



William Jackson Crooke

August 3, 1931 - November 4, 2012

Col (Ret) U.S.A.F. William Jackson "Bill" Crooke of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma was born to William Freeborn and Ethel Irene (Jackson) Crooke on August 3, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan and passed from this life on November 4, 2012 in Norman, Oklahoma at the age of 81 years.

Bill grew up and attended school in Detroit, Michigan. He received his M.B.A. from George Washington University. Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force on July 12, 1953. He made a lifelong career serving his country for almost twenty- six years. Bill served for two tours during the Vietnam War. He obtained the rank of Colonel. Bill met Marilyn Brebach while they were attending school at Michigan State and later married. She preceded him in death on April 22, 1986. In August of 1987, Bill married Mary Sue Farbro. Bill and Sue made their home in Norman, Oklahoma and then after retirement, they moved to Lake Arbuckle between Davis and Sulphur. In 1996, they moved to Pauls Valley. Bill was active in Scouting at Sulphur and supported Circle of Care and Boys Ranch at Gore. Sue preceded him in death on April 23, 2012. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta, Military Officers Association, Air Force Association, and the First United Methodist Church in Pauls Valley. Mr. Crooke is survived by:

2 sons: Billy Crooke of Norman, Oklahoma

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Daughter: Carol Wilhelm and husband Randy of Wilbur by the Sea, Florida

2 step-daughters: Vickie Foraker and husband Bobby of Maysville, Oklahoma

Myra Rennie and husband Fred of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

9 grandchildren: Adrienne, Julianne and Jacob Wilhelm, Bella Crooke, Nick Rennie, Holley Sanders and Lesley Abbott, Keith Foraker and Kevin Foraker

Great-grandchildren: Karston and Ellason Rennie; Brady Sanders

Mr. Crooke was preceded in death by:

His wives: Marilyn Brebach Crooke and Mary Sue Farbro Crooke

Parents: William and Ethel Crooke

Grandson: Kyle Foraker

Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Pauls Valley with Rev. Mark Watson officiating. Interment will be in the Maysville Cemetery with full military honors. Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Maysville Cemetery

Maysville, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)

1601 South Chickasaw

Pauls Valley, OK 73075

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Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church- Pauls Valley

407 N. Willow Street

Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *William Jackson Crooke*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



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“ *I remember meeting Col. Crooke in Bowie Md. as I was friends with his Daughter Carol now Wilhelm. Then in Norman OK when I went to visit Carol and her family shortly after they left Bowie. I had great respect and admiration for Bill. I recall vividly Col. and his buds restored an old military transport plane c 130 I think. Then flew it down to Harlingen for a show with the Confederate Air Force. I thought for sure he had already retired at this time at least from the Air Force. Seemed I heard he hit the age where he had to stop flying and he decided that was it for Air Force. During that trip to Norman Col. Let me drive his little red British sports car. How darn fun was that. I will never forget it. Carol if you read this love to get back in touch. Been a long time since we last got together after you got married when I was in florida.*

Mark Marlow - October 03, 2015 at 08:30 PM