



Billie "Bill" R DeHart Jr.

June 25, 1946 - March 12, 2025

Lafayette -

An Inurnment will be held on Friday, March 28, 2025 at 11:00 AM in the mausoleum at Southwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Jennings for Billie "Bill" R DeHart Jr., age 78, who passed away on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 in Jennings.

Billie "Bill" DeHart was a former Marine Gunnery Sergeant and a proud patriot. He was born on June 25, 1946, in Bay City, Texas and grew up in Waco, Texas where he played high school football at Midway High School in Hewitt, TX.

Bill had a deep love for the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, and football. He was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys and the Baylor Bears.

His Marine service included three combat tours in Vietnam, during which he earned two meritorious promotions, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, the Navy/Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

After leaving the service, Bill worked in various professions before becoming the owner-operator of DeHart Transportation. He loved westerns, especially

those starring John Wayne. Although he lived in Louisiana far longer than in Texas, he always considered himself a proud Texan. Most who knew him remember a big man with a larger-than-life personality.

Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years, Margaret Bodoin DeHart of Lafayette; his son, Michael DeHart of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland; and his daughter, Melissa Ausburn of Deltona, Florida. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Ashley, Zack, Allana, and Juliana DeHart; Alexis, Brooke, and Jacob Ausburn; and his great-grandchildren: Emilio Mares, Annalise DeHart-Cabral, and Kartavious Jones. He is also survived by his sister, Wanda Brittain of Paradise, TX.

He was predeceased by his parents, Billie R. DeHart Sr. and Lela Hobson, and his beloved dog, Scooter.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home in Jennings, LA, and Lamm Family Care in Crowley, LA, whose staff showed excellent care and compassion in his final days.

Semper Fidelis.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

Previous Events

Inurnment

MAR **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Southwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery
1610 Evangeline Rd
Jennings, LA 70546

Tribute Wall

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“ Peggy Adams lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" R DeHart Jr.



Peggy Adams - May 14, 2025 at 06:01 PM

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“ Ausburn Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Billie "Bill" R DeHart Jr..



Ausburn Family - March 26, 2025 at 05:37 PM

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“ Ausburn Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billie "Bill" R DeHart Jr..

Ausburn Family - March 26, 2025 at 05:37 PM



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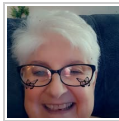


Mike Dehart - March 19, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ When I bought my first home in Lafayette, Bill and Margaret became wonderful neighbors. Mr. Bill always looked out after us and would be there to kill a snake, or to just joke and laugh telling his stories. He always was full of life and laughter and had a smile for everyone he met. He enjoyed many a Sunday cookout with us and my neighbors and Margaret. I will cherish all the great memories and never forget your infectious laughter! RIP Mr. Bill

Janelle Smith - March 19, 2025 at 12:42 PM



Yes I will definitely miss those fun times together and your great meals.

Margaret DeHart - March 19, 2025 at 05:48 PM



Margaret, we are so sorry for your loss. I can still see Bill walking big Scooter and CoCo (monkey) down the street.

We are praying for you and your family.

John and Cindy Cuccia

John and Cindy Cuccia - March 27, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Dad



Mike Dehart - March 19, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Mike Dehart - March 18, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Mike Dehart - March 15, 2025 at 06:13 PM

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“ *Bill was a Marine, husband, father grandfather, great grandfather, Brother and brother n law. He was a intelligent and Caring man. My Mother J.Davis always loved talking with Bill. My Sincere condolences to the DeHart Family. .Revelations 21:4.*

Kimberly Castaneda - March 15, 2025 at 04:17 PM