



William "Bill" Randlett

March 5, 1941 - October 4, 2025

William "Bill" Randlett, 84, a devoted family man, decorated veteran, and pillar of the Hiddenite community, passed away on October 04, 2025, at Valley Nursing Center following a brief illness, leaving behind a legacy of service, leadership, and love. Bill is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Chris Randlett, whom he lovingly cared for until her passing in 2018, and his daughter, Cilicia Wicker, and son-in-law, Bryant Kelly Wicker Jr. He is also preceded in death by his mother, Freda Zaluski, and in-laws, Bruce and Thelma Godfrey.

He is survived by his sons William (Julie) Randlett and Chad Randlett; grandchildren Morgan (Brennan) Moore, Bryant (Courtney) Wicker, William Perry Randlett, West Randlett; and great-grandchildren Baker and Theo Moore. He is also survived by his immediate family, Jim (Linda) Randlett; Bob (Bernie) Randlett; Jimmy Randlett, Kimmy Randlett, Rob Randlett, Steven Randlett; along with many other special cousins and friends.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Bill was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of Major. His distinguished military career included service in the military police and a notable assignment as Provost Marshall at Wiesbaden Air Base, where he organized security for President Jimmy Carter's visit. He remained active in veterans' affairs as a member of the local VFW. After retiring to Alexander County in 1981, Bill's

professional journey took him to Texas, South Carolina, and Raleigh before he returned permanently to the community he cherished. He operated S&S Grocery in Hiddenite for many years, providing a welcoming and reliable store for local residents. Bill was deeply committed to his faith and community. A long-time member of South River United Methodist Church, he served as a lay leader and held various leadership roles throughout the years. He also contributed his time and energy to the Lions Club, helping to support local initiatives and outreach. His passion for dance brought joy to many. As a member of the Emerald Squares, square dancing club, Bill became a caller and taught both square and line dancing, fostering fellowship and fun across generations.

A graveside service will be held Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 4:00 pm at South River Church in Hiddenite. The family will receive friends 2:00 – 3:30 pm at Chapman Funeral Home. Bill Randlett will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to family, country, and community. His warmth, integrity, and tireless spirit touched countless lives, and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Chapman Funeral Home is serving the Randlett family.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

OCT **12.** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home
158 Stony Point School Road
Stony Point, NC 28678
(704) 585-2796
chapmanfuneralhomesp@outlook.com
<https://chapmanfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

OCT **12.** 4:00 PM (ET)

South River Church
2540 Cheatham Ford Rd
Hiddenite, NC 28636

Tribute Wall

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“ SAP Carolinas Team purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of William "Bill" Randlett.



SAP Carolinas Team - October 09, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Randlett.



October 08, 2025 at 06:18 PM

RR

“ Robert R. purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of William "Bill" Randlett.



Robert R. - October 08, 2025 at 02:02 PM

SM

“ Selby and Judy Max Moody purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of William "Bill" Randlett.



Selby and Judy Max Moody - October 08, 2025 at 12:07 PM

SM

“ Selby and Judy Max Moody planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Randlett.

Selby and Judy Max Moody - October 08, 2025 at 12:07 PM

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“ I met then Captain Randlett in 1972 at Ft McClellan, Alabama providing polygraph services. Bill was in charge of the CID. A FRIENDSHIP developed that lasted 53 years. My wife and I spent three days with Bill in August 2025 at the therapy center, and had a supper with Chad, his son and Bill plus Chad's wonderful girlfriend. Over the years our children got grown and married Bill and Chris visited with us overnight in Macon Georgia before she passed. We know that Bill is with the Lord now and I was very fortunate to have served with Bill in Army CID until my retirement in 1980.



Selby G. Moody - October 08, 2025 at 11:56 AM