



## William Joseph Kahler

January 1, 1943 - January 15, 2023

William Joseph (Bill) Kahler, 80, a longtime Fairland resident passed away at Freeman Health System in Joplin, Missouri on Sunday, January 15, 2023. Bill was born to Leland W. Kahler and Emma Jo (Ginn) Kahler on January 1, 1943 in Roxdale, Dallas County, Missouri. In 1945 moving from San Antonio, Texas his family settled in Miami, Oklahoma where he grew up and graduated from Miami High School in 1960. After helping his family move to Fairland, Bill enlisted in the United States Navy on September 14, 1960 and served as a Boiler Tender aboard the aircraft carrier USS Hornet CVS-12. Upon Honorable discharge he returned to Fairland where he married the Love of his life Davene Matthews on December 21, 1963.

Bill attended Franklin Technical School in Joplin for training as a machinist. He worked for several machine shops in Joplin then moved to A1 Tool and Machine, Inc. in Pittsburg, Kansas. In January 1970, Bill was licensed to the Gospel Ministry by Trinity Southern Baptist Church in Pittsburg. In August 1970 they moved to Bolivar, MO where he attended Southwest Baptist University and worked as a Dorm Supervisor of a men's dorm and the Maintenance Department. After receiving a bachelor's degree with a double major in Religion and Art, they moved to New Haven, MO where he pastored Memorial Baptist Church and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry. In September they moved to Fairland where he started his carpentry service and pastored Emmanuel Baptist Church in Jay, Northeast Baptist Church in Miami and in March 1982 he became pastor of Warren's Branch Baptist Church in

Seneca where he served for 11 years. In June 1993 Bill began working with the Northeast Area Prevention Resource Center as a Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist, working in the seven Northeast counties in Oklahoma. After 14 years there, he became pastor of Narcissa Baptist Church in Miami where he served seven years, then retiring due to his health.

Bill is preceded in passing by his parents, Leland W. and Emma Jo Kahler; three siblings: brothers James E. Kahler and Michael L. Kahler and sister Barbara Jean Lindsley, and his wife Davene Kahler of the home. He is survived by his son Timothy S. Kahler of Fairland, a daughter Tamra (TJ) Stolezing and her husband Terry of Fairland, four grandchildren; Tyler S. Kahler and his wife Keisha of Sarcoxie, MO, Tabitha Nash and her husband Joey of Grove, Slade, Majesty, and Terry Stoelzing of Fairland and two great grandchildren; Easton and Ensley Kahler of Sarcoxie and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be on Thursday, January 19, 2023, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Hudson Creek Baptist Church. Military Honors will be provided by the Miami American Legion Post Funeral Honors Team. There will be a private family burial. Services have been placed in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairland.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mr. Kahler's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hudson Creek Baptist Church  
15401 S HWY 125  
Fairland, OK 74343

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of William Joseph Kahler*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - January 18, 2023 at 06:05 PM

GM

*Bill and I served our country in the Navy aboard the same Ship, USS Hornet CVS12, Fair well old friend, I wish you fair wends and fallow seas*

**Gary Moore** - January 18, 2023 at 06:36 PM

SB

*I met Bill and Davene when I attended one of my first USS Hornet Reunions. They were a very sweet couple. After I became secretary for the Association, I could call on Bill to help with the prayers for the dinners, memorial services and any thing else I needed help with. He would always say "yes" if they were attending the reunion. I miss being in touch with him. They are missed by many. Prayers and hugs for his family.*

**Sandy Burket** - January 19, 2023 at 12:24 PM

CW

“ *Bill Kahler was a wonderful person. He had a great heart full of care and concern for others. He loved the Lord and devoted his life to pastoring and leading other souls to Christ. He dearly loved his wife, children, and grandchildren. He loved the Navy and his time of service for our country. He was a good friend to many and will certainly be missed! All who were fortunate enough to know him were BLESSED!* ”

Cathy Ware-Alexander - January 21, 2023 at 08:48 PM

GM

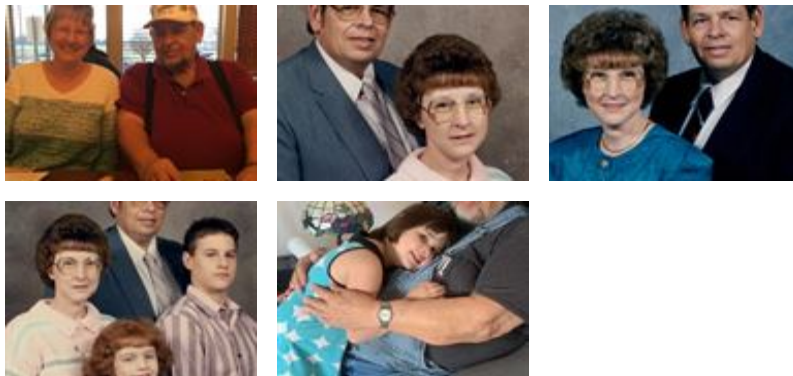
“ Gary Moore lit a candle in memory of William Joseph Kahler ”



Gary Moore - January 18, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ 143 files added to the album LifeTributes ”



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - January 18, 2023 at 05:50 PM

JM

“ Served 6-7 months with Bill in 1963 on the USS Hornet CVS-12. Fair winds and following sea, brother. Comfort and strength for his family.



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**Jacob McClary** - January 18, 2023 at 05:43 PM

KA

“ Prayers of comfort to the family

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**KarenDowns** - January 18, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Joseph Kahler.



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January 17, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *Tim and Tammy, Children and Family,*



*Our deepest condolences and thoughts are with you at this time of loss. Always remember special times spent with Bill and Davene and remember their love for each other and for their family.*

*Bill, my second nephew and son of my sister Emma Jo, and one of my parents 16 grandchildren, was born during the days of WWII. Lived with my parents, my brothers and me from time to time, so I spent a lot of time playing with Bill.*

*When he was in the Navy and stationed in Long Beach, (1960s) he spent many weekends with my husband, daughters & me, as we had moved to LB in 1959. During those years he found his lovely wife, Davene. After they married, I saw them on vacations in Miami with my parents/family and shared our family reunions. My daughters and I were fortunate to share a visit with Davene, Barbara, and family in 2003 at my sister Jean's home while on vacation. We had a lovely visit.*

*Through Facebook, my family and I were able to keep up with Bill and Davene and family, through the years.*

*Sending Love to All, Aunt Paula {Ginn}, And My Daughters Christi Shelly And Diane.*

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**Paula N Di Eaton** - January 17, 2023 at 08:14 PM

JB

“ *Prayers for family*



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**jan Buck** - January 17, 2023 at 10:31 AM

JM

*Served with Bill on the USS Hornet ... nice guy then and a great guy with our website.*

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**joe martino** - January 18, 2023 at 06:12 PM