



## Mr. William "Bill" Kenneth Manley, Sr

November 28, 1928 - September 14, 2020

William "Bill" Kenneth Manley, Sr., 91, of Columbia, died at home on Monday, September 14, 2020. Born in Long Island, NY, on November 28, 1928, he was a son of the late Thomas and Laura Susan Junz Manley.

On February 1, 1946, at the age of seventeen, Bill decided that he wanted to join the military. He volunteered with the U.S. Army and served on active duty for six and a half years. On September 22, 1952, he received an honorable discharge as a Sergeant First Class.

While he was active duty with the U.S. Army, he met and married Doris C. Williams, who was raised in Richland County, SC. Following his discharge from the U.S. Army, he earned his high school GED through the University of South Carolina, attended Draughon Business College and majored in accounting. In May 1956, he joined the South Carolina Army National Guard as an Accounting Technician. After 32 years of faithful service, he retired with a military rank of Chief Warrant Officer, CW4. During his service and throughout his retirement, he became a lifetime member of the National Guard Association and the American Legion Post 6.

Bill was very active in the City of Columbia as well as with the Eau Claire community where he lived for over 70 years. He was a charter member of and served on the board of Trustees for the Capital Senior Center. He was a past president of the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods, AARP Chapter 753, chairman of the Legislative Liaison Committee, a member of the Fighting Back Task Force, and the Columbia Area Transportation Committee. Bill had a passion for his community of Eau Claire. He served as the executive director of Eau Claire Community Council, Co-founder of Hyatt Park-Keenan Terrace community group, and a youth mentor at Eau Claire High School. Beginning in 1992, Bill was involved and held many leadership positions with the Rotary Club of Eau Claire. In 2011, the conference room in the Eau Claire Town Hall Building was renamed to the Henry Hopkins/Bill Manley room as an honor to their many years of service to the Eau Claire community. He was a graduate of the Citizen Academies for both the City of

Columbia and the Richland County Sheriff's Department. He was a past volunteer at Prisma Health Baptist Hospital.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Doris W. Manley, his sister, Liz Fabrizio (Al) of Huntington Beach, CA, children, Brenda Martino, Susan Carpenter (Bobby), Deborah Burrows, and William K. Manley, Jr (Prisha), nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sons, Michael E. Manley and Mitchell K. Manley; and a son-in-law, Rickey Martino.

The funeral service for Mr. Manley will be held 10 o'clock, Thursday, September 17th, at The Basilica of St. Peter, 1529 Assembly St, Columbia, SC 29201. The Very Rev'd Canon Gary S. Linsky, V.F. Pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow the service in Greenlawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Wednesday evening, September 16th from 5 pm until 7 pm at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Melinda, Rosa and Cindy with Lutheran Hospice for the amazing care provided to him until he was called to his eternal home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lutheran Hospice at <http://www.lutheranospice.org/donate>.

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel  
7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Shives Funeral Home** - September 17, 2020 at 06:39 AM

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“ Bill and I spend several years volunteering on the same unit at what was Then called Baptist Medical Center. I had so much caring and respect for him for the way he gave his all to the patients and other peers as well, not only at Baptist, but in his service to the military both during his duty and all the years when after he served on the board of Army Echoes. Just being in his presence would light up any room! My deepest condolences to Doris and the rest of their family. With fond memories.....Sue Sessler

**Sue Sessler** - September 20, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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“ Bill was a fine southern Gentleman who loved his family, USA, SC, Columbia, & Eau Claire. We lost a great leader whose tireless work & determination improved all. The entire family is in our prayers.  
Chip Land

**Chip Land** - September 18, 2020 at 10:31 AM

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“ We, at AARP Chapter 753 Columbia SC are with much sadness to hear of Mr. William "Bill" Manley passing. Bill served as a past President of the chapter and was very vocal national and local with AARP issues. He will be deeply missed. AARP Chapter 753 Family-AARP Chapter 753 Board.

**AARP Chapter 753** - September 18, 2020 at 09:08 AM

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“ Rich & I just want to send all our love your way. Uncle Billy was the nicest and kindest man we ever knew. Always was smiling . Take care of yourselves.

