



William (Bill) A. Schmalbach

December 15, 1946 - July 9, 2009

William (Bill) A. Schmalbach, age 62, of Lumberton, NJ, passed away on July 9, 2009 at Cooper Hospital in Camden, NJ.

He was raised in Moorestown, NJ.

Husband of Jane (nee Heller-Slater) Schmalbach; father of Jennifer Schmalbach-Rezza and Amy Schmalbach. Step-father of James Slater, Jr. (Kim) and Thomas Slater. Son of Ida Schmalbach & the late Jonathan Schmalbach; brother of Nancy (Smitty) Smith & John (Lynn) Schmalbach. Step-grandfather of Joshua, Melissa, Nicole, and Jessica Slater. Uncle to Jamie & Carl Schmalbach, Brett Smith, Lisa (Rob) Czepiel. Cousin to many, "Adopted" Uncle to many.

Bill fought heart and lung disease for many years with great fortitude, courage and strength. One of his favorite sayings was, "What did he die from?...Lack of breath." Unfortunately, in his case, that turned out to be true.

Bill lived life to the fullest. Bill was very proud that he was the Chaplain at the Mt. Holly VFW Post 2692 since 2000. Bill served in the US Army from 1966-1968 and in the Army Reserves from 1968-1972. He served in Vietnam in 1967-1968, during the TET Offensive. He served with the ground troops as a radio operator and tunnel rat.

Bill loved his NASCAR races, especially Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt, Jr., along with his Budweiser. Bill worked at many various occupations over the years. At one time, he had his own automotive repair business. He worked at RCA/GE for 16 years. He also worked as an exterminator for A-Shield Pest

Control for 5 years. Bill was a jack-of-all-trades with a wealth of knowledge on many subjects.

Bill had the ability to make everyone feel special and to make them laugh. No one was ever quite sure what he was going to come out with next! In spite of his sometimes outward gruffness, underneath was a heart and soul of gold. He would do anything for a friend. He will be sadly missed by his family and a multitude of friends.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly. Interment with Military Honors will be in the BGWCD Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown. Friends may call on Tuesday evening from 7-9 PM at the Funeral Home. Contributions in his memory may be made to the VFW Post 2692, 199 South Ave., Mt. Holly, NJ 08060.

Tribute Wall



“ *William (Bill) A. Schmalbach*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *William (Bill) A. Schmalbach*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Jane Schmalbach, - Bill's Wife lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) A. Schmalbach*



Jane Schmalbach, - Bill's wife - July 09, 2014 at 05:38 PM



“ *Hi Bill, In a few minutes, 6:40 pm to be exact, it will be exactly 5 years since I held your hand while you took your last breath. I miss you every day. You were my best friend, my partner in crime, the love of my life. People say it gets better with time. It doesn't, you just learn how to live with that little gnawing pain that never seems to go away. I love you, Honey. I am looking forward to seeing you again, when it is my time. Until then, know that you are always in my heart. XOXOX*

Jane Schmalbach, Bill's wife - July 09, 2014 at 05:36 PM



“ Still miss you every day, My Baby. I will love you for eternity. I will see on the other side.##imported-begin##Jane Schmalbach##imported-end##

September 17, 2013 at 09:37 AM



“ Hi, My Baby! How I miss not hearing that from you. Almost 15 months and I still miss you every day!!##imported-begin##Jane##imported-end##

September 29, 2010 at 03:01 PM



“ May there be comfort in knowing friends are there; and they care and share your fond memories.

God Bless.

Bill and Natalie Lewis##imported-begin##Natalie Lewis##imported-end##

July 15, 2009 at 02:18 PM



“ It’s extremely hard to put into words what Bill has meant to me. He’s one of the first Veterans to greet me at the VFW, he’s been a loyal friend throughout the years. He’s very proud of his service for this great country of ours, served his country with utmost loyalty and never claimed to be a Hero.

