



Billy Dean Quinton Sr.

November 14, 1934 - February 19, 2025

Chief Warrant Officer W-2 Billy Dean Quinton, Sr., US Army (Ret) was called home to be with Jesus on February 19, 2025, after 49 years of marriage to his beloved wife, JoAnn (Froom) Quinton. He leaves behind countless family and friends who mourn his loss, yet they take comfort in knowing that he is no longer in pain and is now in glory.

Billy was born to John C and Erene Quinton in Trion, GA on November 14, 1934. At the young age of fifteen, he enlisted in the Army and went on to serve on the frontlines of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. His twenty years of military service were among the proudest achievements of his life. Billy reached the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 2 and earned numerous commendations, including the Meritorious Service Medal and the Bronze Star Medal for his exceptional service during combat.

After retiring from the military, Billy didn't slow down. He relocated to Florida where he met and married JoAnn. While he only obtained minimal formal education due to his early entry into the Army, he was able to start and operate his own successful real estate appraisal business which he ran out of his home. He was also an active member of the Breakfast Optimist Club, serving as President and organizing years of charity fish-a-thons. His passion for fishing was infectious, and he loved sharing his joy with younger generations, encouraging them to find the same peace and excitement he did on the water. He also served as President of the 13th Engineers Korean War Veterans Association and took great pride in producing the monthly newsletter for the organization.

Billy lived life to the fullest. He had many hobbies including boating, fishing, photography, and collecting and shooting firearms. He was the life of any gathering, especially during his cherished times in the Keys, where he spent countless hours on his boat (Cotton Top), diving for lobster and fishing for Mahi. His infectious laughter, sense of adventure, and love of including his family and friends in his fishing trips and holiday traditions- like his legendary Christmas stockings- will never be forgotten. His generosity knew no bounds and he was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Billy will be deeply missed by his wife JoAnn, daughter Tara (Kris), sons Billy (Kay), Kurtis (Donell), and Dale, as well as his beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, and friends. While our hearts ache at his passing, we take great comfort in knowing that he is finally face to face with Jesus in heaven.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 4, at 11am at DeGusipe Funeral Home located at 3530 49th ST. N, St. Petersburg, FL with Dr. Chad Logan officiating.

The family will receive visitors from 10-11am at DeGusipe funeral home prior to the memorial service.

Guests are then invited to attend a military honors service at Bay Pines National Cemetery at 10000 Bay Pines Blvd, St. Petersburg, FL at 1:15pm.

The day will conclude with a celebration of life at War Veterans National Park at 9600 Bay Pines Blvd, St. Petersburg, FL, Shelters #4 and 5.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory (Formerly R. Lee Williams & Son) - St. Petersburg Chapel
3530 49th Street N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
<http://DeGusipe.com>

Memorial Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory (Formerly R. Lee Williams & Son) - St. Petersburg Chapel
3530 49th Street N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
<http://DeGusipe.com>

Military Honors

APR 4. 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Bay Pines National Cemetery
10000 Bay Pines Blvd
St. Petersburg , FL 33708

Celebration of Life- Following Service

APR 4. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

War Veterans National Park
9600 Bay Pines Blvd
Saint Petersburg
Saint Petersburg, FL 33708
capry@degusipe.com

Shelters #4 and #5

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“ —The St. Mark Village Therapy Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy Dean Quinton Sr..



—The St. Mark Village Therapy Team - April 02, 2025 at 10:20 PM

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“ Coach Bill was one of a kind, his great coaching style and his quick will And kind and generous spirit were phenomenal Al . He brought together a group of girls and not only taught them softball skills but life's skills as well The formative years his players had transferred into their adult lives and now they are padding on his coaching skills to their kids what a truly honorable thing to be remembered for ! Not only was Bill great with the team but he always encouraged us parents to be kind supportive and encouraging to every girl on the team not only our own and I can spark for all of his players and players parents we are truly blessed to have had Cia h Bill in all of our lives ❤️❤️❤️: 1:: 1:: 1:Fly high, fish, laugh and joke with all the other great angels in Gods great heaven 😊😊😊😊 Till we all meet again Live Live and Laugh and FISH

Lujean Betz - March 16, 2025 at 08:07 PM