

## OBITUARY

### Retired Army Lt. Col. Bill Feltner, Jr.



Bill Feltner, Jr., went to be with the Lord Tuesday, December 29, 2020. Bill would have seen his 100th birthday February 10, 2021, and was celebrated this Christmas as the oldest Purple Heart recipient living in the City of Windcrest, where he lived with his wife of nearly 18 years, Mary Anne. They married January 18, 2003, at Windcrest United Methodist Church, where they worshipped together and were active with ROOTS (Royal Order of Terrific Seniors). Their mutual love of travel took them on adventures to Africa, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe, New Zealand, and throughout the United States. Bill and Mary Anne stayed active with daily work outs at the neighborhood YMCA, where they were known as the King and Queen of the Y. Bill had been a member of many clubs including The Airstream Travel Club, joining in 1982, and the Windcrest Square Dance Club, joining in 1974.

Bill was born on February 10, 1921, in Combs Kentucky, son of the late Bill and Fanny Feltner. They moved to Hyden, Kentucky, where he lived with a very large family with three brothers and one sister. At 17, Bill was a junior in high school when he left home to live with his cousin Charley Bagley. During this time he helped out with his cousin's saw mill, grist mill, and worked the farm milking cows, feeding chickens, and hogs. Bill went back to finish high school and took a job cleaning a lawyer's office in the evenings and building fires in the mornings. Two years later, Bill graduated 2<sup>nd</sup> in his class of 24, with no money for college and no future in



Hyden. In August 1940, he and five of his school friends took a bus to Fort Knox where he enlisted in the US Army. Bill was commissioned an officer February 25, 1943, and served in the Pacific during World War II, in Korea during the Korean War, retiring in 1961. During active service, Bill was awarded two Bronze Stars, two Commendation Medals, and a Purple Heart.

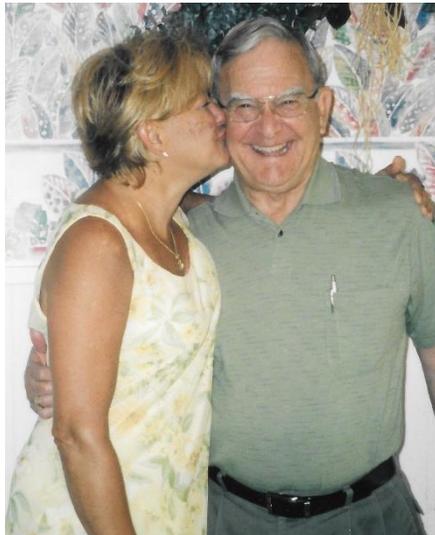
Bill moved to San Antonio, Texas, and went to work as a Professor of Military Science, teaching for six years at Peacock Military Academy. He went on to San Antonio College for Computer Programming, then went to work for US Air Force Civil Service, retiring a second time in 1982.



Bill is survived by his loving wife Mary Anne Feltner, his sister Penny Ferguson, daughter and husband Sandra and Emile Miron, daughter and husband Deborah and David Haynes, daughters Rebecca Feltner and Theresa Rose-Roberts, two stepdaughters and their husbands, Tracie and Lewis Andrews, Tammie and Chris Thompson, six grandchildren, five great grandchildren, five great great grandchildren, and an extended family of angels including Syndi Hudson, Laura Dorca and family, Cetta Nicholson, Juana Herrera, and Myrtle Lewis. He is preceded in death by his son William Feltner, brother James D. Feltner, sisters Berniece Hensen, Mary Murphy, and Fern McPherson.



Bill was an inspiration to all who knew him, whose smile was contagious, always remaining a gentleman, ready with a hug, a kiss on the cheek, and a twinkle in his eye. He was fondly known as Mr. Bill and loved the Lord, his family, and friends, and will be sorely missed by all. Rest in Peace "Mr. Bill" – heaven has gained a wonderful angel.



Interment will be held 10:15 am, Friday, January 15, 2021, Pavilion 2 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, with Reverend Linda Gwathmey officiating. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, guests are limited to 50.

The family asks in lieu of flowers, to please donate to Neighbors Helping Neighbors-Windcrest United Methodist Church <http://windcrestumc.org/neighbors-helping-neighbors-food-pantry>, The Agape Ministry San Antonio <https://theagapeministryinc.org/>, or a charity of your choice.