



William "Bill" Hill

August 16, 1946 - January 10, 2025

Frankfort – William Fogg Hill, age 78, passed away on Friday, January 10, 2025. A Celebration of Life will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with Chaplain Bill Draper, Mr. Cliff Pike, and General Retired D. Allen Youngman officiating. Interment will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. Military Honors will be observed at the gravesite by the VFW Post 4075. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Bill was born in Frankfort on August 16, 1946, to the late Joseph Francis Hill and Judith Josephine Lawson Hill. He was a retired Sergeant Major from the United States Army with 25 years of service.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Kay Hill; daughter, Kris Hill Ward (Dan); and cousin, John Bridwell.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, J.D. Hill.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Bill's memory to the National Guard Association, Franklin County Humane Society, or a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-2403

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-4526
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

Celebration of Life

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Billy was a good friend and we shared many adventures. I'll miss that boy.*

CSM (R) Cleve Dobbins - January 22, 2025 at 10:43 AM

RL

“ *Kay,
Bill was a mentor of mine early on in my career with the National Guard. We worked many disaster operations and other state missions together. I always looked forward to working with him because of his compassion and attention to detail. It made long hours enjoyable. I knew he was always appreciative of my efforts. When I was told of my promotion to First Sergeant, I asked him to pin one of my diamonds on me. I still appreciate him taking the time to come and honor me that way. Good men in the military who take the time to mentor subordinates are far and few between. Bill was very good at it and his talents will be missed. There is one thing I never told Bill I wish I had. My grandfather served in WWII and passed before I joined the military. Bill always reminded me of him. The way he always guided without pushing was the way my grandfather always was with me. It made all those hours very enjoyable for me.*

Rodney Lawrence

Rodney Lawrence - January 22, 2025 at 09:12 AM

LM

“Sergeant Major Hill was a welcome sight, whenever I saw him he was kind and helpful. I worked 12 years for Military Affairs on the State side. During disaster activations in the EOC Building, Bill was a calming presence in the midst of chaos. If tempers or disagreements arose, he was the one to calm the storm and bring people back to the matters at hand. In later years, I was always glad to see him at J6 or walking past USPFPO.

He was always helpful and polite to ladies, as my coworkers in Accounting would comment, and we all praised his kindness. When my long purse strap was tangled in the front doors one morning, SGM Hill not only helped me at the door but carried the bulky box I had back to Accounting. Other times when I was going upstairs to deliver paperwork from BG Barker’s office, he’d be on his way up to TAG’s office, and saved me the trip. He was truly a good man, and there are many of us who miss him.

My most sincere condolences to all his family, may God comfort you.

Laura Malena - January 18, 2025 at 10:53 PM

JB

“Bill Hill was my cousin. He had a sharp wit and a strong sense of moral clarity. Especially in the last few years we shared many family and life stories. He was always willing to provide support to family and friends. He pushed through several tough times of his own including the early death of his son and his cancer treatments. He and Kay were a team of love and strength. God bless his life and his family.

John Bridwell - January 17, 2025 at 02:05 PM

TS

“ *Tammie Smith lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hill*



Tammie smith - January 16, 2025 at 09:47 AM

VY

“ *Kay -*

Especially hard to read this today.

Bill was one of those guys you are always happy to see, and you knew you would feel better just talking with him.

He helped me a great deal as I was adjusting to life in the Guard and seeing the two of you at all the social functions was just icing on the cake.

I will not be able to make the service next week, but I will be thinking of you and of better times.

God bless you and Bill.

*Semper Fidelis,
Vic Young*

Vic Young - January 16, 2025 at 05:20 AM

BS

“Sergeant Major Bill Hill was a true friend and someone you could count on 100% of the time. Bill was dedicated to his family, his country, the Kentucky National Guard, and the Kentucky National Guard Association. Bill was a wonderful person with a keen sense of humor and someone to look up to. Bill was a delight to be around and will truly be missed by all.

This quote from John Quincy Adams embodies Bill's spirit: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." Thank you, Bill, for all your advice, laughs, and friendship. You are a true leader and friend and will be missed greatly by your Guard family.

May God grant peace and understanding to his wonderful wife, Kay, and to his family.

With deepest sympathy,

Bob Snyder

Bob Snyder - January 15, 2025 at 06:17 PM

JB

“Sorry for your loss. Served with Bill in the CE division when I first got into the Guard. He was a great mentor and leader.

John Bench - January 15, 2025 at 05:56 PM