



Billy A. Duncan

August 12, 1946 - September 23, 2021

Lt. Colonel Billy Duncan passed away on September 23, 2021 in San Antonio, TX after a brief battle with cancer. Billy was born at Fort Benning, GA on August 12, 1946 to Hiram and Helen Duncan. He was an army brat until his fathers retirement in 1961, living in several locations including Japan. He is a 1964 graduate of Headland H.S. in East Point, GA. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History from North Georgia College in 1968. He was commissioned into the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant immediately following graduation. He attended Airborne school and served with the 82nd Airborne Division. He then attended Ranger school followed by a combat tour in Vietnam from July 4, 1969-July 4, 1970, where he was a platoon leader in the 25th Infantry Division. While stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas he completed his Masters of Science in Adult Education at Kansas State University in 1986. In 1988 he was assigned as the Professor of Military Science at University of Texas at San Antonio. After 25 years of service to his country he retired in 1993. He then worked for the state at Texas Youth Commission as an adult staff trainer for 11 years. He finally retired for good in 2008. He received many awards and decorations throughout his career. Billy was a family man through and through. He met the love of his life, Libby, when he was a Senior at North Georgia. As she was a Freshman when they met they maintained a long distance relationship while he began his Army Career as well as while in Vietnam. He proposed to Libby over the phone from Hong

Kong while on R&R. She knew it was coming since she had happened upon a letter written to her father explaining the date Billy would call. The story goes that when the phone rang she jumped over the couch to answer it. Of course she said yes and they were married two months after his return on September 12, 1970. He had two daughters who always knew how much he loved them. They always say that he provided the best childhood you could have. His four grandchildren lit up his life. He was a fierce supporter of his children and grandchildren. He tried to attend as many sporting events, show choir performances, and plays that he could, even though they were in Fort Worth and Indiana. Billy was also a great big brother to his sister Nancy. Being that he was 9 years older he was often the babysitter. She always remembers him taking her to play putt-putt and to see Jerry Lewis movies. She was one of his biggest supporters at his H.S. track meets. He always told her that he could hear her yelling for him on the other side of the track. Billy was an Eagle Scout and a H.S. track star. He broke many school records that stood for years. People have said that watching him run was like watching poetry in motion. He was an avid runner as an adult, completing numerous 10k's and two marathons. In his later life he traded his running shoes for hiking boots. His goal was to hike the Appalachian Trail with his brother-in-law Alan. They were a few states short. He has been in many bowling leagues throughout his life to include one over the last 15+ years with his sister Nancy. He had a passion for traveling. He and Libby went on multiple cruises with family and friends and traveled to Fort Worth and Indiana often. He is preceded in death by his parents, Hiram and Helen Duncan and his in-laws Francis and Louise Allison. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Libby Duncan, his two daughters, Mickie (Bryan) Siek and Dee (Jason) Bowman, his 4 grandchildren Jensyn, Duncan, and Aiden Bowman and Eric Siek. His sister Nancy Mason, brother-in-law Alan Allison and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers please donate to a charity of your choice in Billy's name. Billy will truly be missed by family and friends. A visitation will be on October 12,

2021 at 5:00pm -8:00pm at Alamo Funeral Chapels. A Church Funeral Service will take place on October 13, 2021 at 1:30 pm at the University United Methodist Church on 5084 DeZavala Rd. A funeral procession will depart the funeral home on October 14, 2021 at 10:15 am to Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery for an 11:00 am arrival for interment.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Alamo Funeral Chapels
624 N Alamo St
San Antonio, TX 78215
(210) 554-5000
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Church Service

OCT **13**. 1:30 PM (CT)

University United Methodist Church
5084 DeZavala Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78249

Committal Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall



Bill
Gerry

“ Oh, I am so heartbroken to hear of Billy's Death. 40 years after my brother's death in Vietnam, Billy wrote a letter that forever changed my life. It was a letter explaining he was in command of my brother's battalion when my brother was shot, and how there was misty rain while he was holding my brother remembering it as God cleansing his soul to go home.

I flew out to meet him within months, went to dinner with Libby, Billy and my wife. We went home to his house, to what I call his war room. We closed the door and shed some (many) tears. Libby and my wife sat and talked in the living room Billy was able to clear up many questions I had (was only 13 when my brother died). He said he felt guilty all these years as if it was his fault. At the end, he was able to forgive himself since he had the forgiveness of my family assuring him it was in God's plan. Billy truly loved my brother, looked for years to be able to contact me. Thanks to the internet, we were both put at rest with what we had struggled with for so long. . May you Rest In Peace, say hi to my brother Peter. Although it's been a year Libby, my heart felt condolences for you and your family!

Bill Gerry - September 08, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy A. Duncan.



October 12, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Billy A. Duncan.*



October 11, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ *Billy was one to the best hiring decisions I ever made at the Texas Youth Commission. His ability to finesse tough and delicate agency politics and to expertly handle special projects made him my "go to" guy. We also had special connections in being the same age (3 weeks apart), both married about the same time (6 months apart) and being army Vietnam veterans.*

To Libby and the girls, I recommend the book "Imagine Heaven" by John Burke, an excellent read for additional comfort.

Jules Franklin

Jules Franklin - October 11, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy A. Duncan.*



October 11, 2021 at 10:32 AM

LS

“ May God give you guidance and strength as you mourn the loss of this man. Hugs to all.

Linda Sulteen

Linda Sulteen - October 07, 2021 at 05:59 PM

RG

“ Dear Libby, Mickey and Dee
Billy was what most people should aspire to be. When I was a little girl, I found out Billy and I shared the same Birthday, so I immediately wanted to be around him. He adored all of you and showed his devotion to his family every day. I'm very sorry for your loss and have you in my heart and prayers.

*Much love,
Rani*

Rani Grandstaff - October 07, 2021 at 09:17 AM

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“ Libby, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and hugs your way.

Dave and Cathy Carroll (UUMC) - October 06, 2021 at 01:30 PM

CS

“ Billy was always very easy to be around at the many family holiday gatherings over the years. Even though he was much older than his younger cousins he would always make the visit a good one and make me feel like he enjoyed our company. I'm so sorry to hear this news but I do know he is in the best place of all with our Lord and Savior. God bless to Libby, Mickey, Dee and the rest of Billy's family.



Cari Schatzle - October 05, 2021 at 06:10 PM

DM

“ I will think of Billy on every July 4th and every Christmas Eve. His July 4th parties are a cherished memory of mine. I always admired how patriotic he was. He was a very special friend who loved his family unconditionally. So sorry for your loss, Libby, Mickie and DeeDee.

Diane Migl - October 05, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas* was purchased for the family of Billy A. Duncan.



October 05, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Billy A. Duncan.



October 05, 2021 at 12:58 PM