



Billy J. Wallace

September 22, 1929 - December 9, 2013

WALLACE, COL. BILLY J. "BILL" US AIR FORCE RETIRED

Age 84, a resident of Albuquerque, died peacefully Monday, December 9, 2013 at the VA hospital after a long and dedicated life to his family and country. He was born in Eola, TX and graduated from Eola High School in 1949. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelors of Science in Entomology in 1953. He married Vern Nell Shield 60 years ago. His 28 and a half year military career included four command assignments. Col. Wallace served as Team Chief of an Inspector General team at Kirtland AFB, NM. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. He is survived by his beloved wife, Vern Nell Wallace of Albuquerque; sons, J. Shield Wallace and wife, Eva of Albuquerque, NM, B. Scott and wife, Patti, of Shreveport, LA, Michael C. Wallace of Albuquerque; grandchildren, Cameron and wife, Lindsey, Cory and wife, Rachael, Candice, Oran and Ciera; great grandchildren, Jaxon, Cooper, Christiauna, Isabella, Piper and Hudson. He was also survived by two brothers, H.G. Wallace Jr. and his wife, Raedell of Lubbock, TX and Jack Wallace and his wife, Marie of Anaheim Hills, CA and several nieces and nephews. Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Hiram Gideon and Mary Eva Wallace. Col. Wallace was a longtime member of St. Stephens United Methodist Church. He was a dedicated Christian and served the church in many capacities. Friends may visit Tuesday, December

17, 2013, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at FRENCH – Lomas. Memorial Services will be held Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephens United Methodist Church, 4601 Juan Tabo NE, with Pastor Russell Lee officiating. Interment will follow at Santa Fe National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund at St. Stephens United Methodist Church or the American Diabetes Association or your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.
NM 87504

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Lomas)
10500 Lomas Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112
(505) 275-3500
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

Memorial Service

DEC 18. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church
4601 Juan Tabo NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

Tribute Wall

VM

“ Vicki and Greg McGill remember the fabulous time we had as neighbors of you and Bill out in North Albuquerque Acres. In particular, when our neighborhood association needed a place to have our annual meeting, you and Bill were so generous with your time and home. The roast pig was a tremendous success, and the strong sense of community that you both exhibited was an inspiration. When we returned to Albuquerque in 1999, there you were, still active in the church and welcoming us by name as though we had never been away.

We were saddened to hear of Bill's declining health, and regret we did not have a chance to see him again when we returned to Albuquerque for a third time this past September.

We will pray for your family, and look forward, once again, to seeing you in church, as though we had never parted.

Vicki and Greg McGill - December 19, 2013 at 08:10 PM

JM

“ Dear Vern Nell. We are so sad to hear of your loss. I don't know how many times we were tempted to stop by and see you and Bill in the last few years and never quite made it. We all thought the world of your husband. His deep sense of commitment to his family, the Air Force and our country was evident throughout all the time I had the privilege of working with him at the Inspections Directorate, Defense Nuclear Agency, here Kirtland Air Force Base. There is a special place in heaven for a wonderful man like this. We hope you can find peace with that knowledge. Our best to you and your family.

Jim and Alice Mercer, Albuquerque.

Jim & Alice Mercer - December 17, 2013 at 10:39 AM

MH

“ *Seeing Billy Joe's photo brought tears to my eyes. I can remember when he would come to stay with us in San Angelo and then hitch hike back to A&M. He was a wonderfully sweet, quiet man, with the biggest heart. Our hearts and prayers are with Vern Nell, Shield, Scott, Michael and their families. We love you. Uncle G, Aunt Raedell and Marilyn*

Marilyn Hamner - December 16, 2013 at 09:23 AM

RS

“ *On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.*

Richard Stewart - December 12, 2013 at 10:33 AM