  
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## Funeral Service

JUN 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William Thomas Durham*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *AMY ONEIL lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Durham*



**AMY ONEIL** - July 31, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ *Millie Ramirez lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Durham*



**Millie Ramirez** - June 16, 2018 at 11:23 PM



“ *I want to express my deepest sympathies to the Durham family for your loss. Paula was my son's teacher at West Teays Elementary. Knowing what a wonderful person Paula is, I have no doubt that her son was too. May God bring strength, peace and comfort to all the family. May the Eternal light shine upon Bill and may he rest in peace.*

*Love,  
Millie Ramirez*

**Millie Ramirez** - June 16, 2018 at 11:22 PM

RW

“ *Mary, Mr. & Mrs. Durham and Children,*

*I am so sorry to hear about Bull, my heart was truly broken when I heard of his passing. Unfortunately, I did not know about his funeral until it was too late to make his service. I want you to know that he held a special place in my heart. You raised a great young man always ready to serve his country at a moment's notice, when I called him for the start of Desert Storm, he said I'll go with no hesitation. He always had a smile and a hug for me when he came into the Clinic. I hope you take comfort knowing God will enjoy this young man and will take great care of him till the day we all see him again.*

*Take care and may the Lord comfort your grieving hearts.*

*Redhonda Wilkinson  
(130th Medical Squadron)*

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**Redhonda Wilkinson** - June 16, 2018 at 10:50 PM

KA

“ *Polly, Bill, Mary Jane, Anna and Will. We are so sorry to hear about Billy. I always loved Billy as a child. Those blue eyes were always special when he would look at you. I have enjoyed him on Facebook and getting to know him as an adult. I know he had a deep love for all of you. I am sure he was welcomed with open arms by his grandmother and the sisters.*

*Our prayers are with you. I am sorry we could not be there for you today, but we are there in love.*

*Kay, Larry, Dreama, Cynthia, Valeria Kesler and families. Jim McAllister and family*

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**Kaykesler** - June 16, 2018 at 06:05 PM

RP

“ *Bull I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. I won't be able to attend his funeral, but know you and your family are in my prayers.*

*With love, you brother*

*Russ Powers*

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**Russell O Powers** - June 16, 2018 at 12:51 AM

TM

“ *Bill and Paula,*

*Please accept our deepest condolences. We know how much Billie meant to you, and are so terribly sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Toby and. Linda McCallister*

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**Toby McCallister** - June 15, 2018 at 09:08 PM

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“ *Fran Allen lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Durham*



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**Fran Allen** - June 15, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Thomas Durham.*



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June 15, 2018 at 12:05 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of William Thomas Durham, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Air Force Veteran, William Thomas Durham, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - June 15, 2018 at 06:17 AM**



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William Thomas Durham.*



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June 14, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Thomas Durham.*



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June 14, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *My heartfelt love and prayers go out to Billy's family.*



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**Terri Garrett Rappold** - June 14, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ *I'm sorry to hear this tragic news. Know that you are in our prayers. Billy and I were friends in school.*

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**Michael Carter** - June 14, 2018 at 08:48 AM

VF

“ That is such a great picture of Billy. Everyone that knew him loved him. Prayers of comfort and healing to his loved ones.

*John and Valerie Fowler*

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**Valerie Fowler** - June 14, 2018 at 08:27 AM

WC

“ So sorry for your loss, if we can do anything for you please let us know.

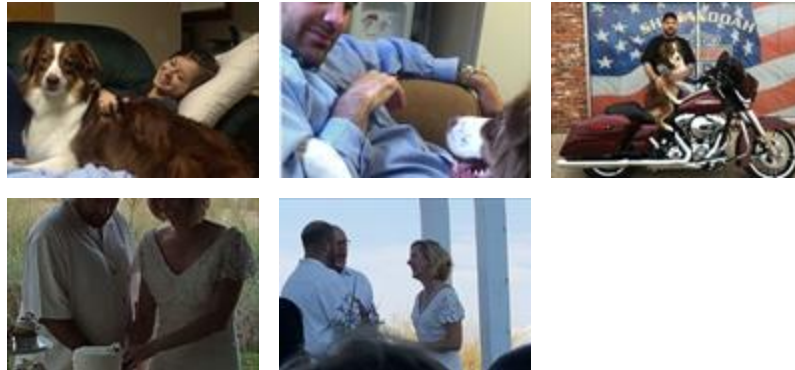
*Wayne Clagg*

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**Wayne Clagg** - June 14, 2018 at 07:18 AM

JK

“ 12 files added to the album *Pictures from John and Maureen*

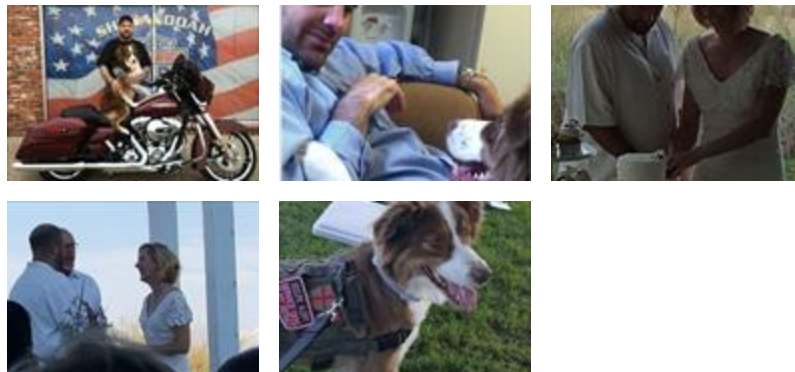


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**John and Maureen Krihwan** - June 14, 2018 at 07:12 AM

JK

“ 11 files added to the album *New Album Name*



**John and Maureen Krihwan** - June 14, 2018 at 07:10 AM

SB

“ *Sandy Beverage lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Durham*



**Sandy Beverage** - June 14, 2018 at 12:33 AM

SB

*Dear Polly and Bill,  
Our hearts are aching for you! Praying for strength and comfort!  
Love you so much!  
Sandy and Bobby*

**Sandy Beverage** - June 14, 2018 at 12:35 AM

DK

*His smile was genuine and he lived life fully. He always made me and Mark laugh. He had the greatest sense of humor and would do anything for his friends. We will miss you Bill . Until we meet again !*

*Love,  
Mark and Debbie Kerns*

**Debbie Kerns** - June 14, 2018 at 02:45 PM

JK

*Last year, I gave the eulogy for my father and in my eulogy, I included the lyrics for the Bugle Call "TAPS." Bill is the closest thing I had to a Brother so I see it only be fitting that I include Bill in this Rite as well.*

*Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.  
Fading light, dims the sight,  
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.  
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.  
Thanks and praise, for our days,  
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, neath the sky;  
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.  
Sun has set, shadows come,  
Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds  
Always true to the promise that they made.  
While the light fades from sight,  
And the stars gleaming rays softly send,  
To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.*

*God Speed my Brother, until we meet again. Hooooaaahhh!!*

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**John Krihwan** - June 15, 2018 at 10:05 AM

RH

*Much love to all of you--especially Paula and Bill.*

*Love,  
Bob and Rachel Hull*

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**Rachel J Hull** - June 15, 2018 at 11:15 PM