



Chief William G. "Bill" Potter

August 2, 1933 - December 17, 2020

At this most special time of year, the family of Chief William G. "Bill" Potter, is rejoicing that he will be celebrating Christmas in Heaven. The primary focus of his life was his sweetheart of 67 plus years, Roberta Lones Potter, and his children and grandchildren. From the time his was a little boy, living two doors down from Fire Station #7, he wanted to be a fireman. He not only became a fireman, but continued to move through the ranks to become Deputy Chief of Firefighting for the Knoxville Fire Department before retiring after 47 years of service. Together, Bill and Roberta grew their family to include children, Julie, Abbie, Boog and Betsy, and grandchildren, Mike, Brian, Heather, Rebekah, Cody, Annie, Casey, Logan, Addison and Corson. As a young man, Bill served in the U.S. Naval Reserve and later in life, became a member of the patriotic fraternal Junior Order organization rising to serve as Tennessee State and National Councilor. Other activities that brought him joy were singing in choirs and a gospel quartet, serving as an ordained deacon as well as golfing, fishing and camping with family and friends. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Doshia Potter, his brothers Homer and Arnold, and his daughter Betsy. He is survived by his wife Roberta, brothers David and Frank, his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many wonderful friends. A graveside service will be held at Highland Memorial Cemetery at 3:00 this Sunday afternoon, December 20, and the family requests attendees please adhere to social distance guidelines. Friends and loved ones are encouraged to meet at Bill's home church, Marble City Baptist, located at 2740 Sutherland Avenue, in the parking area at 2:30 for a procession to the cemetery led by the Fire Engine from Station #7. Friends may also call at their convenience from 1:00 to 3:00 on Saturday. Arrangements by Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. Online condolences may be made at www.rosemortuary.com. If you are unable to attend, services may be live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/RoseMannHeritage>

Previous Events

Funeral Procession

DEC 20. 2:30 PM (ET)

Marble City Baptist Church
2740 Sutherland Avenue
Knoxville, TN

Graveside Service

DEC 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

Highland Memorial Cemetery
5315 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Prayers for your family
Beverly Murrell Messamore
Bella Vista, Arkansas

Beverly Murrell Messamore - December 22, 2020 at 12:01 AM

SH

“ Sorry to learn of Bill's passing to be joined in Heaven with our Savior. His knowledge and leadership will be missed at the Center City Club. Roberta, our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this time of your loss. Prayers for you as you go through the days ahead.

Sincerely,
Stuart & Jane Hall

Stuart Hall - December 20, 2020 at 12:12 PM

RH

“ Bill was my first captain for 2 years. I learned greatly from him. He will be sadly missed. Ray Herrell.

Ray Herrell - December 19, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Chief William G. "Bill" Potter.



December 19, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chief William G. "Bill" Potter.



December 19, 2020 at 12:24 PM

BF

“ *Dear Roberta,
I'm sorry to learn of Bill's passing, and I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family. It was a pleasure to get to know Bill a little bit when our class met for reunions, and we will miss his warm, friendly manner and good humor. We will be offering prayers for your comfort and peace now and in the days ahead.
Sincerely,
Bruce Foster*

Bruce Foster - December 19, 2020 at 12:16 PM

DF

“ *Amen, I agreed Bill is in Heaven! I have known Bill and the Potter family for over 70 years and worked with Bill in the Fire Department. I'm sorry for your separation, but we all we be reunited in Heaven! I'm praying for the family! Derrell Frye*

Derrell Frye - December 19, 2020 at 10:46 AM