



## William "Bill" Middleton, Jr.

May 24, 1940 - October 21, 2022

Funeral service for William "Bill" Middleton, Jr. age 82 of Enid, will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home, with Pastor Dwayne Schroeder officiating. Burial will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 27, 2022 in Sunset Memorial Gardens Lawton, OK under the direction of Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home. Visitation with the family will be Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 at the funeral home.

Bill Middleton, Jr. was born on May 24, 1940, in Vicksburg, Mississippi to Bert and Sara (Mozelle) Middleton and departed this world on October 21, 2022, in Enid, OK. Bill spent his early life in Mississippi with his parents and seven siblings. After graduating from Carr Central High School, Bill entered the U.S. Naval Academy and upon returning from training, he married his lifelong friend Laura Elizabeth "Betty" McIntyre and built their home with three loving children. They traveled the world, including spending time in Germany, during his 20+ years of combined military service in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army. After retiring from the U.S. Army as a Sergeant First Class, Bill planted roots in Lawton, OK. He was passionate about the Lion's Club mission. He was especially passionate about the Boys Ranch Meadows of Hope project. Bill was also a proud grandpa to his three granddaughters and attended their events between his Lions Pin Trading International Club travels. After suffering the loss of his beloved first wife in 1997, Bill was lucky enough to find love again with Yolanda Martin. They married in 2004 where they built their

home in Enid, OK and continued to be active in their family endeavors, the North Enid Lions Club, and traveling throughout the US. Bill also maintained memberships to the National Rifle Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, past District Governor Lions Club 1993-1994, Past Director of Lion Pin Trading International 2006-2008 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Progressive William A. Smith Fellow, and past President of Lawton Noon Lions Club.

Bill was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Middleton and his parents Bert and Sara Middleton.

He is survived by his wife of the home, Yolanda Martin Middleton. Additionally, his two sons William "Red" Middleton of Lawton, OK, Brian Middleton of Lawton, OK, and daughter Donna Bone of Louisville, KY. His siblings: John R. Middleton of Vicksburg, MS, Thomas F. Middleton of Vicksburg, MS, Dean Middleton, of Amory, MS, sisters Jean Cuevas, of Vicksburg, MS, Carol Simpson of Vicksburg, MS, Patty Beard, of Memphis, TN, and Sarah Ann Burton, of Ohio. Bill's granddaughters Ashleigh Spencer, Victoria Rogers, and Amberlee Middleton and three great-grandchildren: Madison Hunter, Thomas W. Spencer, and William B. Spencer.

Memorials may be made through Anderson-Burriss to the Oklahoma Lions Club and/or the Boys Ranch Meadows of Hope.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

Lawton, OK

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

OCT **25**. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home  
Enid, OK

## Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel  
3002 N. Van Buren  
Enid, OK 73703  
<http://www.andersonburriss.com>

## Graveside

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Gardens  
8700 NW Cache Rd.  
Lawton, OK 73505

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Brian, I am so sorry to hear of your dads passing. My thoughts are with you and your family. With deepest sympathy Maggie Bibbs*



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**Margot Bibbs** - October 29, 2022 at 04:18 AM

LH

“ *Bill is my next-door neighbor for the last six years. Bill and I have shared many reminiscent times over being with the military in Germany and overseas. He was always so gracious and kind to me. A real gentleman with his jaunty hat. He will be missed.*

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**Lucinda Hawkes** - October 26, 2022 at 02:38 PM

AH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Anderson-Burris Funeral Home** - October 26, 2022 at 11:26 AM

BT

“ *Red, sorry to hear about your dad. You are in my prayers.*  
*Betty Taylor*

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**Betty Taylor** - October 26, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Middleton, Jr..*



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October 25, 2022 at 04:44 PM



“ *PDG Bill Middleton was a true Lion by every definition for LCI. Many, many fond memories of him and PCC Yolanda from my very first days at Lions of Oklahoma. Most sorry did not get to reconnect with him since I am now in Enid. My sincere condolences to Yolanda and all of Bill's family/friends.*

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**Dawn Miller** - October 25, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Bradley Middleton lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Middleton, Jr.*



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**Bradley Middleton** - October 25, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Middleton, Jr..*



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October 24, 2022 at 03:29 PM

JC

“ Jean and Joe Cuevas purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of William "Bill" Middleton, Jr..



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**Jean and Joe Cuevas** - October 24, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Middleton, Jr..



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October 24, 2022 at 12:38 PM

LF

“ So sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Love sent from your friends at RB.

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**Lori Forbes** - October 24, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Middleton, Jr..



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October 24, 2022 at 11:41 AM

PF

“ *Patty Beard, Carole Simpson and families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of William "Bill" Middleton, Jr..*



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**Patty Beard, Carole Simpson and families** - October 24, 2022  
at 10:55 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Middleton, Jr..*



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October 23, 2022 at 09:21 PM