

William Robert Hardester III

April 16, 1939 - May 26, 2025

William Robert Hardester, III, age 86 passed away Monday evening May 26, 2025 at his home. He was born April 16, 1939 in Baltimore, MD to William Robert & Alice Marrietti Hardester, Jr.. He was a Captain with the Baltimore County Fire Department at the time of his retirement. He took great pride in his service with the fire department. He enjoyed early morning walks with Ms. Jane, working on cars with his friend Rod and eating at Cracker Barrel. He was happiest when he was helping others. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sylvia Joyce Hardester; step-daughter, Crystal Francisco. He is survived by his sons, Rob (Rachel) Hardester, Springfield, TN and Charles Michael (Suzanna) Francisco. Statesville, NC; 10 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren. Funeral service is scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2025 at 11 am in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House with Pastor H.D. Jones officiating. Interment will follow in White House Memorial Gardens with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation is planned for Thursday, May 29, 2025 4pm-8pm and Friday, May 30 2025 10am-11am at the funeral home. ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAY **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

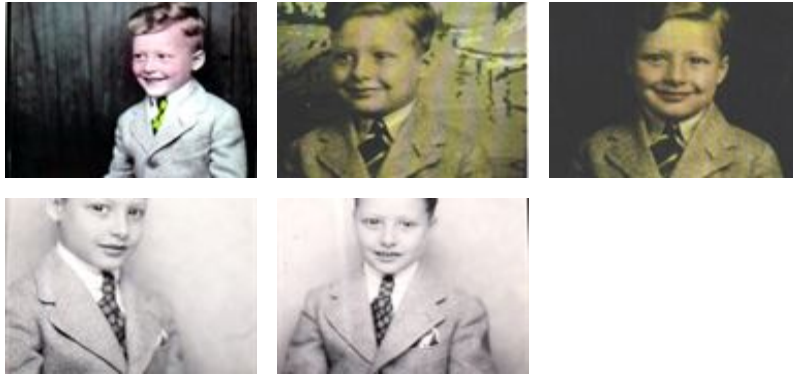
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“ Terry K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Robert Hardester III.

Terry K. - May 29, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ 77 files added to the album Life Tributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - May 28, 2025 at 05:56 PM

LC

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Bill from Walmart where I work, he would always want to come find me & checkout with me. We would talk about where we both used to live him in Baltimore and me in NJ. I just can't imagine not being able to see & talk to him anymore. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. 🙏.

Linda Cochrane - May 27, 2025 at 11:15 PM

VC

We had the privilege of knowing Bill through church and small group. When his wife was baptized into Christ, I had the opportunity to witness a lady very afraid of water, but willing to obey the Lord and be immersed for forgiveness of sin. They were a very special couple. Bill was willing to help anyone in need. Love, John & Vicki Cosma

Vicki Cosma - May 28, 2025 at 11:41 AM

RH

Thank you Miss Vicki.

Rachel Hardester - May 30, 2025 at 08:35 AM

RH

Our sincerest thanks to everyone for all the kind thoughts, and prayers it is very greatly appreciated.

Rachel Hardester - May 31, 2025 at 03:14 PM