



SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes

November 18, 1932 - April 28, 2018

SMSGT (retired), USAF, William L. Stokes, 85, of Summerville, husband of Deborah L. Stokes, passed away on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at his residence. Family and friends are invited to attend William's visitation on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. until hour of service at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. Funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231.

William was born on November 18, 1932 in Ayden, NC, son of the late Roy and Bessie Stokes. He served in the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment Co. A (The Old Guard) from 1951- 1953. He was a Sentinel at The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier. Now, The Tomb of The Unknowns. He later joined the United States Air Force and served 23 years. He received two (2) Meritorious Service Medals along with numerous Commendations and achieved the rank of SMSGT. He was a Patriot and a true American Hero. After his military career William also worked as a Superintendent, City of Charleston Electrical Division for over 10 years. He has been a member of the Summerville community for 30 years.

Survivors including his wife of 34 years Deborah are: two sons: William L. Stokes, Jr. of Flagler Beach, FL, John R. Stokes of Tampa FL; one daughter: Lea A. Stokes of Flagler Beach, FL; two step daughters: Charlene Perez and Denise Perez both of Summerville; nine grandchildren; and eleven great

grandchildren; one brother: James Stokes of Lagrange, NC; and one sister: Betty Watson of Winterville, NC.

He will be missed by many. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Cemetery Details

Dorchester Memory Gardens

11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall



“ *James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - May 04, 2018 at 03:14 PM

SS

What a beautiful tribute to a selfless man. Your service is greatly appreciated and my God Bless you in your heavenly home with all the love and honor you deserve.

Sharon Smith - May 04, 2018 at 09:24 PM



“ *SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes .*



May 04, 2018 at 01:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes .*



May 04, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ *My sweet William i am so lonely i miss you so much i think about all our bad and good times sometimes i laugh but mostly i cry i feel so alone but you told me just two weeks Deborah keep smiling you are my bestie .I will always love you and think about you everyday love your mudduck bestie Deborah*

deborah stokes - May 03, 2018 at 05:42 PM



Debbie Jerry and your sister Sandra want everyone that we loved Bill very much when we go to the lake for all the good cookouts they had Bill would welcome us with open arms we always had a very good time we love u Debbie Jerry and Sandra

Sister n law of Mr. William Stokes - May 03, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes .*



May 03, 2018 at 09:50 AM

MA

“ Mary Alice, Virgil, Joy and Allen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes .



Mary Alice, Virgil, Joy and Allen - May 01, 2018 at 10:33 PM

TB

“ Tammy And Bert lit a candle in memory of SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes



Tammy and Bert - May 01, 2018 at 09:01 PM

TB

I was hoping this day would never come, but as it will for all of us, it came too early for a very special, loving man. Wonderful husband to my sister, great step father to my nieces, and an awesome silly brother in law. You will be greatly and truly missed by us all. Go rest high on that mountain! Love, Tammy and Bert Rexrode

Tammy and Bert - May 01, 2018 at 09:05 PM

BV

“ This is it: Debbie, Char n Denise, Robert and I love all of you so much. We loved Bill also. We will forever treasure all of our lake and family memories. Bill, I want to thank you so much for loving my sister and her girls, also the grands the way you did. You were an awesome guy And we will never forget you. Our heart breaks for all of you. Robert n Brenda veronee

Brenda and Robert Veronee - May 01, 2018 at 07:54 PM

SC

“ Samantha Childers lit a candle in memory of
SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes



Samantha Childers - May 01, 2018 at 07:23 PM

CH

“ Chris lit a candle in memory of SMSGT
(retired) USAF William L. Stokes



Chris - May 01, 2018 at 07:16 PM

CH

*Grandpa was a great man has taught us many things i miss u so much
.. U r always on my heart and thoughts.
The things you have taught us we will never forget the memories we
have will last forever love u grandpa until we meet again*

Chris - May 01, 2018 at 07:24 PM

JF

“ Grandpa was a great man. You've never
steered me wrong. Ive looked up to you and I
love you so much. You will forever be in my
heart. May you rest in peace



Julie Faulling - May 01, 2018 at 07:08 PM

Alicia Childers

“ Alicia Childers lit a candle in memory of SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes



Alicia Childers - May 01, 2018 at 07:03 PM

Denise Perez

“ Denise Perez lit a candle in memory of SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes



Denise Perez - May 01, 2018 at 06:58 PM

Denise Perez

I love and miss you so very much, thank you for being the daddy you didn't have to be . You are in my heart every second of the day . I love you

Denise Perez - May 01, 2018 at 06:59 PM

CP

“ Charlene Perez lit a candle in memory of SMSGT (retired) USAF William L. Stokes



charlene perez - May 01, 2018 at 06:47 PM

CP

“ Love you Mr Bill you will always be in my heart and thank you for being such a great stepfather for us and a wonderful husband to my mom .

charlene perez - May 01, 2018 at 06:45 PM