



Billy Dean Gamble

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Bill passed away peacefully. He was surrounded by his wife, Suzanne, as well as his sons Richard, Matthew and granddaughter Alisha. Beloved by his family and friends, he was a man of high honor and respect.

Bill was born in Merigold, MS to parents Ora and Vera Gamble. He felt the calling to go into the military at an early age, enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. He was a proud Marine, attributing his success in life to his time in the military where he was selected to complete training that eventually led to his service as a NATO Instructor.

The military further led to his completing his BSEE with honors at Florida Institute of Technology. While taking a full load in college, he worked full time in the space program at Cape Canaveral as an engineer. He received commendations for his design expertise in the early days of the space program. One of his favorite projects was when NASA challenged him with the task of proving that a laser beam could be used as a transmission line between the spacecraft and ground control. This was no small task, and with the perseverance of his crew, he became a pioneer in proving that with the right equipment, the laser beam could be used as a transmission line.

After many years in the space program, he moved from engineering into computer management. He completed an MBA Study with Columbia University, leading to his work as Director of International Operations.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Suzanne. Children Deborah, Richard and

Matthew. Brother Jim and grandchildren Amanda, Tom, Alisha, Jackson, Julia and Noah. He is predeceased by his beloved mother, father and sister Norma. His dad had an 8th grade education, but in Bill's mind his dad could do anything! Even designing his own television in the 50s.

A funeral mass will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 9:00 am, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church followed by a breakfast reception at St. Enda Formation Center adjacent to the church. A private family interment will take place at a later date in Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Billy's name to St. Anastasia Catholic Church, <https://saccfl.org/> or Wounded Warrior Project, <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

will be appreciated.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAR 18. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Anastasia Catholic Church
5205 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Tribute Wall

HA

“ Suzanne, I just learned about Bill's passing now over a year ago, and sorry that we were not able to play remote on-line chess although we tried several times. As you know Bill and I worked together at DEC in the 70's and I was able to visit you two later in Atlanta in your beautiful home there. I will miss Bill and wish you the best. Henry Adleman

Henry Adleman - April 25, 2025 at 11:25 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to Suzanne and the family. Bill was such a good and funny man. He will be missed. Thanks to Bill for always caring about others.

Tony and Val D'Andrea - March 14, 2024 at 12:32 PM

SV

“ Bill was the sweetest, and, kind person I have ever known. He had a sense of humor I will never forget. Rest in peace my friend. Love and prayers to Suzanne and family!

Sue Vindigni - March 14, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ to whomever ..family members all...here's to Mr Gamble...raising another glass of Bourbon..safe and peaceful journey..kind gentleman.....

Laura Griffin - March 13, 2024 at 04:28 PM

MR

I enjoyed the times I did got to be with him, very kind man, he shall be missed

Mary Reiter - March 14, 2024 at 06:36 AM

SF

"Billy, always the dapper gentleman with a twinkle in his eye, sly smile & a wonderful wry sense of humor. So many special memories we have with Suzanne & Billy. He was loved, will be missed & always remembered..."

Stephanie and Dave Feith

Stephanie & Dave Feith - March 14, 2024 at 04:43 PM

KK

I'm just learning of this and my thoughts and prayers are with the family. He was my Uncle Bill for 29 years until my divorce. I will remember many reunions with him and his gentle and kind nature. Rest in Peace Uncle Bill and I'm sure you are having the best Family Reunion in Heaven.

Kelly S Kalapp - May 08, 2024 at 01:11 PM