



## William Wesley May

April 20, 1947 - July 26, 2018

Services for William (“Billy”) May will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2018, in the chapel of John Kramer & Son Funeral Home with The Reverend Canon John Bedingfield officiating. Visitation will begin at Noon until time of service.

Billy May, 71, of Alexandria, passed away on Thursday, July 26, 2018, after a lengthy battle with dementia. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Mary Belle May.

Billy served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Conflict as a member of the Seabees and was appointed to serve at the presidential retreat, Camp David, under President Nixon.

Even though he had a great time attending (several) colleges, he graduated at the top of his class from ULL (formerly USL) in Lafayette with a degree in architecture, a profession in which he ably practiced for over 30 years. In addition to his professional endeavors, he held a strong civic responsibility, and he served as president of both the Alexandria Downtown Rotary Club and the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

To say Billy was an avid outdoorsman would be an understatement. His best days were spent with his close friends, children and grandchildren offshore fishing out of Grand Chenier, deer hunting in and around McNair, MS, bass fishing and duck hunting at the Coastal Club and hiking and elk hunting the mountain range surrounding Lake City, Colorado.

He is survived by his children: William Brooks May (Mary Emily) of Shreveport, Wade Bolton May (Blair) of Lafayette, and Kathleen May Crompton (Scott) of Santa Rosa Beach, FL; eight grandchildren: Porter, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Frances, Robert, Jack, Georgia and Lucy; three sisters: Diane Ellis (Steve) of Downsville, Kathleen Tait of Ruston, and Mary Ellen Brown (J.B.) of Pagosa Springs, CO, and his former wife and good friend, Martha Bolton Barton, of Alexandria.

The family would like to thank “the bean boys” for their genuine friendship and insistence on including Billy in their lunch group even late into the progression of his disease and the staff at Brookdale and St. Joseph Hospice for their compassionate care.

# Events

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**AUG**   **Visitation**            12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Kramer Funeral Home

2905 Masonic Drive, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

**AUG**   **Service**                    02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Brooks, Kathleen and Wade -

We are so very sorry and terribly saddened for your loss. We know how much you love him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and we are holding you close in our hearts.

Much love and peace to you and your families,

Alissa and Ted

**alissa kantrow** - August 02, 2018 at 09:07 PM

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“ Mr. Billy was in the room across from my mom. He used to hold my grandson. He was a delight. We will miss him. I remember him walking around with his wife's picture in his pocket. Rest In Peace sweet man.

**Robin Nall** - August 01, 2018 at 11:56 PM

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“ Jim and Georgia Guillory purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William Wesley May.



**Jim and Georgia Guillory** - August 01, 2018 at 10:50 AM

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“ My deepest and sincere condolences to Billy's family and friends. And to you Christy Fredric for being with him during some of the toughest times of his life. I had the good fortune to work with Billy for many years and we also fished and hunted together during those times. He was a good friend and mentor to me as I was developing as a professional.

Billy loved his family so much and it was obvious to us while working and playing with him. He was so proud of you children. He would always tell us how your life plans were developing.

**James N Guillory** - August 01, 2018 at 10:11 AM

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“ Christy, Billy was very fortunate to have you in his life. I will remember the good times we spent with him at George's Christmas Gumbo. I know your pain and heartache. My deepest sympathy to you. With love, Audrey

**Audrey Millet** - July 31, 2018 at 03:13 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Wesley May.



July 30, 2018 at 02:37 PM

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“ Billy and I worked together for many many years. I considered Billy to be a great friend and mentor. I will truly miss him. He was one of the most charismatic people I knew and will ever know. My condolences to all of his family and friends including Christy Fredric.

Franny Barrois

**Ballard CLC, Inc.** - July 30, 2018 at 01:25 PM

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“ Mary Ellen, I am so sorry to read of Billy's death. My mother was in Memory Care at Brookdale for a few years and my family had the good fortune to meet Billy at that time. He took it upon himself to sit with her when we had stepped away, an amazing display of kindness to someone he didn't even know. We were very fond of him!

Anne Maxwell Stage

Anne Stage - July 30, 2018 at 09:27 AM

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“ I am so sad. Billy and I were playmates when we were kids in Baton Rouge. My deepest condolences to his family and his many friends.



Carla May - July 29, 2018 at 03:40 PM

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“ Me and Daddy, Navarre Beach circa 83



Kathleen May Crompton - July 29, 2018 at 01:12 AM



“ Beautiful picture and a cherished memory...

Angela Liotta Gauthier - August 01, 2018 at 12:35 PM

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“ The May Girls: Nonie, Carla and Cindy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Wesley May.



The May Girls: Nonie, Carla and Cindy - July 28, 2018 at 09:15 PM

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Wesley May.



July 28, 2018 at 02:20 PM

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“ billy was a great friend since first grade OLPS. Always was a heroic person! A truly Great American!



jack - July 28, 2018 at 12:12 PM