



William (Bill) Roddy Buchanan

January 16, 1935 - April 29, 2022

William (Bill) Roddy Buchanan, age 87, of Bristol, Virginia, transitioned from this life to his heavenly home on Friday, April 29, 2022 at Bristol Regional Medical Center. He was born on January 16, 1935 to the late Reverend Richard O. and Virginia White Buchanan at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Bill grew up as a missionary kid “MK” when his parents served as Baptist home missionaries in Boyou Plaquemine, Sorrel and Pigeon, Louisiana, and Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. He went to different schools each year as they transitioned to different regions. In high school he was home schooled. In Bristol, he attended Mary Street and Robert E. Lee Schools, and the family went to the field as missionaries of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.

In 1954 he moved back to Bristol and soon married the love of his life, Peggy Simmons, who was married on May 27, 1955, and have been married for 66, nearly 67 years. Other than a few short years Bristol has been their home. His grandson, Andrew, called him “Boo boo” a name he will forever be remembered by all the family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Preston Paul Buchanan, his sister-in-law, Patricia Yap Buchanan, and a wonderful family of grandparents, aunts and uncles that he loved very much.

Bill was employed at Raytheon until he started Buchanan Machine Company in 1972 which he operated until he retired in 1999. He was a skilled machinist and could build or repair anything, it seemed. He was a licensed pilot and patented several prototype Gyrocopters that were flown out of the Virginia Highlands Airport. His retirement project was constructing a 26’ custom-made diesel boat and trailer that could sleep four. Many will remember this “tugboat” that he kept at Davis Boat Dock on Boone Lake for many years.

He accepted Christ as his Savior as a child and was baptized in May 1944 in Bayou Sorrel in Louisiana. He lived his life serving Christ and others. He was a very quiet man but could be seen behind the scenes driving the Children’s Good News Chapel on Wheels in the

Christmas parades, or he and Peggy delivering devotionals to the retirement communities for 50 years. He has attended Virginia Avenue Baptist Church for over 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; three sons, William R, Buchanan, Jr., Tim Buchanan (Susan), and Ben Buchanan; two grandchildren, Andrew Buchanan (Skylar), and Allison Buchanan, whom he loved very much; his big brother, Richard Oliver Buchanan Jr., of Honolulu, Hawaii; niece, Patricia "Patty" (Darrel) Takebayaski; as well as Peggy's niece Teresa Strock, Sharon Dixon, and other nephews and extended family.

The graveside will be conducted at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, May 1, 2022 at Mountain View Cemetery with Reverend Mike Tyson officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Andrew Buchanan (his grandson), John Dixon, Orion Fleenor, Allen King, Benny Wright, Jerry Strock, Charlie Harris, and Dr. Thomas Green, Jr.

The family would like to thank the BRMC ER Department and the staff on 3-East & 2-West for their excellent care, as well as his primary care doctor and staff at Dr's Green, PC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, 1401 Virginia Avenue, Bristol, TN 37620, or to the Christian charity of your choice. Also, it would be a great remembrance by "paying it forward" or taking care of someone in need.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at akardfuneralhome.com

Akard Funeral Home, (423) 989-4800 is honored to be serving the Buchanan family

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

1019 E. Valley Dr.
Bristol, VA 24201

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ I always admired Bill. He was a hard worker and had a good countenance. He was the kind of person that gave me a friendly greeting anytime we happened to see each other. He made the world a better place. I would visit him at his shop when I was younger. I still carry several things he told me in my mind and heart.

James (Jay) Richardson - May 04 at 02:39 PM

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“ Tim, and family, in this time of bittersweet grief, I pray our LORD's grace and strength be upon you. What precious memories you have of a life well-lived to the glory of our blessed LORD. :Love and heartfelt understanding. Yvonne Martin
"The memory of the just is blessed.." Prov. 10:7

Yvonne Martin - May 03 at 12:57 PM

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“ We are very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We are praying for your sweet family.

Robert Tapscott - May 02 at 03:32 PM

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“ Barbara Ringley lit a candle in memory of William (Bill)
Roddy Buchanan



Barbara Ringley - May 02 at 12:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of
William (Bill) Roddy Buchanan.



April 29 at 04:24 PM