



Billie Wayne Slayton

September 2, 1941 - October 6, 2020

Billie Wayne Slayton, age 79, passed away at his home in Elkton, Tennessee, peacefully on Tuesday, October 6th, 2020. He was born in Elkton on September 2, 1941. Mr. Slayton was a farmer, business owner and retired from the United States Air Force. Mr. Slayton left Elkton at 18 years old to join the USAF and his career took him all over the world. While in the USAF he served in Vietnam where he was decorated with a Silver Star and a Bronze Star, with a device for Valor. He was a member of the USAF Combat Control Team and had the distinguished honor of being inducted into the CCT Hall of Fame. He was the owner of S&V Manufacturing in Prospect and a plant manager at Stanley Tools. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Park College and his Master's Degree from Webster University. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He loved to farm and watch his children and grandchildren ride horses and was an avid Tennessee Vols football fan. He was preceded in death by his father, Deputy Sherriff Hub Slayton and his mother, Sue Slayton. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Valerie Slayton. His loving family, daughter Sandy Slayton-Mavrotheris and husband Micah, sons Jeffery Slayton and wife Melanie, and Greg Slayton and wife Jenny all of Elkton, Tennessee. Four grandchildren, Sarah Slayton of Centerville, Tennessee, Hub Slayton of Huntsville, Alabama, Joshua Slayton of Spring Hill, Tennessee, and Nick Mavrotheris of Elkton, Tennessee. One step-granddaughter, Crysta Nilsson, of Memphis Tennessee. Sister, Angeline Mathis and husband Jere of Fayetteville, Georgia and sister Debi Erwin of

Georgia. Many nieces, nephews and dear cousins also survive.

Visitation will be held at Bennett May & Pierce Funeral Home in Pulaski, Tennessee. Visitation will be on Thursday, October 8th from 11:00am -2:00pm and service will be held at 2:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial with full military honors will be held following the funeral at Elkton Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Elkton Cemetery

Elkton, TN

Tribute Wall

BF

“ *Billie was the NCOIC on the Mildenhall team in the early seventies, where it was my honor to serve with him. He was without a doubt one of the finest NCOs it has been my pleasure to know. Dedicated is an often overused word, but not in the case of Billie. His dedication to the mission was resolute and without compromise. A less used word is integrity, and Billie had more of that quality that most men: he could always be counted on to do the right thing. A natural leader, he was an inspiration and example to us all. The CCT Brotherhood has suffered a tragic loss --- we will not see his equal.*

It is with a heavy heart that I write these words.

Bob Farmer

Bob Farmer - October 13, 2020 at 05:02 AM

AY

“ *Andrew Y. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Billie Wayne Slayton.*



Andrew Y. - October 09, 2020 at 10:53 AM



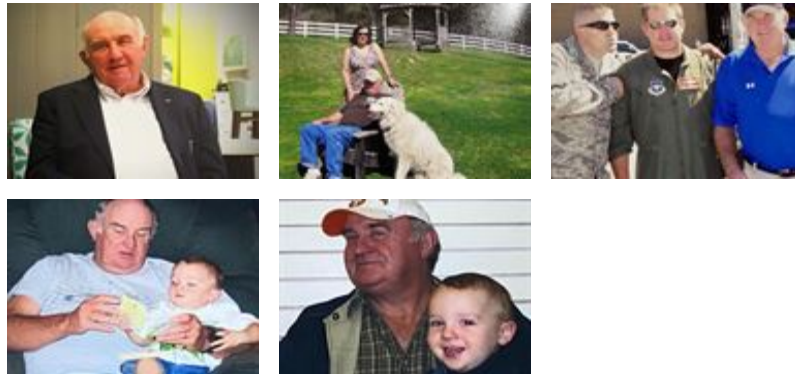
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Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - October 08, 2020 at 12:03 PM



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Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - October 08, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ *I did not know Mr. Slayton long, but oh my, what a bright light he was in my life! He was so loved and will be so missed. I am beyond grateful and very proud to have had the honor of knowing him. A true hero and a blessing to all those who knew him. I will miss you terribly, Goose. Rest easy. ❤️*

Mary Bostwick - October 08, 2020 at 12:40 AM

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Mary E (Libby) Moyer - October 07, 2020 at 03:19 PM

WN

Billie was a great combat controller and man. He was a mentor and friend to me personally. Val was an awesome mate and together they raised three awesome children. When my family moved to Scott AFB I didn't have enough money to stay in a hotel with my wife and three children. Billie and Val gave us place in their house until we could something while closing on a house. Not only did I get to meet Val, but also Sandy, Jeff and Greg. It was great to see them at Billie's CCT Hall of Fame induction. Rest In Peace my friend. Sincere condolences to the entire Slayton family.

Wayne Norrad - October 07, 2020 at 07:20 PM

JL

“ *Billy, you are my friend. My mentor. My teammate and brother. I will not forget the times we spent together, both at Sewart and in Vietnam. You are an American hero. We have far too few to replace you. Save a spot for me, I will be along shortly.*

Jim Lundie - October 07, 2020 at 08:07 AM

CJ

Amen

Carl Pohrte Jr - October 07, 2020 at 09:38 AM

KT

“ *The family of the late William Gatlin. You have our deepest sympathy. Thoughts an prayers.*
Kathy Thomas NHC Pulaski, Tn.



Kathy thomas - October 06, 2020 at 11:59 PM

HF

“ *We are going to miss you. You started off being my boss but turned out to be more then that to me. You became like a father to me. You was always there for me when I needed you. You was there for a lot of ppl an they all loved you so very much. You are also going to be missed by many many ppl. You go an fly high in the sky..... R.I.P*
Wayne Slaton

Henry Pogue an family - October 06, 2020 at 07:50 PM

DJ

Just can't believe you are gone. You meant so much to me. You taught me so much. Treated me like your son. I will always remember you and all of our talks and laughs together. Lessons you taught me the hard way. I know you was always more than a boss to me you was a great friend. So many great memories with you. I still remember running over your foot with the tow motor and you said I guess I should have moved my foot. Going to miss you buddy.

Daniel Johnson - October 06, 2020 at 09:38 PM