



CPO (Ret) Billy Dan Hockaday

November 19, 1940 - October 5, 2009

Billy Dan Hockaday passed away October 5, 2009 at University of Missouri Hospital, Columbia, Missouri, at the age of 68.

Bill was born November 19, 1940, at the family home in Dunklin County, Missouri, near Bragg City. He was one of four children born to the union of the late Emmett Earl and Patie Mae (Emmons) Hockaday. Bill grew up and attended school in Bragg City and Hornersville.

At the age of 15, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he completed his high school education and took college courses. Bill was a Vietnam War veteran, receiving the Good Conduct Medal (4th award), Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, along with several other awards and commendations. Most of his military career was spent as a Radio Operator/Equipment Technician. After 21 years of service to his country, Chief Petty Officer Hockaday retired from active duty service in 1976. Shortly thereafter he went to work as a Merchant Marine working on oil tankers.

Bill is survived by three children: Freddie Hockaday of Florida, Eddie Hockaday of Georgia and Elizabeth Ball of Georgia; three siblings: Shirley Maness and Robert Hockaday both of Richland and Wayne O'Neal Hockaday of St. Charles; 12 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; a special friend: Ingrid

Ozee of Richland; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his brother-in-law: Weldon Maness.

A graveside service with military honors was held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 7th at Hazelgreen Cemetery, with LT James S. Storie, CHC, USN officiating. Two U.S. Navy representatives folded and presented the flag while U.S. Army soldiers served as escorts, rendered the gun salute and played taps. Assisting as escorts at the funeral home were Michael, Nathan, Jimmy and Ryan Maness. Services were under direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Richland. Online condolences may be left at www.richlandmemorialchapel.com.

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