



Bill Laughlin

July 25, 1921 - May 29, 2012

William Wayne (Bill) Laughlin of Lubbock, died May 29, 2012 after a lengthy illness. He was born in White City, TX on July 25, 1921 to Worley B. and Ida (Oldham) Laughlin.

He graduated from Lometa High School and joined the Marine Corps in February 1941, 10 months before Pearl Harbor. He served in the South Pacific on many islands most notably Iwo Jima. After the war, he attended Daniel Baker College and married Laura Elizabeth Kirby from Goldthwaite, TX. They were members of the Church of Christ in various towns. One son, Joe Wayne Laughlin was born to them in San Saba, TX.

Bill worked for Southern Pacific and Convoir and finally for El Paso Natural Gas as a measurement engineer for 28 years. He retired in 1980 and he and Liz made their permanent home in Del Rio, TX. Liz preceded him in death in February 1985. He is also preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Jack and Charles Laughlin.

Bill married Pat (Packard) on September 12, 1986 at First United Methodist Church Lubbock. They made their home in both Del Rio and Lubbock for a time, finally settling in Lubbock.

Bill is survived by his wife, Pat; son, Joe Wayne Laughlin who was also a marine and served in the Vietnam War; granddaughter, Lesley Renee Merki and husband Don of Denton, TX; grandson, Lt. Col. Bruce Wayne Laughlin USMC, currently stationed in Pakistan, and his wife, Whitney of Encinitas, CA; and two great grandchildren, Everst and Sam Merki of Denton, TX.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 31, 2012 at Sanders Memorial Chapel with Dr. Ken Horn officiating. Graveside services with military honors will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday at Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery in Goldthwaite, TX.

Family will receive friends at Sanders Funeral Home on Wednesday, from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Memorials can be made to your favorite charity in Bill's honor

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The members of Greater Lubbock Chapter of Military Officers Association of America salute Bill Laughlin. We admire and respect him for his valiant military service for our country.*

David Cummins

LTC JAGC-USA ret.

COL 4th Cavalry Regiment, U.S. Army (Memorial Association)

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