



## William Earl Maples

August 14, 1949 - February 14, 2021

William Earl Maples, son of the late Harold Alfred and Dorothy (Baker) Maples, was born August 14, 1949 in Booneville, Missouri. As a young boy, William grew up in the Jefferson City area where he attended school.

At the age of 17, William joined the United States Marines and served his country faithfully during the Vietnam War. He attained the rank of Corporal and earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal w/ 1 star, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and Sharp Shooter Rifle Badge.

After his honorable discharge from the Marines, William went to Kansas for a time and in 2006, moved to Linn, Missouri and later to Holts Summit where he was currently residing. During this time, William worked as a musician-singing and playing guitar along with several other instruments. He enjoyed entertaining folks with music.

On February 14, 2007, William was united in marriage to Sandra Lee Maples in California, Missouri. They shared 14 years of marriage together and many wonderful memories.

In his spare time, William enjoyed being outdoors. You could find him either hunting or fishing. He was a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA),

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Freshwater Fishing. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family and friends.

William passed away Sunday, February 14, 2021 in his home having attained the age of 71 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Sandra of the home; his eleven children, Kandie Maples (Mike Prince) of Neodesha, KS, Laurie Horn (Kevin) of Rolla, MO, William Maples, Jr. (Karina) Frontenac, KS, Wallace Maples (Lisa) Chanute, KS, Tracey Jensen of Walnut, KS, Stacey Maples (Casey) of Walnut, KS, Jenny Fischer (Chris) of Jamestown, MO, Jannel Brum (Shawn) of Anchorage, AK, Wayne Cochran, Jr. of Girard, KS, Tonya Boynton of Farlington, KS, and Kim DeBrodie of Holts Summit, MO; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; his mother, Dorothy Maples; and a brother, Harold Maples (Deena) of Holt Summit, MO; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021, in Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert. Burial with Full Military Honors will follow in Missouri Veterans Cemetery FLW in Waynesville, under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Visitation will be from Noon until service time at 1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions in memory of William Maples may be left or mailed to the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 24. 12:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

## Funeral Service

FEB 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Bill was lead guitar player in the first band I played in, *The Persuaders*. 1976. He was one of the finest guitarists and singers I ever worked with. We hit it off instantly and became good friends. Those were some of the best days of my life. RIP my friend.  
Doug Banning. Galena, Kansas

doug banning - November 20, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ William Earl Maples

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

VM

“ William was one of my oldest first cousin's. I was so excited to find him and others on my dads side. Cuz you are missed. Until we meet again.

Van Maples - May 19, 2021 at 01:46 AM

RM

“ We grew up together and I never met a better man.  
Ray Morris



Ray Morris - February 24, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 24, 2021 at 09:29 AM

EM

“ So honored and blessed to be able to call such an amazing and honorable man my grandpa. You're flying high with the angels now and there will never be a day that goes by that you are not thought of and missed. I love you.



Ej moots - February 24, 2021 at 08:23 AM

JF

“ U will be missed more than u will ever know i love u with all my heart.



Jenny Fisher - February 24, 2021 at 07:53 AM

BB

“ *Bill Baysinger lit a candle in memory of William Earl Maples*



Bill Baysinger - February 23, 2021 at 10:53 PM

MS

“ *Marge Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of William Earl Maples*



Marge Scott - February 23, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *You will forever be missed grandpa!*

Occupational/Physical Therapy  
Birthday: January 2, 1993  
Favorite Food: Salad  
Favorite TV Show: Spongebob  
Favorite Sports Team:  
Favorite Music: Justin Bieber, Destiny  
Foster  
Person I admire most: My Grandpa  
Maples  
Nickname: Maples, Mapes



BreAnna Johnson - February 22, 2021 at 09:13 PM

BB

*The first band I was ever in was with Willie and Harold back in 1967. Long time that we were friends.*

Bill Baysinger - February 23, 2021 at 11:00 PM



“ BreAnna Johnson lit a candle in memory of William Earl Maples



BreAnna Johnson - February 22, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ BreAnna Maples lit a candle in memory of William Earl Maples



BreAnna Maples - February 22, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ You will never be forgotten grandpa!



BreAnna Maples - February 22, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of William Earl Maples



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - February 22, 2021 at 09:00 AM