



Mr. William "Bill" Allen Gambrell

June 19, 1936 - September 17, 2025

William Allen Gambrell (Bill) passed away at the age of 89 on 9-17-2025 at Cottingham House in Seneca, South Carolina.

He was born on June, 19th 1936 in Salem, S.C. to Robert Oliver and Betty Lee Bryant Gambrell. His beloved grandmother, Maggie Crawford Bryant was also present during his early life.

He joined the Navy at the age of 18, and was stationed in San Diego, CA. There, with his first wife JoAnn (Hopkins), he raised his family. He fought in the Vietnam War from beginning to end on both land and sea. He rose in rank, and retired an E-7 Chief Petty Officer in 1975, after 22 years of devoted service.

Shortly thereafter, he moved the family back to S.C. where that marriage ended, and later met the love of his life, Edith (Bolt). They have been married for 46 years, and have had many adventures traveling to different places while he worked in construction. They lived in Satolah, Ga., and built a home there, while caretaking for folks in Highlands, N.C. There, they made lasting friendships. They also often managed a campground in Manteo, the Outer Banks of Cape Hatteras. They eventually made their home in Walhalla, S.C.

He enjoyed fishing, working on projects around the house, eating good food,

Blue Grass Music and of course, Buttermilk.

He is preceded by his parents and grandmother; brothers: Bob, Jasper, and Monroe Gambrell; his sisters, Tilda (Betsy), Grace Osteen, Truly, Lillie Mae Gambrell, and Nettie Makins; and a precious infant granddaughter: Cynthia Justus.

He leaves behind his devoted wife, Edith; sister: Julia Gambrell; brothers: John Henry Gambrell (Faye) and Tommy Rogers (Debra) ; children: Donna Gambrell, Cindy Gambrell (Darrell), James Gambrell, Cindy Gibbs (Michael), and Suzanne Jones; grandchildren: Christopher, (Catherine), Timothy, Brandon, (Lindsey), Bo, (Lynn), Justin (Olivia), Audrey (Matt), Scotty, and Ally; great-grandchildren: Addison, Alianna, Liam, Michael, Paige, Austin, Edward, Barry, Hunter, Josie, and Ella; along with many nieces nephews and friends.

He left a legacy of having a good work ethic, always taking care of his men, an impressive beard, calloused hands, and to love, protect, and provide for your family and for those in need.

We love and miss you. Rest in your well earned peace.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Attended a one room school house (Isaqueena) with Bill, Bob, and Mary, 1945/46! I recall, at that time, his family lived on Keowee River! This was long before Duke power dammed the rivers, and made lake keowee! I often wondered what became of him, Bob, and Mary! Prayers for family and friends! May God bless each and grant them his healing peace! He will be sorely missed!

Rod & Katherine Albertson - September 24, 2025 at 11:12 AM

CG

❤️ Thank you for sharing that memory. I would have loved to know my 10 year old Dad. I heard he was full of mischief. 🤔

Cynthia Gambrell - September 24, 2025 at 06:20 PM



Oh thank you so much for that great story 💜💕💕

Donna Gambrell - September 25, 2025 at 06:31 PM

DR

“ *Raggedy Rogers*
Someone who was an unknown stranger at the beginning of my kids' early years became a blood-related family member. He became an acquaintance and friend through the years. He was an interesting, fun, and funny person, full of himself at times and full of knowledge. It was a pleasure to have gotten to know him and see some resemblances in him that my kids have. R.I.P. ,Bill, you will be fondly remembered in this family .

Donna Rogers - September 23, 2025 at 08:45 PM

PA

“ Thanks, For Your Service!



Philip Addis - September 23, 2025 at 08:19 PM

RM

“ I send my love and sympathy to Uncle Bill's precious wife, my Aunt Edith and his children, Donna, Cynthia Aka Cindy and James, my cousins, yet were more like my sisters and brother and all of the family, God bless you all.



One of my memories of Dear Uncle Bill is when he and I both discovered we both collected bells. He gave me a beautiful Crystal praying hands Dinner Bell with the Lords prayer on it, which almost matched a praying hands bell I already had but it had The Lord is my shepherd on it. They made a perfect pair. I know in my collection of bells I had 2 old brass bells with wooden handles, one was small and its mate was larger, I thought Uncle Bill would love to have one of them so I gave him the larger bell, and when you ring these bells they can hurt your ears, and just as I thought, when I gave it to him he loved it.

My Faith and belief tells me, he has gone home to heaven and is with all our family that had already went home to Father God, Lord Jesus, and they are all well together, happy and content, and to Aunt Edith God needed another Warrior, blessing and comfort to the entire family forever always.

Love Forever to Everyone,
Rose Marie AKA Rosie

Rose Marie - September 23, 2025 at 04:10 PM

TR

“ Terry Rankin lit a candle in memory of Mr.
William "Bill" Allen Gambrell



Terry Rankin - September 23, 2025 at 02:14 PM