



William "Bill" Lynn Talkington

November 26, 1934 - October 11, 2023

William L. "Bill" Talkington, age 88 of New Martinsville, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at New Martinsville Health and Rehab Center.

He was born November 26, 1934, in Wetzel County, son of the late Percy Dorman and Donah (Hayes) Talkington.

Bill was a proud veteran of the US Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict. He was the owner and operator of Talkington's Gun Shop for 55 years. For 41 years he taught WV Hunter Education classes. He was a BB gun instructor for young shooters. He also was an Air Rifle instructor who trained 12 shooters that qualified for Olympic Training. He was a competitive Trap Shooter in the 1970's with his sons, Jon and Percy.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Beulah (Nice) Talkington in 2021; a son Jon Ellis Talkington in 2014; sister, Martha Jane Graff; brother Eugene Talkington.

Bill is survived by two children, Percy (Debbie) Talkington of New Martinsville and Belinda (Brad Bennett) Talkington, of Martinsburg, WV; four grandchildren, Jon Michael Talkington of New Martinsville, Ted (Katie) Talkington of Minneapolis, MN, Rachel (Matt) Kocher of Bridgeport, WV, Katy (Jeremy) Roush of, Asheville, NC; sister-in-law Fala Nice Johnson of New Matamoros, OH; nine great grandchildren, Ivy and Lydia Talkington, Jocelynn, Kendall, and Braxton Kocher, Nolan, Everett, and Ada Roush, and Chance Weigle; dear neighbors, Scott, Liz and Jason Hartman and "The Girls" at The

Court Restaurant.

Family will receive friends on Friday, October 13, 2023, from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville.

Private Interment at the convenience of the family at the family cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Bill's memory to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

OCT 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ To the family of Bill Talkington I share your loss. Bill and I were competitors in high school basketball and baseball in the early 1950s. He was a true sportsman.
He was extremely proud of being a Marine.

*Jack A Beckett, Pine Grove High School, class of 1954
(LTC Retired, US Army)*

Jack A Beckett - October 22, 2023 at 11:52 AM

DB

“ Dear Belinda, Percy and family, my thoughts & prayers to all of you. Daddy Bill was a great wonderful man. I am so sorry for your loss. Belinda, anything you need Let me know! I am here for you.

Diane Bonyak - October 13, 2023 at 03:20 PM

TM

“ It is so sad to hear about Bill's passing. My sister, Patty, and I have such wonderful memories of his kind soul. My sincere condolences to Percy, Belinda and entire family.

Tammy Nice Mallamo - October 13, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Lynn Talkington.



October 13, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of William Lynn Talkington, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Marine Veteran, William Lynn Talkington, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner Tri-State Military Museum - October 13, 2023 at 06:53 AM

JB

“ *Sad day for the passing of a great man, Bill left an impression on so many people. RIP*

John Batton - October 13, 2023 at 06:31 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Lynn Talkington.*



October 12, 2023 at 11:21 AM

GS

“ *A sad day for New Martinsville. I sincerely hope that Percy and the family find peace in a life well-loved. Rest in Peace.*

Greg Swords - October 12, 2023 at 09:59 AM

GS

**Percy*

Greg Swords - October 12, 2023 at 10:04 AM

VP

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with your family. Bill was a good friend. With sympathy, Velinda, Jon, and Allen Phillips*

velinda Phillips - October 11, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Lynn Talkington.*



October 11, 2023 at 06:14 PM

CL

“ To Percy, Belinda and family, I am sorry to see this. Bill and Beulah certainly did alot for the community over the years. I remember when the State required everyone to take a hunter education course. I signed up and attended the class on Maple Avenue. While having a time out conversation they informed that they were teaching the course and donating their time plus snacks. At the end of the course I thanked them for all they did and wrote a check to cover the cost of the entire class. When asking Bill who to make the check to he replied: Make it out to the New Martinsville shooting team. I did just that. Bill and Beulah were a blessing to all they met. I was very proud to know them as friends.

Curt Lindner - October 11, 2023 at 05:11 PM

CC

“ A real community icon. He will be missed.

Charles Clements - October 11, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Lynn Talkington.



October 11, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Lynn Talkington.



October 11, 2023 at 03:37 PM

RK

“ *What a wonderful man! I spent many hours discussing the Marine Corps and the faith in God we shared. Bill was an expert in anything he laid his hands on. He will be missed. Rev. Dr. Robert Kincaid*

Robert Kincaid - October 11, 2023 at 02:02 PM

RF

“ *Bill and Beulah was very close to my family, especially my parents. They were both wonderful people. There was never a moment that they didn't talk to me when they saw me. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Ruth Fluharty

Ruth Fluharty - October 11, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Lynn Talkington.*



October 11, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Bill and Beulah treated me and the kids over the years. We stopped in the gun shop when they got off the school bus each day. Lots of memories! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. 🙏 Mike and Kathleen Batton and family*

Kathleen Batton - October 11, 2023 at 01:20 PM