



William "Billy" Albert Shanks

October 19, 1949 - September 9, 2021

William "Billy" Albert Shanks, 71, went home to be with our Lord on Thursday, September 9, 2021, in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Billy's loved ones at www.andersonbethany.com.

SERVICES: A graveside service for Billy will be held at South Park Cemetery on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 10:00 AM.

Billy was born to Robert C. Shanks and Elisa Kimbrell on October 19, 1949, in Roswell, New Mexico. He served in the United States Marine Corps. During Billy's time of service, he received several awards, including a National Defense Medal of Service and a Good Conduct Medal. He was a proud Veteran whose heart was to serve his country until he was honorably discharged. Billy married the love of his life, Kathy Shanks, who preceded him in death on August 23, 2002. Prior to retiring, he worked as a feed mill operator for Alderman Cave for forty-two years.

His favorite pastime was spending time with his family, he loved them all dearly. Billy was a true "Dallas Cowboy" fan, for life! His family will carry fond memories of him.

Those left to cherish Billy's memory are his three daughters: Michelle Hendricks and husband Mark, Melissa Castillo and husband Robert, and Linda Skipper and husband Dwayne; eight grandchildren: Michael Shanks and wife Theresa, Rob Castillo, Raymond Castillo, Shanay Granger and husband David, Mariah Bodkins and husband Daryn, Brittany Tricarico, Ernest Ray Duncan, Joseph Rullan and Fiancé Marlene; ten great-grandchildren: Lindsey Shanks, Aiden Shanks, Karma, Ryleigh, Zayden and Kashmir Granger, McKenzie, Madison, and Dakota Tricarico, and Teagan Duncan; as well as his very special dog, Wero, whom he loved with all his heart..

Billy is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Sháta Shanks; parents: Robert and Elisa Shanks; brother, Robert Shanks; brother-in-law, Tony Wolf; and his nephew, who was his ride and die partner, Timothy Gauna.

"Our Dad, Our Hero"

We know this man
Who is dear to our heart.

Suddenly one day
It was torn all apart.

This man taught us everything
That we needed to know,
But we never really listened
Until he had to go.
He gave us love
And touched our lives.
It's all over now;
He no longer has to fight.

He tried to teach us
Right from wrong.
The day he left
I wasn't that strong.

He is gone now,
It is hard to believe.
This man is our dad
Whom we will never see.

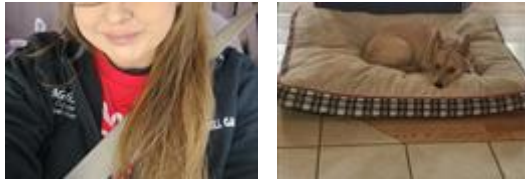
But we will see him again,
This we know.
The day will come
When it's time for us to go.

So, we'll hold him dear
And close to our heart
Cause the day we meet
We know we'll never be torn apart.
-Love, Sheller, Mexican and Little

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Oh my Daddy, I miss you so much. Words could never explain the heartache I feel everyday of my life! I found your diary and it breaks my heart to know that all the people you opened your home to was mean to you. I'm sorry I didn't go over more often. But in my heart I know you were protecting us from them evil people. Wedo is still timid and now I know why. May you always rest in peace with our beautiful Mom. I know that's what you wanted because your diary says so. I love you and can't wait till the day we are all a family again. Love your Mexican forever and always ❤️



Melissa Castillo - January 03, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ William "Billy" Albert Shanks

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

KL

“ Oh Bill, you are incredibly missed. Words still cannot describe the impact of the loss so many feel. You were the most giving, loving, and selfless man. The angels got someone special the day you left us. May you rest in peace.
Love you my friend
-"pecan ninja warrior"



Kimberly Ann ledbetter - December 02, 2022 at 04:11 AM

MT

“ To the family of this sweet dear man may you find peace in truly knowing that he is not in pain upstairs in heaven with whom I trust to be the best caretaker and father to all of us..i was not aware of his passing or for sure I would have been at the funeral paying my respects...Bill I'm truly blessed to have been introduced to you and had a chance to get to know you and be welcomed and feel very respected and loved by you...

