



## William Guy Butler

September 17, 1929 - March 25, 2013

William G. Butler, 83, passed away Monday, March 25, 2013, at Westmoreland Nursing Center in Lake Forest surrounded by his family. He was born November 17, 1929 in El Paso, TX and grew up in a Military family that moved constantly. He served in ROTC as a student in High School; after graduation he joined the Army in 1949 in Astoria, Oregon. Bill retired in 1970 after 23 years of service. Among his many accomplishments, he served as a Shooting Instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he received many medals and awards as an expert marksman. He was a highly decorated Lieutenant Colonel that served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars, and also aided in the coordination of President Eisenhower's Funeral. In 1970 Bill retired as the Chief of Special Services at Fort Sheridan. Upon retirement he bought a home with his wife in Mundelein where they have been residents for over 40 years. He was employed by the Baxter Corporation for 18 years before retiring as the Director of Security. He later served as a past President of the Baxter Alumni club for Retirees. Bill had a lot of pride for his service to his country and was a proud member and past Commander of the VFW Post 8741, Libertyville. A love of Aviation brought Bill to volunteer his time, planes and experience to the K.P.A (Kenosha Pilots Assn.) and the E.A.A. (Experimental Aircraft Assn.), Chapter 414, and the Young Eagles Program where he was a volunteer pilot providing 1235 children an opportunity to experience the joy of flying. Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years Lily A. Butler, 2 children; Arlene (Robert) Herrick of Gurnee, Rich (Debbie) Butler of Peoria, AZ, 5 Grandchildren; Burt

(Tami) Spencer, Scott and Ben Herrick, and Jenni and Bryan Butler, 1 Great Grandchild Daniel Spencer, 1 Brother, John (Judy) Butler of Grandview, TX, 4 Sisters; Charlene, Valene, Sue, and Judy, and many Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews and Cousins. He was preceded in death by his son Victor Guy in 1956, and by his sister Juanita. There will be a visitation Thursday, March 28, 2013 from 1pm until the time of service at 5pm at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville, IL 60048. Interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery on Friday shortly after leaving Burnett-Dane Funeral Home at 11am. Memorials can be made to the E.A.A. on behalf of Bill Butler for the Young Eagles Program, P.O. Box 2683, Oshkosh, WI 54903. For information, 847-362-3009

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *May you all be blessed with wonderful, fond memories of Bill during this sad time.*

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**David& Greta Menke** - June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM

SS

“ *We will truly miss you Bill. You were the lifeline to the Kenosha Pilots Association. Holding you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Fly high!*

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**Sharon Ann Schorsch** - June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM

DM

“ *Will be missed Uncle Bill. WE love you !!!!*

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**Diana McBride** - June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM

CA

“ *i will miss my big brother he has always made us so very very proud of him in every way*

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**charlene anderson** - June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM

JS

“ *Bill Butler can only be described as a "class act". I know him through our VFW meetings and he always went above and beyond in his dealings with people. He will be missed very much. A lot of people have learned from him.*

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**Jeff Sand** - June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM

AB

“ A Candle Light for you Dad. We keep you in our Hearts. Rest in Peace with the Angels. Live in Heaven with our Lord. Hugs to all Grandparents ...Love from Arlene

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**Arlene Butler-Herrick** - June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. The Dalton Family - Gurnee, IL

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June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM

JB

“ Bill was a true leader of people and a tremendous VFW Commander. I learned from Bill and I enjoyed having Bill a part of my life. His life was appreciated and he will be missed.

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**John R. Beeson** - June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM

BB

“ Sorry to here about Bill. First met him at Meigs Field flying Young Eagles together. Though both are gone, they will always be with us. Lots of good times to look back on and in the future with his family.

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**Butch Bejna** - June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ A great man and neighbor to know. The Youngs.

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June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM

MJ

“ Bill and I flew together many times. I taught him about instrument flying, he taught me about honor, courage and determination. We'll miss you, Bill. God bless your family.

Mitch Januszewski - June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM

FL

“ God bless you and your family in your time of loss. I worked with Bill at Baxter and always had great conversations with him. He even took me flying with him out of Campbell Airport. He will be missed.

Fred Leissing - June 29, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ I loved Bill. Every time I walked into the Baxter facility and saw Bill smiling, I knew I was going to have a good day. God bless you!from Ed Hawfield

April 27, 2018 at 06:35 AM

DZ

“ from all the scouts that Bill took up on the EAA program, Thank you...may you soar with the eagles now and rest in the hands of our Lord.

Diane Zabran - April 27, 2018 at 06:35 AM

JB

“ What a life-long inspiration my big brother was for me! It seems impossible that this bigger-than-life man has parted from us. Tons of pride and love go with you Bill. Love, 'Bub'

John E. Butler - April 27, 2018 at 06:35 AM

JB

“ *Bill's passing leaves holes in many bereaved hearts. Not the least of these are his beloved wife, Lily, and his devoted family. As his younger brother, I often marveled at his strength ,intelligence and generosity. He was a great inspiration to me and an icon of all that is good. Farewell Big Brother, I will miss you - go with God to your deserved rest. Love, 'Bub'*

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**John E. Butler** - April 27, 2018 at 06:35 AM

JJ

“ *It has been a pleasure and honor to have Bill as my brother-in-law and I know he was a great source of pride for his family.He and Lily enjoyed a varied and interesting life. Bill has left a legacy of stability, love,hard-work and certainly a sense of adventure for the rest of us to learn from.  
Dear Lily and family you are in our thoughts.*

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**Judy Butler (Judy II)** - April 27, 2018 at 06:35 AM



“ *Our sympathy to Arlene,Bob,Scott,Ben and the entire Butler family. May the peace of God bless and keep you during your time of grief. HE is faithful. William is home now... Blessings, Jackie and Al*

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April 27, 2018 at 06:35 AM

JP

“ *Arlene I am so sorry to have learned about your father!Prayers are with you and your family!*

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**Jerry Peleska** - April 27, 2018 at 06:35 AM



*“ We're so sorry for your loss. Please continue to pray for guidance to help you get through this tragic time. May God bless you all. The Dalton Family - Gurnee, IL*

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April 27, 2018 at 06:35 AM



*“ A most wonderful neighbor! I will truly miss his kind and friendly way. He was a blessing.*

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**ray young** - April 27, 2018 at 06:35 AM



*“ Bill was a good Friend of my Fathers. I know you will miss him, but my Dad will be glad to see his "Buddy".*

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April 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



*“ You were an amazing man and an awesome grandpa. I promise to speak of you everyday to keep your memory alive. I will miss you forever.*

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**Jenni Butler** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM