



## William Rodman Major

February 2, 1944 - October 17, 2017

William (Bill) Major, 73, of Sherrills Ford, North Carolina, passed away on Tuesday October 17th, 2017 in Sherrills Ford. Bill was born in Washington D.C. to Rodman and Freda (Wahl) Major on February 2, 1944. He attended Binghamton Central High School, Binghamton, NY. He married the love of his life, Nancy (Vanderburg) Major on April 26th, 1969 in Binghamton, NY. He worked in the mechanical trades for a better part of his career. Bill worked at Xerox, Frito Lay, South Central Scaffolding, and several construction equipment suppliers in the Piedmont Region of North Carolina. He was most proud to have served his country in the United States Army from 1964-1968 being stationed in Ft. Gordon GA, Ft. Monmuth, NJ and Ft. Hood, TX before serving for a year in Vietnam. Bill was very passionate about being a steward to the community he lived in. He served as assistant scout master for the Boy Scouts of America in Syracuse, NY for several years. He was also a volunteer with the United Fire Company in Montrose, PA and also served several terms as a councilman for the borough of Montrose, PA. One of his favorite activities was serving as constable for the borough of Montrose, especially on Election Day. Bill served on the Board of Directors for Sherrills Ford-Terrell Fire Company and was part of the Board of Directors that built the current fire station. Bill later became very passionate serving on the board of Richard's Coffee Shop and Museum in Mooresville, NC, which honors past and present service members of our United States Military. Bill also was a member of American Legion Post 103 in Mooresville, NC. Bill had many hobbies from

woodcarving to RV'ing. He was most passionate as an amateur radio operator (KI40CN) and enjoyed many hours leading the "Net's" and talking to people around the world. He was also a lifelong racing enthusiast. If there was a race on the dirt or pavement Bill was watching. Bill and Nancy also enjoyed many years of camping together along with their many friends. Bill is preceded in death by his parents. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Nancy of 48 years. He is also survived by his daughter Kelly and son-in-law Alton Johnson, Mount Joy, PA, son Randy Major, Mountville, PA, grandson, Carter Johnson, Mount Joy, PA, sister & brother-in-law Marlene & Robert Ross of Denver, NC, Nephew, Jeff Ross and his wife Christy, Mooresville, NC, niece, Kimberly Ross, Albany, NY, & Father-In-Law, John Vanderburg, Endicott, NY and faithful 4 legged companion, Lucy. Bill is also survived by many dear friends in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and many ham radio operators across the country. The family will receive friends on Saturday, October 21st from 1:00-3:00 PM with a service following at 3:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel with Leo Fahey, Chaplain officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to American Cancer Society or Richard's Coffee Shop, 165 North Main Street, Mooresville, NC 28115. The family of Bill wishes to extend our special thank you to the Oncology Unit at the Salisbury VA and to Dr. Desnoyes and Amy Franklin. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Major family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Rodman Major*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *William Rodman Major*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *William Rodman Major*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. It was my pleasure to know Bill on Ham radio. Hal Cummings KJ4TD*

October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers*

**Bob and Nicole Crane** - October 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth Ann and I will forever miss the husband, father, veteran and friend that Bill excelled at. I have personally very rarely met anyone like Bill with many shared experiences and artful endeavors. GOD bless you and your family, again, my friend.*

**Jim Schenk** - October 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Nancy, Kelly, Randy, and family, our heartfelt condolences. May you find comfort in memories.

Barbara and Armand Olevano - October 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Nancy, Kelly and Randy, my prayers will be with you and your family tomorrow. Carl and I wish we could be their.

Carl and Phyllis Churchill - October 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Nancy, Kelly & Family, and Randy, I would rather be there in person to give each of you a big hug however please know that my thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this difficult time; I will be lighting a candle at my church in memory of Bill on Saturday evening. Please do not hesitate to call me if you need anything as I do know what it is like to lose someone you love so dearly.

Janet Flaherty - October 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy, Kelly, Randy & Family, our prayers and thoughts are with you. Bill will be missed by all who loved to talk to him on the RV Service net. Sam (WA4ICK), Elizabeth (KB4SKZ) Haynes

October 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Our deepest sympathy to Nancy and the family. Bill will be deeper missed by the amateur radio community including RV Service Net & RV radio network. We will miss his pleasant voice on the radio. Herb (W0HM) and Lois (KA0VBG) Maas.

October 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ So so sorry for your loss. Plenty of good memories to remember.  
Had lots of fun in the past years with the family.

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**Katie Ely** - October 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM