



## William Berl Blackburn Jr

June 20, 1937 - June 25, 2026

Mr. William Berl Blackburn Jr., 89, of Summerville, SC entered into eternal rest on Thursday, June 25th 2026, surrounded by his loving family at the Veterans' Victory House in Walterboro, SC. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Ann Blackburn, of 59 years.

Bill was born June 20th 1937 in Stone, Kentucky. He was one of six children of the late William Berl Blackburn and Dora Lee Ferrell Blackburn. He was an Air Force Veteran, where he served as a postal specialist. After his retirement from the Air Force, he went on to serve in the Air Force Reserve and later worked at the Charleston Air Force Base and Charleston Naval Shipyard. Bill had a lifelong love of bluegrass music and was well-known among the bluegrass community. Over the years he played in several bluegrass bands, often times with his son, Billy. He played multiple instruments, but will be fondly remembered for the way he could pick a banjo.

Bill, affectionally known by his family as "Paw", enjoyed spending time with his family and was always ready to help in any way he could. He served as a deacon for many years while attending both Cornerstone Baptist Church and Knightsville Baptist Church, located in Summerville.

He is survived by four children: Roy E Driggers III (Leslie), Sandra D. Fleming (John), Deborah E Winkle (Wayne), and William B. Blackburn III (Joyce); 10

grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Minnie Jean Brueser; a sister-in-law, Hazel Shuler; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Veterans' Victory House for the exceptional care they provided.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *He was such a friendly and happy man.  
We always enjoyed talking with him at family gatherings. Our  
prayers are with you all.*

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**Danny and Sandra Riddle** - 42 minutes ago