



William Leroy Clothier

May 19, 1940 - September 30, 2023

William Leroy Clothier of Lusby, MD passed away on September 30, 2023. He was 83 years old.

He was born on May 19, 1940 in Piney Neck, MD to the late William Oliver & Dorothy Virginia (Elmore) Clothier. Bill was the oldest of five surviving brothers: Romie & Oyma, Robert, Douglas & Debbie, John and Barry & Jeannie Clothier.

He graduated from Rock Hall High School in 1958 and then joined the U.S. Navy on June 19, 1958, where he and his family were deployed to several stateside naval bases as well as Japan, Italy and Cuba. Bill also served two tours in Vietnam during the war. Bill retired from the U.S. Navy as a HTCM Master Chief after 30 years of service.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy, he and his wife traveled the United States for nine years in their motor home, visiting all 50 states. Bill and Ave Maria then settled in North Carolina where he was an avid beekeeper and would raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project using the profits from his honey sales. He always believed in keeping active by volunteering in local food banks and food pantries.

They returned home to Maryland to be close to family, where he could enjoy fishing, crabbing and turkey shoots with his family. He continued beekeeping and started building bird houses. He and his wife would travel to craft shows where they sold the bird houses and honey at their "Birds and Bees" stand. The craft shows offered Bill the chance to share his extensive knowledge of

beekeeping with anyone who was interested. When he wasn't at craft shows he was busy doing volunteer work for local charities.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Ave Maria (Blackstone) Clothier of Lusby, MD; son William Eric & Barbara Clothier of Clements, MD; daughter Tracee & Pete Tatanish of Sparta, TN; three grandchildren: Shannon & Travis Wilkinson of Clements, MD, Kyle & Beth Clothier of Bushwood, MD, and Mitchell McCall of Alexandria, VA; and three great-grandchildren: Savannah Wilkinson, Shyanne Wilkinson and Beau Clothier.

Services will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 12:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. A visitation for family and friends to gather will be held one hour prior, from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm at the funeral home. Inurnment to follow services at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Rock Hall.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

6179 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William Leroy Clothier*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 28, 2023 at 08:07 AM

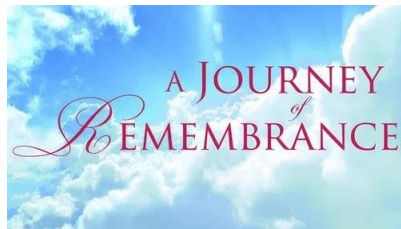
ML

Bunny, I'm so sorry to hear about Bills passing we had many of good memories love Margaret Lybrand

Margaret Lybrand - December 04, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Leroy Clothier*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 26, 2023 at 03:28 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Clothier*



Jeanette Stubbs - October 27, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *William Leroy Clothier*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



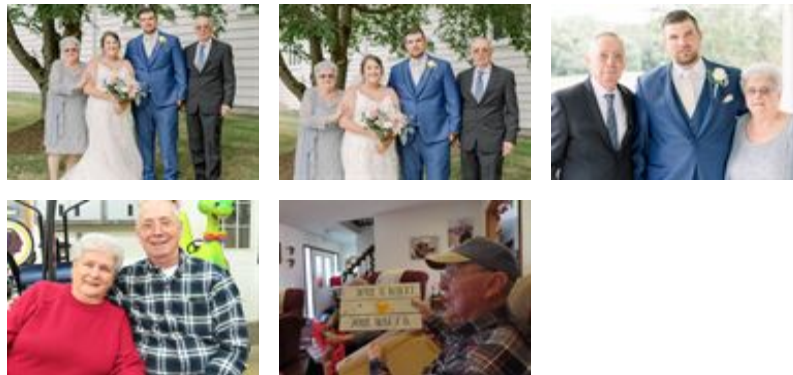
“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of William Leroy Clothier.*



October 26, 2023 at 04:43 PM



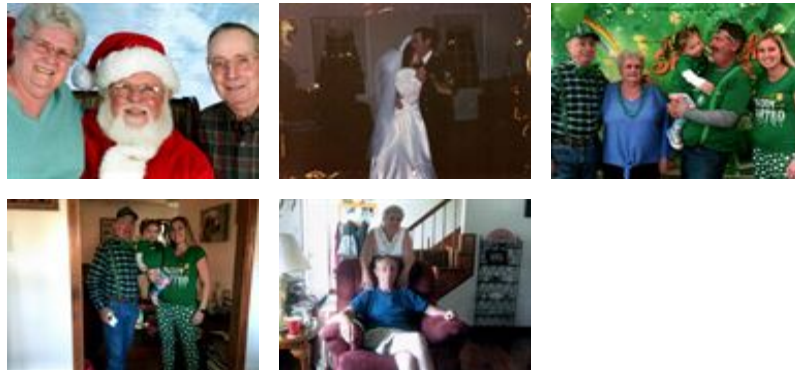
“ *63 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 26, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ 199 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 25, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of *William Leroy Clothier*.



October 25, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of *William Leroy Clothier*.



October 23, 2023 at 06:37 PM

JY

“ John & Lauren Yurciw purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Leroy Clothier.



John & Lauren Yurciw - October 23, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Leroy Clothier.

October 10, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of William Leroy Clothier.



October 10, 2023 at 04:23 PM

DN

“ Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Clothier



Debbie and Bob Nickerson - October 10, 2023 at 10:03 AM

RM

“ *What a great loss. Mr Bill was such a kind gentle spirit that always displayed a friendly smile. Prayers and sympathy to Miss Bunny and family. He is surely missed.*

Ruthie Maloney - October 05, 2023 at 09:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Leroy Clothier.*

October 04, 2023 at 05:45 PM

BJ

“ *Praying for Bunny & your family to have the 'Peace that passes all understanding'. Cherish the great memories of all your adventures with Mr. Bill. He was fun to be around (lots of fun in Alaska), & I loved all the stories he shared, especially the ones about Anne & John Henry when he & his family lived on the farm across from us. He told me he never knew for years that 'Uncle Johnny & Aunt Pauline' weren't really his Aunt & Uncle. A gentleman & A patriot & an amazing life!*



Barbara Jacquette - October 04, 2023 at 12:11 PM

JE

“ *Josh & Edith Elbourn
Praying for the Family*



Joshua Elbourn - October 03, 2023 at 12:12 PM

RK

“ *Condolences to the Clothier family.*



Ruth Kerr - October 03, 2023 at 12:07 PM

BR

“ *Bob And Sandra Rust lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Clothier*



Bob and Sandra Rust - October 03, 2023 at 10:07 AM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of William Leroy Clothier*



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - October 02, 2023 at 10:02 PM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Clothier*



Denny and Judy Hickman - October 02, 2023 at 09:53 PM

KJ

“ I’m so sad to hear of Bill’s passing. He was such a special person. and has been so missed since he left Ayden, NC. Sending my love and deepest sympathy to Bunny & family.

Kathy Justice - October 02, 2023 at 08:45 PM

CF

“ Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Clothier



Connie Fithian - October 02, 2023 at 06:51 PM

JC

“ Joyce & Jerry Coleman lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Clothier



Joyce & Jerry Coleman - October 02, 2023 at 06:30 PM

CT

“ Carroll Thompson lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Clothier



carroll thompson - October 02, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Clothier*



Nancy Hubbard - October 02, 2023 at 04:04 PM