When he had nothing to give but his hand in friendship, he bought his friends a token of friendship, a Zippo lighter, inscribed on each of our Zippos were our initials and the words “Welcome Home Brother” and the U.S. Army emblem. When I told him I wasn’t deserving of this because I wasn’t in Vietnam but another war, he told me we are all Veterans and we are all Brothers. All of us that received this token of solidarity had a tear come to our eyes knowing this was from his heart with nothing expected in return.

I would also like to thank you for remaining our Chaplain when I was Commander of the VFW, you kept things straight and in order, you’ve always represented the VFW extremely well at functions and events. I was always proud to be anywhere with you. It was indeed an honor to have you serving with me for the good of the Post. It is truly an honor to have been on a team with someone that has the “Good of the Post” in mind and no self-serving agendas.

From my heart to you Bill, you are my Hero, my Best Friend, my Comrade and my Brother. God be with you Bill and thank you.

Jane you are a Saint, you have stuck by Bill and showed you are a True Love and Soul Mate. We will always be there for you, our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time and forever.##imported-begin##Rick Farrell##imported-end##

July 14, 2009 at 02:24 PM



“ TO A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND I WILL MISS YOU ALOT REST IN PEACE##imported-begin##cathy silvers##imported-end##

July 14, 2009 at 01:12 PM



“ *Bill was such a very good friend to us. He always greeted us with a huge smile and "how you kids doing?" Bill, we will never forget you and you will always, always be in our hearts! Rest in Peace friend. We love you! Lady Jane you are in our prayers and thoughts. He loved you very much! If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know.*

Love Always,

Rick and Kim##imported-begin##Rick and Kim##imported-end##

July 14, 2009 at 12:51 PM



“ We did not know Bill; however, being veterans, we wanted to tell you we are sorry for your loss of your Husband/Father/Best Friend. We are sending this poem to help ease your grief.
"Final Roll Call

*Did you hear the sad news today?
A brave American Soldier, Bill Schmalbach has passed away.
Called by the Supreme Commander over all.
Today he has made his final roll call.*

*Come Brothers-In-Arms; let us reverently bow and pray
For our valiant comrade, who has fallen this day.
We'll drape his casket with a banner of beautiful hues,
Those glorious American colors: red, white and blue.*

*That star spangled banner he gallantly fought to defend,
Unyielding and undaunted, he fought to win.
He fought bravely and he fought his very best.
Now the Supreme Commander grants him, "eternal rest".*

*With dignity and honor, we'll commit his body to the ground,
The bugler will sound "Taps" and we'll fire the volley rounds.
The final military honors we'll render somberly and ever so sadly;
"Old Glory" we'll solemnly precisely fold and reverently give to his family.*

*Each Memorial Day we will recall Bill's name,
And attest that his supreme sacrifice was not in vain;
For this lasting legacy he gave to all generations;
"It's honorable to respect our flag and to defend our great nation."*

*So close ranks fellow warriors, for our ranks are thinning.
We must keep on fighting and keep on winning.
With pride and honor we'll march and stand tall,
And we'll proudly - proudly - salute "Old Glory"
'til we join Bill at our final roll call.*

Farewell William Schmalbach- Be At Ease; Rest In Peace##imported-begin##Chester & Ginger##imported-end##

July 12, 2009 at 10:15 PM



“ I love you, Baby. I will miss you every day.##imported-begin##Jane##imported-end##

July 12, 2009 at 10:13 PM



“ Bill put up a long hard fight and actually when we saw him at the Surprise BD party, we thought WOW, he finally is on his way to recovery. The memory of you 2 dancing and that Hugh smile on his face will linger with us always! We will miss his smiling face! Our thoughts and prayers go out to Janie and the family! God Bless!##imported-begin##Donna and Bob Mucciarelli##imported-end##

July 12, 2009 at 10:07 AM



“ May you rest in peace, Uncle Bill.##imported-begin##Lisa Czepiel##imported-end##

July 11, 2009 at 11:48 AM