Michelle Tyler - November 03, 2021 at 02:53 AM

JA

“ *Linda, Ernest, and Joseph..So sorry for your loss. Prayers and Hugs from Grandma Josephine.*

Josephine Arias - September 15, 2021 at 05:42 PM

YN

“ *Your Friends at Napa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Billy" Albert Shanks.*



Your Friends at Napa - September 14, 2021 at 03:19 PM

CG

“ *Uncle Billy I love You and I'm so sad to hear of you passing. Tell my dad what's up and I miss u guys. Try not to get into much trouble together. My condolences to Melissa,Michelle, & Linda and all the grandkids and great grandkids love all you guys!*

Chylsie Gauna - September 14, 2021 at 02:27 PM

MH

“ *Myra Hendricks lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Albert Shanks*



Myra Hendricks - September 13, 2021 at 03:47 PM

MH

*Bill, our family know each other way back in 1970 when we where neighbor on McGaffey Street...
It was great knowing you and My heart goes out to your Family n Your Daughters Michelle,Linda,and Melissa.... rest in peace Bill you are guardian angel now watch over your daughters and family ...God Bless*

Myra Hendricks - September 13, 2021 at 03:51 PM

GH

“ Mr. Bill - You were a good friend and a good brother-in-law to me and Linda, a good husband to Katherine, a good father to Michelle, Melissa, and Linda, and an overall good person. I very much appreciate your service in the U.S. Marine Corps to our great country and I know that Almighty God welcomed you into his Heavenly Realm. I know that you have joined Katherine and Linda in watching over all of us.

Gary Hernes - September 13, 2021 at 06:24 AM

HW

“ Hope Wolf sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Billy" Albert Shanks



Hope Wolf - September 11, 2021 at 01:22 AM

HW

“ Hope Wolf lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Albert Shanks



Hope Wolf - September 11, 2021 at 01:21 AM

HW

“ Brother, may you rest in the arms of the lord. You and I made some wonderful memories when we were younger. Some of the things we did were hilarious. You always had that little grin and laid back attitude. You were a great big brother that blessed me with many memories. Now you're with mom, dad, Tim, Robert, Tony and the love of your life Kathy. Rest in peace my brother till we meet again. May the Lord bring comfort to your girls during this sad time. Love you brother!

Hope Wolf - September 11, 2021 at 01:18 AM

JV

“ Sending love and prayers for strength, peace and comfort during this unimaginably difficult time. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus. ❤️



Janice Vanover - September 10, 2021 at 10:03 PM

AN

“ I love you, and wish I knew you better. I know you get to see my great grandma/grandpa and my grandpa Robert and my mom Kim and aunt Cheryl your nieces and many more. I know your at at peace.

angelique - September 10, 2021 at 08:23 PM

RS

Uncle Billy I will always Love and respect you! I regret that I wasn't able to see you before the Lord intervened which really im having a difficult time with. But the Lord wanted you alot sooner! God bless you Uncle Billy! I still remember when i was a child and grandpa had me eattng that bowl of chili and you saved my ass. Now your our Guardian Angel watch over us tio. We Love you!!

Robert Shanks - September 10, 2021 at 11:59 PM

RN

My sincere condolences
Ramona Nunez lopez

ramona nunez - September 15, 2021 at 05:11 PM

SH

“ Stephanie A Hernandez lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Albert Shanks



Stephanie A Hernandez - September 10, 2021 at 07:36 PM

SH

“ Rest In Peace Uncle Bill. Now your with Brother and the rest of the family. Give them all a kiss and hug for me, My you fly with the Angels High in the Sky with the Love of you Life Aunt Kathy. You are free now without all the problems here on earth. I Loved you very much Uncle Bill. I'm going to Miss You. Love Steph

Stephanie A Hernandez - September 10, 2021 at 07:35 PM

RS

Uncle Billy I Will always Love and respect you! I remember when i was eattng that hot chili stew Grandpa had made and it was so hot i had tears and snot running and you saved me it taught me a lesson, but at the same time you intervened. I wanted to visit and couldn't because of the parole im on and it cost me time that you and i didn't have it breaks my heart. I know God intervened on this one I Love the Lord so I know he needed that time with you more than I. My father Robert Shanks your brother told me the war changes people but your time im Vietnam didn't change you you where special. Watch over us Uncle like you did here I'll see you agian one day in paradise. I Love you and you'll always have a special place in my life till we meet agian! I Love you Tio...

Robert Shanks - September 11, 2021 at 12:37 PM