



## William A Bunker

July 9, 1922 - February 2, 2023

William A. "Bill" Bunker, age 100 of Peoria, passed away Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, at 10:50 a.m. at Proctor Place in Peoria.

He was born July 9, 1922, in Bremerton, WA to Alton and Ellamae (Bradley) Bunker. He married Barbara Johnson on March 11, 1951, in Vallejo, CA. She passed away on May 8, 2002 in Peoria. He later married Lorraine Gift on June 5, 2004, in Peoria and she passed away on Feb. 25, 2015. He was also preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Jackie Bunker, one son-in-law, Berwyn L. Ekena, and one step-daughter, Libby Rasmussen.

Survivors include four children (two sets of twins): Bradley (Linda) Bunker of Minneola, FL, Margaret Ekena of Washington, IL, Carolyn (Kevin) McConaghy of Pensacola, FL, Carl (Jody) Bunker of Washington, IL, three step-daughters: Deborah (Jim) Sullivan of Peoria, Dr. Lisa Krauter (Douglas) of Snohomish, WA, and Laurie (MaryBeth Roemheld) Gift of Madison, WI. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, 9 step-grandchildren and 13 step-great-grandchildren.

Bill was a Deck Officer in the Merchant Marines on the SS President Cleveland then in the United States Navy serving his time on an ammunition ship in the South Pacific and New Guinea. During the Korean War he was a CIC Officer (Combat Information Center) then transferred to the Battleship, USS Iowa. Following his time in the military he worked for Lockheed, North American Rockwell, both in California and then moving to STC Corporation in Colorado then landing in Peoria, IL at Caterpillar as a technical writer for 15

years.

He was a 75 year member of the Masons and member of the American Legion. Upon retiring he worked part time at Peoria Convention and Visitors Bureau and sold military conventions and then chaired one of his favorite events in 1997 "The Walk to Emmaus" religious convention held in Peoria.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of Bill's life will be Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the United Presbyterian Church in Peoria. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services in Peoria is in charge of arrangements.

Entombment will be in the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum in Parkview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the United Presbyterian Church, Peoria.

You may view Bill's obituary online at [www.schmidthaller.com](http://www.schmidthaller.com)

#### Previous Events

##### Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Presbyterian Church

2400 W Northmoor Rd

Peoria, IL 61614

##### Celebration of Life

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *William A Bunker*

Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services - August 13, 2024 at 01:19 PM

PB

“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William A Bunker.*

Peaceful White Lilies Basket - February 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A Bunker.*

Divine Peace Bouquet - February 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A Bunker.*

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SB

“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A Bunker.*

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YC

“*Your friends at Riverside Chevrolet purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of William A Bunker.*

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**Your friends at Riverside Chevrolet** - February 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BR

“*God bless you all. Carl, I always appreciated hearing the updates on your father. You have a great family. Bart*

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**Bart Rinkenberger** - February 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RG

“*My condolences to Bill's family. I enjoyed talking to him many times after my music programs. Since my father was a WWII Navy veteran we had some good "old time" talks about the war. Great guy!*

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**Rich Gilmore** - February 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM