



## William Childs

August 17, 1944 - July 30, 2020

William Henry Childs, 75, of Bolivar, Missouri went to heaven on Thursday, July 30th, 2020. He was born on August 17th, 1944 in Bangor, New York to Vernon Childs and Mary (Todd) Childs. On September 16, 1966 Bill and Chu were united in marriage and shared almost 54 years together.

Bill retired from the Army after 21 years of service in top secret communications. During his time in the military he got to travel and live with his family in many places including Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Hawaii, and many other U.S. states. He did jungle training in the Panama Canal as well as desert training in Death Valley, California.

As a child he enjoyed playing baseball and to this day he still has his baseball glove from childhood. He loved to watch old TV shows and he knew every episode of Andy Griffith. As a family we enjoyed having Parcheesi tournaments while eating snacks and the losers would have to sing and dance in front of everybody. He rarely had to dance because his team always won.

Bill is survived by his wife, Chu, of almost 54 years of Bolivar, his son David Childs of Bolivar, Missouri, his daughter Yona Childs-Holman and husband Tony Holman of Aldrich, Missouri; his grandchildren Caleb Haynes and wife Felicia Haynes of Buffalo, Missouri, Sarah Gilpin and husband James Gilpin of Bolivar, Missouri; his great grandchildren; Caitlin Haynes, Elizabeth Haynes,

Henley Gilpin; his siblings Dennis Childs of Nottingham, Maryland, Phillip Childs of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Delcie Muehl of Syracuse, New York, and Diane Rockhill of Brushton, New York; and many other family and friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents Vernon and Mary Childs of New York; and son Brian Childs of Dallas, Texas.

Visitation for William Childs will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2020 from 5-7 PM at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 11 AM at the Wellspring Baptist Fellowship in Bolivar, MO. Burial will take place at the Missouri Veterans' Cemetery in Springfield, MO.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery

5201 S. Southwood  
Springfield, MO 65804

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 4.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 5.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Wellspring Baptist Fellowship  
2110 South Spring Street  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-2897  
<http://wellspringbaptist.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Childs*

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October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *William Childs*

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January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM

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“ *My brother Bill will be missed by many, and is being greeted by many as he reaches his just reward.*

*Some of the things I remember growing up:*

*He enjoyed having fun and getting into mischief with his buddies, and my mother once said something like "He really did it this time" when the neighbors started calling to inform her that the FBI was asking them questions about him - for establishment of his security credentials in the military.*

*He had a sporty red car before entering the Army, I believe it was a Pontiac GTO convertible; his plans were to enlist for three years and it would be waiting for him when he got out, so he he put it up on cinder blocks. Twenty years later...*

*He had a wonderful sense of humor; tricks and gags, descriptive additions he added to the names of his friends and family, and knew how to "get a person's goat" - to show how deeply he cared about us.*

*It was a wonderful time when Bill and Chu stayed with us for a short while when he retired from the Army.*

*Thank you Bill, for your devotion to your family, friends and country.*

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dennis childs - August 04, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William Childs.*



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August 03, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Childs.*



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August 02, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Childs.*



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August 01, 2020 at 08:11 PM

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“ *Bill was 12 when I was born. I don't have many memories before he joined the military. I was always proud and grateful that he put himself in harms way to protect us (as I am with all those in our family who have and are now serving). Over the years we have been able to share many positive memories. He always made me feel valued, welcomed, loved. He shared many corny jokes (I didn't know there was someone cornier than me). I always enjoyed his singing. While he normally would sing in a comedic manner, but I feel he really possessed some hidden talent. He could also be serious, when the situation required. His Christian faith sustained him through toughest times. I know he was welcomed into heaven with a "Well done, my faithful servant" and is probably running down the streets of gold.*

*Bill, I thank you for the impact you have made on my life - now go and enjoy your heavenly reward. I'll see you soon!*

*Phil Childs*

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**Phil Childs** - August 01, 2020 at 08:01 PM