



Mr. William Max Hyler

June 30, 1944 - April 14, 2023

William Max Hyler, 78, born in Queens, New York and from Salem, SC passed away in his sleep on April 14, 2023 at Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home in Anderson, SC.

Bill served with honor in the United States Navy on the USS John C. Calhoun – SSBN-630 (1963-1970) as a Nuclear Reactor Operator. He was an Electronics Technician for the Federal Aviation Administration as well as a private pilot.

Bill's many interests included writing stories about his past, caring for his bird, Bubba, and riding around town in his '57 Chevrolet. Bill loved adventure and had many stories to tell. Also known by his friends as "Captain Guido", Bill would often share his stories of flying in the Caribbean islands (as a transport pilot for hire) as well as his time as an airtanker pilot extinguishing wildfires out West. Later in life Bill worked as a fire spotter in Walterboro, SC and maintained the runway lighting at the local airport. As life began to slow down, Bill enjoyed cooking, learning more about computers, and spending time with his "adopted" grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his father (Max Wilhelm Heiler), mother (Margaret Hyler), and sister Marilyn Stehno. He is survived by his cousin: James Pepka; and niece: Suzy Duval d'Adrian.

A graveside service will be held at the Whitmire Cemetery on Whitmire Rd, Salem, SC on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 1:00 PM. At Bill's request there will not be a viewing prior to the burial.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The Haven of Rest at www.havenofrest.cc/donate.

Davenport Funeral Home of West Union, SC will be handling the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Whitmire Cemetery

Whitmire Church Road
Salem, SC 29676

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PL

“ *Peggy Langdale lit a candle in memory of William Hyler*



Peggy Langdale - November 02, 2023 at 10:08 AM

PB

“ *1 file added to the album Bill Hyler photos*



Phil Brooks - June 17, 2023 at 06:40 PM

RT

“ *I worked with Bill on St. Croix, USVI. We were both pilots and did some flying together. We both lived in Government housing on the hill overlooking the airport on St. Croix. I was a controller in the tower there and Bill was one of the maintenance technicians. I did fly down to South Carolina and visited him sometime in the late 90's. Great guy to be around. I am so sad to here of his passing.*
Bob Trader

Robert D Trader - April 19, 2023 at 12:20 AM

PB

“ I was sorry to hear of his passing. We met through a friend when he was in St. Croix in the mid 1980s, and kept in touch over the years, up until he went into the hospital at the end. He was always ready with an answer to my VOR questions! I need to find the picture of the United Flight Attendant crew all wearing his "Guido Airways" t-shirts! I visited with him in quite a few places over the years, including Silver City, NM, Hazelton, PA, my home in Indianapolis, and a couple times in South Carolina. What an interesting life he led. Thank you for your service, Bill. it's ironic that that service is what killed you...

Phil Brooks - April 18, 2023 at 10:12 PM

BS

“ As a Southern Bell cable repairman, I worked with Bill several times on the FAA omni range facility on Piney Mountain in Westminster, sometimes in the dead of the night. He always had a good story to tell about some of his many experiences, and I loved to hear them. Sorry to hear of his passing. Bill Strickland Westminster SC.

Bill Strickland - April 15, 2023 at 06:30 PM

BB

“ Bill and I have been good friends for 52 years

Bruce Burrell - April 15, 2023 at 04:04 PM

DS

“ *Bill and his life stories will always be in my heart. The hours we all sit around a fire at our council house and laughed and talked for hours. He has gone to so many places, done so many exciting things and Bill could remember every little detail of what he was talking about. We also enjoyed going to car shows together. He loved that 57 Chevrolet and how important it was that he went with his father to pick it up brand new and he has kept it all these years. Bill will always be in our memory and I will miss my friend. At the end of our visit I always told him I loved him. We were kindred spirits!* ”



Diane Sheriff - April 15, 2023 at 08:18 AM