



## Bill Ray Southard

March 28, 1931 - October 2, 2017

Bill Ray Southard, 86, of Vian, OK was born March 28, 1931 in Oilton, OK to Charles and Sarah Elizabeth (Ledbetter) Southard and peacefully passed away Monday, October 2, 2017 in Muskogee, OK.

Bill joined the United States Navy on June 14, 1948 in Oklahoma City, OK serving during the Korean Conflict making rank of Petty Officer before receiving an honorable discharge on May 27, 1952 in San Francisco, CA. Bill met and later married the love of his life Carol L. Gotzman on May 13, 1953 a marriage that stood the test of time of 61 years until her passing on August 6, 2014.

Bill was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Milton, CA, the Sciots, Modesto, CA, and the Scottish Rite in Stockton, CA.

Those that greeted him on the other side were his wife, granddaughter, Jonni Pack; and great grandson, Ryan Ivy.

He is survived by his daughters, Janet Barnes of Vian, OK, Judy Borges of Vian, OK, Jeri Southard of Winchester, KY and Jayne Pack of Knoxville, TN; nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Viewing will be held 4PM-7PM Wednesday, October 4, 2017 and 9AM-12PM Thursday, October 5, 2017 at the Funeral Home.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held 12:30PM Thursday, October 5, 2017 in the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Ed George officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow in the Fort Gibson National

Cemetery, Fort Gibson, OK with full military honors and John Davis, Roy Hobbs, Alan Hobson, Harold Bigby, Terry Reinhardt and Howard Arend serving as casket bearers.

The family of Bill Ray Southard has entrusted his services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555

Online condolences may be left at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

## Celebration of Life

OCT 5. 12:30 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Ray Southard*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *We knew Bill and Carol and their four darling daughters. My husband worked with Bill Such a wonderful loving family. So sorry .Just looking at his picture he reminds me of Kevin Costner..Mary Banks Modesto ca*

**Mary Banks** - October 13, 2017 at 12:40 AM



“ *What a special man! I could never figure out why everyone called him Grumpy because when ever I saw him, he always had a smile on his face. My heart is broken.*



**Gale Hyatt** - October 08, 2017 at 11:04 PM

KP

“ I'll never forget Bill " Grumpy " calling my name out when I was a manager in Tahlequah Oklahoma. I was walking out the door and I heard "Perry"!...

I turned around and was so shocked and so proud to see him... we shared quite a few beers over a whole bunch of stories over the next several months. Who would have ever known we would meet up years after Gallo, 2000 miles away from Modesto in a little ol Indian town.,.

I loved this man!...

my heart breaks....💔.....,god rest your soul my friend..... thank you for your place in my heart!,

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Kevin L Perry - October 07, 2017 at 10:33 PM

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Debbie Mata - October 04, 2017 at 10:35 PM

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Darla Southard - October 04, 2017 at 10:13 PM

DK

“ I loved Bill and. Carol they was my second home to go to they took care of my first born before they had grand kids and would tease my dad that Trisha was spending the nite . I am so sad of his passing but have peace Carol and Bill together again. God bless the family love you all Debbie 🙏❤️

debbie kuharski - October 04, 2017 at 10:58 AM

DK

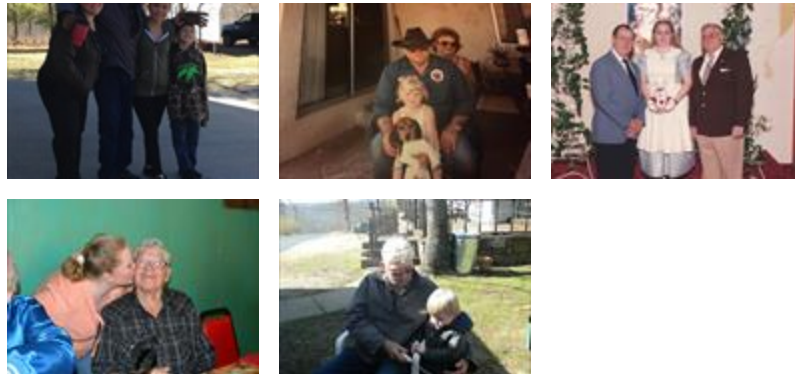
“ Debbie Kuharski lit a candle in memory of Bill Ray Southard



debbie kuharski - October 04, 2017 at 09:39 AM

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Jennifer Wolfenbarger - October 04, 2017 at 09:04 AM



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**Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home** - October 03, 2017 at 10:25 PM