



William Mack (Bill) Beckham

June 24, 1933 - February 13, 2017

William Mack (Bill) Beckham passed peacefully at home with family. A native of San Antonio, he was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force as a flight engineer flying air rescue missions out of Lajes Field, Azores. After his military service, Bill began what would be a 37 year career at Kelly Air Force Base first in the aircraft maintenance shops and retiring as an engineering technician in the Life Support section working with everything from harnesses and parachutes to complete ejection seat systems, accident investigation and first article qualification. In his off hours, he enjoyed playing golf, coaching Little League baseball and motorcycles. After retiring from civil service, he joined the Bexar County Sheriffs Reserve and later, the Pct 4 Constables Reserves eventually rising to the rank of Commander of the Reserve Unit.

He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley and is survived by eldest daughter Barbara D. Hooge, daughter Donna J. Zapata and son William C. Beckham, Granddaughters Valerie D. Caperton and Amanda N. Davila, Grandson Marc A. Davila, Great-Granddaughters Autumn and Emma Mayo, Elora D. Caperton and Great-Grandsons Tonn

Caperton and Liam Mayo.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 20, 2017 beginning at 4:00 PM

Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

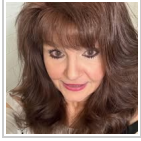
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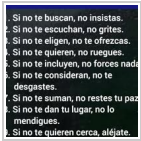
Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Beckham Zapata lit a candle in memory of William Mack (Bill) Beckham*

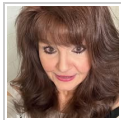


Donna Beckham Zapata - February 13, 2025 at 10:32 PM



“ *I took care of William Beckham Sr until he went with the Lord, and had the pleasure of meeting and knowing his mother Edna, Bill and Shirley. I also had the pleasure of taking care of his mother. Lovely family, wonderful son, husband and father. Life moved me to other jobs and couldn't find any information until now. I have beautiful memories, and I know they all are now with out Lord Jesus. Angie Scheirman*

Angie Scheirman - August 10, 2020 at 01:12 AM



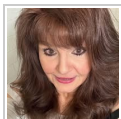
Thank you so much for everything Angie

Donna Beckham Zapata - February 13, 2025 at 10:29 PM

TR

“ *God bless you 3 kids. Our old neighborhood will never be the same. Love you all.*

tracie - February 23, 2017 at 07:57 AM



Thank you Tracie. He will be missed. He loved and missed you.

Donna Beckham Zapata - February 27, 2017 at 12:09 AM

MH

“ *Maria Hernandez lit a candle in memory of William Mack (Bill) Beckham*

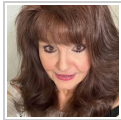


Maria Hernandez - February 20, 2017 at 03:34 PM

MH

Dear Donna I know this must truly be heartbreaking for you even though you know your folks are finally reunited, still it leaves a void for you to deal with, but your Mom and Dad taught you how to be strong, and you will be. God bless the Beckham family.

Maria Hernandez - February 20, 2017 at 03:38 PM



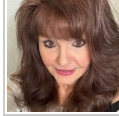
Thank you so much Maria. And I really appreciated you coming to dad's viewing, it meant so much to me and my family. Even under such sad circumstances, it was so good to see you again! Love to you and yours. Donna

Donna Beckham Zapata - February 27, 2017 at 12:06 AM

TV

“ *Donna,
I am so sorry to hear about your Dad.
He truly is a great man with all his knowledge and experience.
He is now your Guardian Angel.
May God bless you and your family and give each of you the strength and courage to get thru each day.
Love and Prayers
Tina Vargas*

Tina Vargas - February 20, 2017 at 12:08 PM



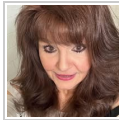
Thank you so much Tina. Dad will be missed. Your love, prayers and words of encouragement mean more than you will ever know. Donna

Donna Beckham Zapata - February 27, 2017 at 12:11 AM

JF

“ To my dear friend, life kept us apart after the Air Force but you were thought of often. You were & remain a very special man who will be missed. Our prayers for you & your family at this very trying time. We are there in spirit! Jim & Lynne Finley

jim finley - February 20, 2017 at 07:50 AM



Thank you Jim and Lynne, dad spoke of you both fondly through out all the years of our lives. Dad will be dearly missed. Thank you for the beautiful flowers. Our family is forever grateful that you were apart of many of dads greatest and most memorable storytelling. :-) Blessings, Donna

Donna Beckham Zapata - February 27, 2017 at 12:19 AM

DZ

“ Dad, I miss you so much, though I know your time here was complete. You did more in one lifetime than some could do in two. I can let you go in peace knowing you lived life exactly as you chose and precisely on your terms. I love you with all my heart and soul, always and forever. Your daughter Donna. XOXOXO

Donna Beckham Zapata - February 20, 2017 at 12:40 AM

DZ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Donna Beckham Zapata - February 20, 2017 at 12:33 AM

DZ

Dad was hiding a cast he had on at the time..... ;)

Donna Beckham Zapata - February 20, 2017 at 12:42 AM

BD

“ *Barbara and I have been close friends since 3rd grade. Even though we have our own lives apart from each other now, we still call each other from time to time. I have many fond memories of the times we would sleep over at each other's houses. My heart breaks for the loss of Barbara's, Donna's and Will father. I've lost both of my parents also. It never gets any easier. May God hold you all in His arms and comfort you. Hugs and prayers for all who love him.*

Beverly Doyle Durbin - February 19, 2017 at 06:00 PM

BD

That should say "houses" and not "housed". Please excuse my mistake. I'm more than a little upset about several things right now, including the passing of Mr. Beckham.

Beverly Doyle Durbin - February 19, 2017 at 06:08 PM

DZ

Thank you Beverly. This means so much to me!

Donna Beckham Zapata - February 20, 2017 at 12:43 AM

JF

“ *Jim & Lynne Finley purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of William Mack (Bill) Beckham.*



Jim & Lynne Finley - February 18, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 17, 2017 at 05:34 PM