**Evelyn(Lynn) and Richard Bacon** - September 17, 2020 at 03:51 PM

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“ I was in the National Guard with Bill and he was a great help to people in the field. He was a GREAT Soldier and friend. We will be Praying for each of you. We Pray that God will give each of you His peace that passes all understanding now and forever. He will be MISSED by all his love ones and his friends..

**CW5(R) Tony & Jane McAlister** - September 17, 2020 at 03:49 PM

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“ Keeping the Manley family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Delores Richardson  
Roger, Rhonda (Adams), and Robert

**Rhonda Adams** - September 17, 2020 at 12:47 PM

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“ Columbia has really lost a great servant. He was my friend and a friend to the poor and homeless in our community. Being around him just made you want to be a better person. His gentle way of making you see the bigger picture of an issue was a gift. He loved you into a new way of thinking. I will always be grateful for his friendship and help on so many issues. He was a blessing to so many folks. My prayers for Doris and the entire family.

Kathy Riley

**Kathy Riley** - September 17, 2020 at 08:08 AM

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“ 123 files added to the album LifeTributes



Shives Funeral Home - September 16, 2020 at 02:08 PM

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“ Tom Felder lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Kenneth Manley, Sr



Tom Felder - September 16, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ God of All, we Pray dearly to you for William, whom we loved but will not see any longer. Grant to him internal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, through your mercy, Rest In Peace forever. Amen.

Tom Felder - September 16, 2020 at 01:58 PM

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“ I'm very sorry to learn of Mr. Manley's passing. I first met him in the mid-1950s when I was a child. At the time, he worked at the Ediisto Farms Dairy store on North Main Street. It was always a treat when our parents took us there for ice cream. Mr. Manley would tease and chat with us, and it seemed he always gave us an ample scoop (maybe because he and my father were in the National Guard together?). I did meet him again many years later at Transportation Committee meetings. Please accept my condolences.

Richard Sharpe - September 16, 2020 at 01:03 PM

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“ Many condolences to Doris and all the family. I remember how Bill worked so hard in the neighborhood association and in collaboration with other neighborhood associations around town, including ours in Cottontown. I also recall his lovely smile at Mass each week. He will be much missed.

**Patti Marinelli** - September 16, 2020 at 11:04 AM

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“ I am so sorry to see this. There are way too many wonderful memories to mention. Let's just say that whenever I was involved in our communities, Bill would make a point to be beside me. He was the "great community conscience". We have 'lost' a mighty good one.

Fletcher Spigner III

**Fletcher Spigner III** - September 16, 2020 at 11:02 AM

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“ Prayers for the Manley family. I am thankful for Mr Manley's many years of service to our community.

**Juli Hancock** - September 16, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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“ American Legion Auxiliary Unit Six purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. William Kenneth Manley, Sr.



**American Legion Auxiliary Unit Six** - September 15, 2020 at 11:32 PM

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“ American Legion Post Six purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. William Kenneth Manley, Sr.



American Legion Post Six - September 15, 2020 at 11:22 PM

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Rupert Rentx - September 15, 2020 at 06:44 PM

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“ Terra Johnson & Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mr. William Kenneth Manley, Sr.



Terra Johnson & Family - September 15, 2020 at 12:12 PM

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. William Kenneth Manley, Sr.



September 15, 2020 at 10:40 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Uncle Billy. Prayers and love from your KY family.

**Angela Brown** - September 15, 2020 at 09:41 AM

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**Bill Manley** - September 14, 2020 at 08:18 PM

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“ Your love for life and your family always lit up a room. You will be sorely missed. Until we meet again.



**Melanie Williams** - September 14, 2020 at 08:09 PM

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**Prisha Manley** - September 14, 2020 at 07:41 PM

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“ Mr Manley was a marvelous human being. As a boy growing up in the same neighborhood as he and his family, and attending Heyward Gibbes and EC High School, I had many occasions to get to know him. And he was, in many ways, a role model for me. Always full of good humor and smiles, a man of kindness to all. He was a dedicated member of our community, and all of us were the better for it. My deepest sympathy to Debbie, Susan and the family.

---Rev Charles H Roberts  
Simpsonville SC

Rev Charles H Roberts - September 14, 2020 at 06:43 PM

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Ashley Manley - September 14, 2020 at 12:44 PM

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sandy collins - September 14, 2020 at 11:29 AM