



William B. Winder

December 26, 2016

William B. Winder, (aka Cowboy) 70, of Lancaster, went to be with Jesus on Monday, December 26, 2016 after a lengthy illness at home surrounded by his family.

William worked and retired from Pennsylvania Power and Light after 34 years of service. He was a Vietnam Veteran who served in the U.S. Army with the 3/21st Infantry Battalion.

Born in Miami, FL and resided over fifty years in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Eddie and Bertha (Tollar) Winder. A Christian, William was an active member of Bright Side Baptist Church, Lancaster, where he was a member of BBCC and the Men's choir and driver for the Opportunity Centers after school program where he also helped the young boys attending build model cars. He also assisted with the maintenance of the church and Opportunity center's vehicles. William aka Cowboy was an avid motorcycle rider and Vice President of the Highway Cruisers motorcycle club of Lancaster. He enjoyed working on vehicles, fishing and spending time with family and friends.

Also surviving are five children; William J. Winder, Sr. married to Lisa of Lancaster, James E. Winder, married to Jamie of Virginia, Sherly A. Winder, of Virginia, Joseph B. Winder, of Lancaster, Giannia M. Reid of Georgia; Twelve grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister; Margaret Thomas of

Florida, and a host of family, friends, nieces and nephews and longtime companion Bertha Woodard of Lancaster. He was also preceded in death by two brothers; Joe C and Eddie Winder.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend William's Celebration of Life Funeral Service on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Bright Side Baptist Church, 515 Hershey Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603. The family will receive friends at the church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be held in the Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery where the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard will perform Military Services.

He was devoted to his children, family, friends and the church and will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in William's name to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Cemetery Details

Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery

Lincoln Hwy East
Greenfield Road
Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bright Side Baptist Church
515 Hershey Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *William B. Winder*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I believe i served in the army with "Willie"., in the 196 LIB. I just suddenly had a few thoughts and memories of him today. May He Rest in Peace.*

Bob Tominey - January 09, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *Uncle William you will be terribly missed. Thank you for all the good times and fun when you would visit us. You can now ride with the Angels. We love you always and we shall meet again someday.*



Michael and Gwen Morrison - January 02, 2017 at 08:25 PM



*MR. Winder (Cowboy) will truly be missed, I enjoyed talking with him when you saw him. Condolences to the family Will/ Lisa we share with you as you go through this transition in your families life. May God strengthen you for the journey. Love you much
Pastor and Minister Thaddeus Godwin Sr.*

Thaddeus Godwin - January 07, 2017 at 08:52 AM

MS

“ R.I.P. Cowboy Job well done it was certainly my pleasure Hanging & Riding with you for many years the memories will be shared amongs many I definitely will miss the laughter and wild stories lol God needed you more keep the shinny side up until we ride again some day my prayers & sincerest condolences to the family may God give you'll peace and and spiritual understanding of his work "Iceman" Buffalo Soldiers Cavalry Scouts of yrk Pa..



Michael Hardy sr - December 31, 2016 at 08:46 AM

JP

“ May God's gentle peace fill your heart and comfort your soul today and in the days to come.

With deepest sympathy!

Janet Petties & Family

Janet Petties - December 30, 2016 at 06:06 PM

FM

“ Bill, a Vietnam Vet that is in our Group Wed at the Out-Patient Clinic on Wednesday you will always be Honored by us guys. WE all felt a bit better after you gave us some positive feedback, you sure did know how to make a day a bit more sunny ! And You sure did live life to the fullest ! We will meet again down the trail again My Friend !

Frank Merchlinski - December 30, 2016 at 05:05 PM

JM

“ Bill, we will miss you. God rest your soul. From the guys at your VA Group.

John Mastromatteo - December 30, 2016 at 03:29 PM

SH

RIP William you still smiled and was a strong. Even in your last you said its in Gods hand. You will be missed.

Sandra Harrison - January 03, 2017 at 03:29 PM

MG

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Mark and Suzy George - December 30, 2016 at 03:17 PM

MG

“ Bill aka, Cowboy a wonder friend who will be missed. What a honor it was having Bill as a neighbor and friend. I would like to share some memories that both my husband and I have of Bill. Many times we would talk about a ride we were thinking of going on with our motorcycles. Our best memory was when us three went to Johnstown, PA in June of 2013 to Thunder in the Valley. Bill insisted to ride his motorcycle while we trailered our bikes and then we had Bill ride one of our Harley's and what a look on his face he had, a smile from ear to ear riding that Harley Davidson into the sunset as soon as we got to our hotel he told Mark... "wow what a ride! fast loud! oh boy" you can always here him talking about a riding. The ride to the Flight 93 memorial was what he really enjoyed. Having him over for some dinners was special talking about his children and friends. Another funny memory was when he called my husband and said, Hey Mark can you help me pick up my bike, I dropped it! when my husband walked over to his house there was the bike on top of him and you couldn't see him...another great memory is you hear Bill coming down the street in his motorcycle with his music roaring or you hear his Dodge Challenger RT, especially when he burned rubber in front of our house. I can always hear his voice say "al righty" how are you Mark and Sue. One last memory is when he took our Lab Max for a walk and talked about how the dog walked him! We are so proud of this friend of ours who always had a smile and was willing to help anyone out. Thank you for serving our country, thank you for the wonderful memories. You will truly be missed but never forgotten. The heavens have certainly gained a angel. Our deepest condolences to William, James, Shirley, Joseph and Giannia. With love Mark and Suzy George.



Mark and Suzy George - December 30, 2016 at 03:11 PM