



## Grover "Bill" Wilson Walton Jr.

April 16, 1938 - March 7, 2021

Silver Star recipient, retired USMC Master Sergeant Grover "Bill" W. Walton, Jr., age 82, of 6391 South Boston Hwy, Sutherlin, Virginia went to be with his Lord and Savior on March 7, 2021. He was born on April 16, 1938 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia to Grover Wilson Walton, Sr. and Pricie Lewis Walton Whitt who predeceased him in 1996 and 2015 respectively. He was married to the late Dorothy "Dottie" Walton on August 12, 1976, who predeceased him on May 6, 2011.

Mr. Walton leaves behind one living brother, Wade W. Walton Sr. and four living sisters: Inez W. Morgan (Ricky), Linda W. Jones (Jerry), Brenda W. Cosner (David), and Margaret McIvor (Terrence). He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents who predeceased him, Mr. Walton had one sister, Diane W. Hamlett who passed on December 6, 2013, and one brother, Earl "Butch" Walton who passed on October 30, 2017. He also leaves behind his friend, Wendy Wilkins.

Mr. Walton enlisted in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in December 1955 and retired from the USMC on October 1, 1975 with the rank of Master Sergeant E-8. He served two tours in Vietnam during which time he received a gunshot wound to his left chest on December 10, 1965 during "Operation Harvest Moon." During Mr. Walton's 20-year service with the Marine Corps, he has earned a Silver Star Medal, two Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, Vietnam

Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Cross of Gallantry, Good Conduct Medal, and Meritorious Mast.

After Mr. Walton's retirement from the Marine Corps, he worked several jobs in Florida as a welder before moving back to Virginia. He retired as a correctional officer from the Virginia Department of Corrections at Green Rock Correctional Center in Chatham, Virginia.

The family will receive friends at his sister's home, Brenda Cosner at 4706 South Boston Hwy, Ringgold, Virginia on Thursday, March 11, 2021 from 4:00-6 :00 PM. Memorial services will be held at Glen Hill Baptist Church, 1126 Mountain Hill Road, Ringgold, Virginia on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 4:00 PM, with Pastor Barry Solomon officiating.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Walton family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 12. 4:00 PM (ET)

Glenn Hill Baptist Church  
1126 Mountian Hill Road  
Ringgold, VA 24586

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gunny Walton was our Drill Instructor in 1970. He was a demanding but fair DI. He made Marines out of a group of young kids. Semper Fi Gunny!* ”

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**Robert Manz** - May 20, 2025 at 06:15 PM

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“ *Christmas 2020 love you Bill* ”



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**Wendy Wilkins** - March 12, 2021 at 12:05 PM

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“ *Bill thank you for the years you took care of me you where such a special man I love you Bill you are gone but never will be FORGOTTEN I LOVE YOU BILL* ”

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**Wendy Wilkins** - March 12, 2021 at 12:01 PM

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*Bill was a very good man everytime I would come in town to visit him and mom me and him would always conversate about how work was or how we was always ready to go fishing or talking about the ball game on tv he was a very good friend/hero to talk to Bill your gone but never forgotten with love Russell*

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**Russell Reynolds** - March 12, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ *You may be gone Bill but you will never be forgotten your smile would light up a room. We love and miss you. Love your favorite red head*

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**Tiffany Towler** - March 10, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Condolences to all of Mr. Walton's siblings and family.*



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**Juanita Irvine** - March 09, 2021 at 11:22 PM