



## William E. "Bill" DeBoard Jr.

October 8, 1947 - November 18, 2024

William E. "Bill" DeBoard, Jr., 77, of Merriam, Kansas, passed away on November 18, 2024, at the University of Kansas Medical Center, surrounded by his loved ones. Born on October 8, 1947, to William Sr. and Audrey DeBoard, Bill was known for his generous spirit and dedication to those around him. He had a remarkable ability to bring joy and comfort to others, always ready to lend a helping hand when needed. Bill proudly served in the United States Army. As an active member of Willard Avenue Baptist Church, he served his community through Vacation Bible School and occasionally stepped in to minister in the pastor's absence. His creativity shone through his talent for painting, and he took pride in creating murals, including one for his long-time employer, the Shawnee Mission School District. In his free time, he enjoyed the simple pleasures of fishing and working on model railroads. On June 7, 2013 he was united in marriage to Dorothy DeBoard. Together they shared countless memories. Above all, Bill cherished his family and the time spent with them. His warmth, kindness, and love for those close to him will be deeply missed.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Hannah DeBoard; wife, Bettie DeBoard; parents William Sr. and Audrey; and siblings, Joanne C. Klemp, Edward E. DeBoard Sr., Kenneth C. DeBoard, Helen DeBoard-Gaston. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; sister, Linda K. Riley; and stepchildren, Teri Anderson, Dorothea Anderson, Michael McFall, Jeri Lynnette Zaugg; brother in law, James Klemp; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces

and nephews.

A visitation will begin at 10:30 AM until service time at 11:30 AM Monday, November 25, 2024 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. A Graveside service will be held at 1:30 PM Monday at Leavenworth National Cemetery, 150 Muncie Rd, Leavenworth, KS.

# Cemetery Details

## Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road  
Leavenworth, KS 66048

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 25. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

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## Graveside Service

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# Tribute Wall



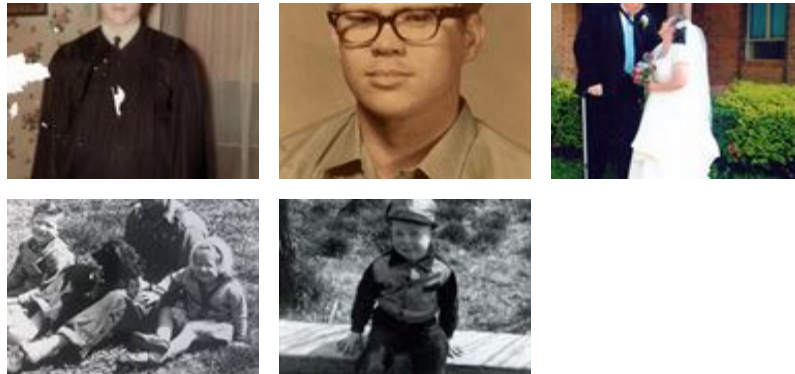
“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of William E. "Bill" DeBoard Jr.*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - November 22, 2024 at 08:30 PM



“ *106 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William E. "Bill" DeBoard Jr..*



November 21, 2024 at 04:43 PM