



## William Maurice Banta

December 13, 1944 - January 9, 2021

William Maurice Banta, Bill to his family and friends, passed at 8:00 pm on Saturday, January 9, 2021. Bill was born on December 13, 1944 in Charleston, South Carolina; he was 76. Bill leaves behind his loving wife of 54 years, Glenda Banta of The Villages; daughter ChrisAnne Shultz and her husband Arnold of Orlando, son Guy Banta and wife Shelly of Wauseon, Ohio; grandchildren Rachael Shultz of Tallahassee, Caleb Shultz and wife Kayla Shultz of Meyersdale, PA and Benjamin Banta of Napoleon, Ohio; and great-grand-children Cameron and Bradon Shultz, also of Meyersdale, PA.

Bill graduated from St. Theresa High School in Decatur, IL in 1963. He went to work for the Norfolk Southern Railway right out of high school and retired in 2000 after working his entire career for the railroad. He and Glenda then moved to The Villages. In The Villages, Bill participated in softball, golf and bowling. He achieved two 300 games, each bowled at Spanish Springs, and one hole in one.

Bill's largest source of pride was always his family and the accomplishments of those he loved. Bill served our county in the Army Security Agency during the Vietnam War. His grandsons both followed him into military service.

Bill will be remembered for his kind spirit, generosity, love, humor, and sarcasm. His legacy lives on through all those lucky enough to have known him.

The family requests that all gifts be made to Hospice of Marion County or to cancer research.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake,  
FL. Online condolences may be left at [www.BeyersFuneralHome.com](http://www.BeyersFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Glenda, so sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed Bill's sense of humor and kindness. Always loved bowling with him.*

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**Bonnie E Marino** - January 17, 2021 at 06:51 PM

GS

“ *Today we lost a friend named Bill Banta. Bill was one of those guys that just made you laugh everytime you seen him and Glenda. Bill Banta was a strong Catholic a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, a 2 time Grand Knight, he volunteered for all events for charity. Bill was a motivator for man kind. Your Friendship and those of Glenda made us a better people. We will miss your smile but we know where you are and deserve to be. God Bless.*

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**Gary & Kathy Sexstone** - January 17, 2021 at 05:41 PM

PB

“ *We miss Bill so much. He truly was an upbeat happy man, always ready to help others. I miss my St Teresa class mate.  
Donna and Pat*

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**Pat and Donna Byrne** - January 17, 2021 at 01:35 PM

MS

“ *First of all please accept my condolences for your loss. I can not help but wonder if Bill was at all related to Tim Banta, Decatur, IL. Class of 1965 from St. Bede Academy, Peru, IL*

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**Michael Sanger** - January 17, 2021 at 10:02 AM

LD

“ Bill or BB GUN as I called you. You truly will be missed by all who knew you! You were a very special person. Always caring and funny and a great bowler to boot! I know you will wear your Angel wings proudly! You still have a job to do as an Angel...watch over Glenda and your family and keep them safe. Rest In Peace BB GUN

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**Lynda DeLong** - January 17, 2021 at 09:34 AM

JW

“ We are so sorry and want to leave our condolences to the family. Bill will be missed by so many.

*Jill and Jerry Van Weelden*

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**Jill & Jerry Van Weelden** - January 15, 2021 at 10:33 PM

TE

“ Aunt Glenda, Chris, Guy, and family, you have our deepest condolences. Uncle Bill was a great guy. We love him, and he will be missed. We love you all, and you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Terry & Nate Eller** - January 15, 2021 at 07:18 PM