



William Backes

June 6, 1935 - January 2, 2019

William G. Backes Jr., 83, of Ocala, FL, passed away on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at the Legacy House in Ocala. Born on June 6, 1935 in the Bronx, NY to the proud parents of William G. Sr. & Agnes (Moran) Backes, Bill was a retired policeman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He was a former member of the PBA, the Signal 8-2 Club of Florida, the coast Guard Auxiliary, the Auxiliary of Hudson (FL), the Marine Corp League of Spring Hill, FL and a Charter Member of the DeLong Detachment in the Villages, FL. He was also a Past Commandant for the Department of Florida Marine Corp League from 2010-2012 and a founder of Injured Warriors Fund of Florida. Bill loved to fish and go boating and he was a former Charter Captain. He was also an avid and devoted NY Yankees fan. Survivors include his beloved wife of 40 years, Miriam V. Backes; two daughters: Laura J. (Charles) Seevers and Diane Fietti; a son, Frank J. (Christine) Pesce; his brother, Kenneth (Bonnie) Backes; his sister, Elizabeth (Mario) Venditti; two grandchildren: Katie & Keith and a great-grandson, Flint. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters: Joan Fritzgibbons & Barbara Huntzinger and a son, William Michael Backes. A Graveside service will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 11:00am at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL with the family receiving friends on Monday, January 7, 2019 from 2:00-6:00pm at Roberts Funeral Home, Bruce West Chapel, 6241 SW SR 200, Ocala with a service performed by the DeLong Detachment during the viewing from 3:30-4:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's honor to the Hospice of Marion

County @ www.hospiceofmarion.com. Arrangements are under the artful care of Roberts Funeral Homes, Bruce West Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Backes Family, please accept my deepest condolences in your loss of Mr. Backes. Death is truly an enemy as stated at 1 Corinthians 15:26. But notice that as you read that scripture, it says that the 'enemy' will be done away with'. That's because death was never God's original purpose for us. So Jesus demonstrated what he will do when he was on earth when he resurrected Lazarus and others. The Apostles Paul and John wrote about this hope in John 5:28-29, Revelation 21:4. Also the man Job believed this at Job 14 :14-15. These scriptures will give you great comfort now and in the days to come. Wishing you peace and comfort.

Heartfelt Sympathies - January 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ The U.S. Marines and U.S. Navy Fleet Marine Force Corpsmen and F.M.F. Chaplains, Associate Members, and Detachment Auxiliary of the Martin County based Lance Corporal Justin J. Wilson Detachment 1045, of the Marine Corps League (MCL), hereby salute and recognize the outstanding efforts put forth during a substantial portion of your lifetime by sacrificing to become a United States Marine, and afterward a New York City law enforcement professional. We salute you and your memory, and valiant service to our Corps, and our Nation. Further, as a Life Member of the Marine Corps League we honor your exemplary leadership as Commandant of the Department of Florida, MCL, from 2010 to 2012; when you oversaw tremendous growth and department improvements. Please accept our heartfelt sentiments as a token of our respect, esteem and admiration of your L'Esprit du Corps. May you proudly assume your new post upon Heaven's scenes. Semper Fidelis Commandant Bill Backes!

Heartfelt Sympathies - January 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The entire Port Authority Retired Police Association is saddened to receive the news of Bills passing. He was a long time member of our organization for more than 40 years. He will be missed, especially at our annual Day @ The Races event at Monmouth Racetrack, NJ.*

PA Retired Police - January 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To our friend Bill with loving memories of our friendship. Lou and Nancy Calleja Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of William Backes.*

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - January 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ My condolences to the Giles family and friends. We are assured at 1Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing." The time is coming when "no resident will say I am sick." (Isaiah 33:24) Please take comfort from the scriptures and rejoice in this hope as you reflect on memories you have made along the way.

A. C. - January 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM