

William Lyle “Bill” Harper Obt.

b. 7 May 1929 – d. 22 July 2019, Wartburg, Morgan Co., TN, s/o **William Hershel Harper** (1894-1963) & **Katherine Frances Jared** (1900-1991), both buried in Wartburg Cemetery, Morgan Co., Wartburg, TN. Katherine Frances Jared, d/o **Robert Lee Jared Sr.** (1863-1932) & **Catherine Frances Byrne** (1871-1909), both buried in Joseph Haywood family graveyard, Putnam Co., TN.

WARTBURG — William “Bill” Harper died July 22, 2019, at his home in Wartburg, Tennessee.

Bill was born May 7, 1929. His family moved to Wartburg from Carthage, Tennessee,



when he was a young child. He graduated from Central High School in 1947, and was a member of the Wartburg Presbyterian Church. In 1951 he graduated from Tennessee **Polytechnic Institute** (now **Tennessee Tech University**) with a BS in chemistry. He would go on to earn a master’s degree in chemistry from the University of Tennessee. In 1954, **he was drafted into the Army and participated in Operation Teapot, where he collected vital information**

on the effects of nuclear weapons, witnessing 14 detonations himself. After his military service, Bill worked at the Y-12 research plant in Oak Ridge for more than 40 years. In his later years, he created and funded a scholarship to provide financial assistance to Tennessee Tech University students from Morgan County who pursue studies in chemistry. Bill was known for his wonderful sense of humor, love of traveling and his talent as a photographer. He deeply loved his family and his home town.

He was predeceased by his father, William Hershal Harper and mother, Katherine Jared Harper.

He is survived by cousins, Garland and Lucy Stanton, Brett and Sandra Stanton, Ralph and Kathy Maddox, Martin and Laura Medley, Ralph and Ann Jared, Joe and Judy Jared, and Polly McCloud.

Memorial contributions may be made to the William L. Harper Chemistry Scholarship at Tennessee Tech University.

The family will receive friends Saturday, July 27, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1-2 p.m. (EST) with the funeral to follow at 2 p.m. (EST) with Pastor Carolyn Anderson officiating. Interment will follow in the Wartburg City Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements, 423-346-6677.

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