



## William D. "Billy" Bryan

March 18, 1947 - August 17, 2017

William D. "Billy" Bryan, Jr., 70 of Bonita Springs, FL died Thursday, August 17, 2017 at his residence. He was born March 18, 1947 in Kingstree, SC a son of the late William D. Bryan, Sr. and Wilma Carter Bryan.

In August of 1958, Billy moved from Kingstree, SC to Naples, FL with his family. He graduated from Naples High School in 1965 and then attended Edison Community College. Billy served his country, as a veteran in the US Navy. After serving his country he later attended FIU and earned a bachelors degree in 1974. Billy was an employee of Collier County, working as a history teacher and baseball coach for Lely High School. He also worked for Brackett's Lawn Spraying and then retired in 2010 from the Collier County Museum. In his spare time, Billy enjoyed participating in military reenactments (1985-2011), attending Naples High Football games and was an avid fan, always loving to root for FSU Football.

Billy was also an active member of New Life Church, in Bonita Springs, where he had sang in the choir.

Surviving is his wife Linda Ur Bryan; children - Emily Coats, William D. Bryan, III and Thomas (Stephanie) Bryan, all of Naples, FL; step children - Eugene (Angela) Ur of Bonita Springs, FL and Bobby (Valerie) Ur of Live Oak, FL. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and his brother Carter

(Molly) Bryan of Naples, FL and numerous nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Billy was preceded in death by his wife Sue Ann Bryan.

A memorial service will be celebrated Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at New Life Church, 3971 Via Del Rey, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to New Life Church, 3971 Via Del Rey, Bonita Springs, FL 34134 or Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Online condolences may be left by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home and Crematory, family owned and operated since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Life Church  
3971 Via Del Rey  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to his family*



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**Carson Loveless** - September 05, 2024 at 09:53 PM



“ *William D. "Billy" Bryan*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *God Bless and Thank YOU, Billy for your service in The United States Navy.... RIP .... And Semper Fi.*



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**Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC** - August 28, 2017 at 08:52 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Billy's passing. Have fond memories of Billy being a football star at Naples High.*

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**Cecilia Clark Del Prado** - August 23, 2017 at 03:00 PM

SM

“ Dear Linda so sorry to hear of Billy's passing, may God bless and give you comfort at this time, and knowing that Billy is now with the Lord is so comforting. He was a very kind and sweet man. Doug and Sandy MacLeod

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**Sandra MacLeod** - August 23, 2017 at 08:07 AM

JC

“ i met Billy 32 yrs ago we were killed on every battlefield together in Alabama Georgia and Florida and from 1835 to 1945 we were the old men in the unit but all those kids knew we knew what we were doing i will always miss you buddy hold the place in the ranks next to you open so i can fall in when i get there love you and miss you Jim

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**jim clark** - August 22, 2017 at 08:09 PM

JR

“ Billy was my brother-in-law. Before his stroke when he and Linda came up here to visit he would tell my daughter Mary all about the civil war. He loved telling stories and I bet he is talking up a storm now. Personally, I will miss his back seat driving....I drove them up to Virginia and back. I don't think I could have made it without him!! Linda can attest to that. Seriously, I will miss him and the affections that he showed to his loved ones.

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**Joanne Richardson** - August 22, 2017 at 06:49 PM

LR

“ He was my teacher at Naples High School, learning & enjoy being in his class. He was a very nice, caring man, made history more interesting to me, took the time teaching it. R.I.P. Mr, Bryan

*Linda Royer (FRIES)*

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**Linda Royer** - August 22, 2017 at 05:45 PM

 Alan  
Lilley

“ So sorry for your loss. Billy was an inspiration to everyone he met. He left a lasting impression on me and my wife as we both had him at Lely. May we all meet again.

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Alan Lilley - August 22, 2017 at 05:07 PM

AM

“ I have so many wonderful memories of the Bryan family, Billy Sr., Wilma, Billy and Carter. When I arrived in Naples in 1963 they became my Naples Family. I spent many happy hours with them, especially around the fabulous southern dining table where we shared Billy's accomplishments. Billy was a great son to his parents, a wonderful student, a good sportsman, and was liked by all who knew him. He will be missed by his family and friends. I send my sincere sympathy to each one of his family members and will share in your grief of the passing of Billy. Even though he is gone he leaves behind many wonderful memories.

Anne Duyser Mikaliunas

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Anne Duyser Mikaliunas - August 22, 2017 at 12:38 PM

BR

“ So many great memories of the high school years and the Golden Eagles. Billy, most popular and most liked was an awesome classmate and teammate. Regrets that distances separated us but I can still see him carrying the ball and scoring a touchdown. Much love and warm thoughts to the entire family.

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buzz ritchie - August 22, 2017 at 10:33 AM