



## William "Bill" Feathers

November 24, 1934 - September 22, 2021

William Clenton Feathers, of Elizabethton died Wednesday morning, Sept. 22, 2021, of pancreatic cancer.

William (Bill) was born the second of five children to Ray and Edith Feathers in Watauga, Tenn. His childhood was spent on their farm with kin, crops and animals, all carrying great significance in the family's livelihood and in creating a lasting work ethic. Bill attended primary school in Watauga and graduated from Elizabethton High School, where he was part of an historical football team at EHS: the Big "5" Champions.

After high school graduation, Bill joined the United States Air Force. He became an aircraft and turret system mechanic stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nev. He received the National Defense Service Medal, The United Nations and Korean Service Medals, and a Good Conduct Medal. Bill continued playing football with his fellow servicemen in the Yokota Raiders Grid Squad. After being honorably discharged from service, Bill pursued his love of aircrafts and flight by obtaining his aviation license from Embry Riddle School of Aviation in Miami, Fla.

After aviation school, Bill returned to Elizabethton, where he met his wife of now 62 years, Sandra. Along with the help of his father and the land negotiation skills of his wife, Bill built a home for his family. Learning all he could from books and his elders, Bill's hard work, determination and innate skills resulted in a lasting legacy. The home's unique construction and beautiful views of the river and fields are still admired by anyone who visits the home.

Career-wise, Bill's knowledge of mechanics opened opportunities in machine line and managerial work. He was well respected by all who worked with him. Bill never entertained fools but always cared for those under his leadership. His employers including Raytheon Company, Madison-Kipp Corporation, and ultimately Snap-On Tools Corporation, where he helped engineer new tools and eventually retired.

Bill was a deacon and elder at East River Park Christian Church for many years, where he also taught the Men's Sunday School Class and coached the women's softball team. Recently, he'd started attending Brick Christian Church where his father and mother had attended.

During his lifetime Bill enjoyed fishing and hunting with friends, refereeing high school and college football games, watching college sports, discussing politics, completing crossword puzzles, target shooting on the family farm, scaring geese out of the yard, smoking a good cigar, drinking a cold beer, and savoring the simple pleasures of time with good friends.

Anyone who knew Bill knew him as a fair man of few words but sharp wit. His advice was solid and direct, his voice stern but rarely raised, and his heart always in the right place. Bill was pragmatic and practical with a boyish joy of life and an infectious smile. Though Bill had beaten colon cancer several years ago, his battle with consistent arthritic pain and increasing hearing loss had limited him. Ultimately, pancreatic cancer brought his thoroughly enjoyed but hard-fought life to an end.

Remaining family members include wife Sandra, daughter, Sunday Feathers Greer and husband Dwayne Greer; daughter, Marcella Feathers and husband Dexter Jones; sister, Vicki Ray and husband J Harold Ray, and brother Jerry Feathers and wife Dee Feathers as well as many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to friends, neighbors and extended family members who loved Bill as deeply as we did and whose help during this time was invaluable. These earthly hands of Christ include Judy DeLoach and the staff at Ivy Hall, Joseph and Leslie Taylor, Caris Healthcare, Alsie Byrd, Lisa and Michael Williams, Shirley Hughes, Mary and John Stout, and all who lifted Bill and us in prayer.

A funeral service for William "Bill" Clenton Feathers will be conducted at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 2, 2021 in the Chapel of Peace at Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton with Pastor Ernie Depew officiating. A memorial visitation will be held prior to the service between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. on Saturday (the family will not be present).

Online condolences may be shared with the family on our website, [www.tetrickfuneralhome.com](http://www.tetrickfuneralhome.com), Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton is honored to serve the Feathers family. Office 423-542-2232, service information line, 423-543-4917.



# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Tetrick Funeral** - September 28, 2021 at 11:45 AM

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“ Sandra;  
Sandy and I are very sorry to hear of Bill's passing and the loss you will have with him missing from your life. We have many happy memories of our times together with the Madison-Kipp crowd. I know you and the girls will support one another and also have many more happy memories that will continue throughout your life. I am sorry I will not be able to attend Saturday, and that it has been soooo long since we have been together, but our memories are clear and positive.

Roger & Sandy Cox  
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**Roger Cox** - October 01, 2021 at 10:39 PM



“ Hi Roger,  
This is Sunday, Sandra and Bill's daughter. I remember you and Sandy well. You two are even dancing in a picture we put on the tribute wall. Daddy enjoy his time working with you at Madison-Kipp. I will pass your condolences and contact information on to mom.  
Sunday Feathers Greer

**Sunday Greer** - October 12, 2021 at 09:51 AM

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“ Sandy and girls, so sorry to hear of Bills passing. You guys were good friends to Mother and Daddy. They spoke of you often and the good times they had with you. Our prayers go out to you in the days ahead. Karen Routh Peoples and family  
Debbie Routh Kagan and family

**Karen Routh Peoples** - October 01, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ Thank you so much Karen and Debbie. We remember you both and your parents well. Mom and dad have many good memories with Wilma and Harry.  
Much love,  
Sunday Feathers Greer

**Sunday Greer** - October 12, 2021 at 09:53 AM

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“ Sandy, Marcella & Sunday,

Know that I am lifting you all up in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. I only have happy memories of Bill, which I will continue to remember. :)

Much Love,

Jan Frankenberg

**Jan Frankenberg** - September 30, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ Thank you, Jan. That is so sweet of you to share.

**sunday greer** - October 04, 2021 at 08:46 AM

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“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Feathers.



September 30, 2021 at 02:55 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Feathers.



September 29, 2021 at 05:39 PM

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“ Rosanne and Max purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of William "Bill" Feathers.



**Rosanne and Max** - September 29, 2021 at 12:40 PM

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“ Sandy, Sunday and Marcella, I will always remember Bill's very cool cars especially his turquoise Thunderbird. Celebrating a life well lived. Blessings to all of you.

Sandy Simerly

**Sandy Simerly** - September 29, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ Thank you, Sandy. We still have the thunderbird.

**Sunday Greer** - September 30, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ That makes me so happy!

**Sandy Simerly** - October 01, 2021 at 06:37 PM

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“ Jennifer Birchfield Fleming lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Feathers



**Jennifer Birchfield Fleming** - September 27, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ Thank you, Jennifer.

**Sunday Feathers Greer** - September 27, 2021 at 08:10 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss also.

**Sunday Feathers Greer** - September 27, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ Thank you, Jennifer. So sorry for your loss also.

**Sunday Feathers Greer** - September 28, 2021 at 10:50 AM

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“ 47 files added to the album Memories Album



**Tetrick Funeral** - September 27, 2021 at 09:42 AM

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“ Pete Taylor lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Feathers



**Pete Taylor** - September 26, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ Thank you.

**Sunday Feathers Greer** - September 27, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ Thank you, Pete.

**Sunday Feathers Greer** - September 28, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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“ Shannon Harr lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Feathers



**Shannon Harr** - September 25, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ Thank you, Shannon!

**Marcella** - September 26, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ Thank you.

**Sunday Feathers Greer** - September 27, 2021 at 08:12 PM