



Bill Early

October 24, 1927 - April 18, 2020

William Archie Early age 92 of Dayton passed away at Rhea Medical Center early Saturday morning, April 18, 2020. Bill was born in Chattanooga on October 24, 1927 the son of the late Charlie and Grizzie (Blankenship) Early. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Kenneth Early and Wayne Early and his loving aunt Ella Mae and uncle Wheeler who helped raise him and his brothers after the death of their mother.

Bill was a graduate of Central High School, class of 1944. Shortly thereafter he enlisted with the US Navy where he served as a Seaman 1st Class during WWII, serving in the South Pacific. He retired as a cable technician after many years with South Central Bell. After his retirement Bill enjoyed going to the beach, being with his family and farming.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years Mary Ruth (Cureton) Early of Dayton, his daughter, Donna (Todd) Locklear of Dayton, three sons, Steve (Pam) Early of Ooltewah, Greg (Barbara) Early of Knoxville and Jeff (Tina) Early of Danville, VA. Bill is also survived by his six grandchildren, Jake Locklear, Laura Locklear, Beth Early, Spencer Early, Kirstin Early and Bradley Early.

Family funeral services with military honors will be held Tuesday afternoon, April 21, 2020 in the funeral home chapel with Jimmy Potter officiating. He will be laid to rest Wednesday afternoon at the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Please share your memories of Bill on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends in a drive through visitation Tuesday evening from 5:00pm until 7:00pm.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Drive Through Visitation

APR **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Tribute Wall

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Barry Cooper - April 21, 2020 at 09:30 PM

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Barry Cooper - April 21, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Early.



April 21, 2020 at 08:23 PM

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“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Barry Cooper - April 21, 2020 at 08:13 PM

DC

“ *Bill and our Dad, Allen Wheeler, grew up together and were like brothers. He was always like an Uncle to us more than a cousin. He had a great sense of humor and will be truly missed until we meet again.*

The Wheeler gang

Dottie Cantrell - April 21, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bill Early.*



April 20, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bill Early.*



April 20, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *Lisa Garrison McClellan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bill Early.*



Lisa Garrison McClellan - April 20, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss! Keeping the family in my prayers!*

Lisa Garrison McClellan - April 20, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Information Technology Department purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Bill Early.*



Information Technology Department - April 20, 2020 at 08:45 AM

TI

“ Praying for peace and strength during this this time of grief for your family.

Tina & Randy Wilkes

Tina - April 20, 2020 at 06:06 AM

MC

“ I enjoyed staying with you and Mrs.Early and taking care of you. We had a lot of good days together. You sure will be missed. Fly high with the Angels until we meet again.

Mary Crowe - April 19, 2020 at 09:47 PM

KM

“ I had the great honor of taking care of you in the last few months(home health)You will be miss.Fly high Bill.



Kristy Morgan(Kris) - April 19, 2020 at 09:30 PM

PD

“ PCS - Maintenance Department purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bill Early.



PCS - Maintenance Department - April 19, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Early.



April 19, 2020 at 04:19 PM



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Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - April 19, 2020 at 01:47 PM