SFC (Ret) William "Bill" Chester Petersen

April 11, 1954 - June 9, 2026

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

SFC (Ret) William “Bill” Chester Petersen, 72 of Waynesville, MO, a retired United States Army Sergeant First Class, passed away Tuesday, June 9, 2026 in his home.

Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2026 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, MO. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2026 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Mr. Petersen is survived by his wife: Melissa Petersen of the home; four children: Corie Ann Walston (Mike) of Farmville, NC, Shannon Johnson (Jay) of Dixon, MO, Billie Jo Bean (Glen) of Springhill, FL, and Amanda Swenson of St. Robert, MO; fourteen grandchildren: Caitlin, Christopher, Jacob, Tristin, Chelsea, Nathan, Kimberly, Barry, Cyler, Zaiden, Alma, Rilyn, Alyssa and Patrick; six great-grandchildren: Autumn, Ayrleigh, Ashlyn, Wynter, Morgana and Ares; three brothers: David, Martin, and Tom Petersen of the State of New York; two sisters: Mary of the State of Arizona and Cathy of the State of

New York; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Bill Petersen and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **14**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Graveside Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM.

Missouri Veterans Cemetery Of Waynesville