



## William "Bill" "Shippy" Hatten Shipp Jr.

December 26, 1942 - June 3, 2022

William "Bill" "Shippy" Hatten Shipp Jr., 79, resident of Towanda, PA, passed away Friday, June 3, 2022 at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, PA. William was born in Baltimore, MD, on December 26, 1942, son of the late William Hatten Shipp, Sr and Margaret Mae Hayes Neuwiller. He attended school in Baltimore, MD, later graduated from Wyalusing High School, Wyalusing PA. William served his country in the United States Marine Corps, then serving in the USMC reserves as Sergeant. He was a forward air controller stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis. William was a lifetime volunteer firefighter for Towanda and North Towanda Fire Departments. William worked for Sylvania prior to his employment at DuPont where he retired from in 2000. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 42, Beirne-Webster VFW Post 1568, Bridge Street Hill Rod & Gun Club, Towanda Gun Club, and Bradford County Outboard Motor Club. He had served as boy scout leader, forest fire warden and various roles in the local fire departments. William enjoyed his family, friends, hunting, fishing, working in his fields, and visiting at Benjamin's Garage and the VFW.

Surviving are his wife, Debra Webster Shipp and children: Karen Shipp of Tampa, FL, Diane (Bob) Sheets of Towanda, PA, Robert Lines of Kill Devil Hills, NC, and Stacey Shipp of Chambersburg, PA, grandchildren: Krysten(Jonathan) Davis of Sneedville, TN, Patricia(Josh) Vanderpool of Wyalusing, PA, Taylor(Lloyd) Maynard of Towanda, PA, Tyler Sheets of

Newark, NJ, Conner Clement of Frederick, MD, Amara Shields and William Curley of Chambersburg, PA. great grandchildren: Gracie and Addison Vanderpool. Sister Patricia and husband James Madairy, brother Raymond Shipp and his wife, Bugs, and brother Robert Neuwiller as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

William was preceded in death by his mother, father, and sister Margaret Dobranich.

There will be a memorial service held Monday, June 6, 2022 at 3 p.m. at the Towanda Fire Department 101 Elm St Towanda. Arrangements are being coordinated with Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home Towanda, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be directed to one of the organizations below or to a charity or organization of one's choice in memory of William. Towanda Fire Department 101 Elm Street Towanda, PA 18848, North Towanda Fire Department 40 Hillcrest Drive Towanda, PA 18848 or Beirne-Webster VFW Post 1568 3271 Bridge Street Hill Rd Towanda, PA 18848.

Memories & Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Towanda Fire Station  
Elm Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" "Shippy" Hatten Shipp Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *William "Bill" "Shippy" Hatten Shipp Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *William "Bill" "Shippy" Hatten Shipp Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *William "Bill" "Shippy" Hatten Shipp Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *William "Bill" "Shippy" Hatten Shipp Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*

**Norma Lee** - August 01, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ *To the Shipp family, my thoughts and prayer are with your family at this difficult time. Shippy was a good friend of my dad and good guy.*

**Shari Stempel** - June 12, 2022 at 06:45 AM

EM

“ Rest In Peace dear friend, Shippy--Do-Dah!  
You will be sincerely missed by everyone that  
ever had the pleasure of knowing you. You  
lived life to the fullest and can now watch over  
your family and friends. Hugs to all of your  
family.

Warmest Regards, Larry & Elaine



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**EME** - June 10, 2022 at 06:42 AM

BW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, I have fond memories of Bill when he  
served with my dad Gordon Ford, with fire company, forestry & the  
fire police, and being in his home watching his girls, he will be  
missed. Bonnie Wilcox

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**Bonnie Wilcox** - June 06, 2022 at 03:05 PM

VA

“ Dear Deb, and family,

John and I have only the best memories of Shippy....We share your  
loss, and send our love, and prayers for comfort.

With Deepest Sympathy,  
Val and John Morningstar

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**Val** - June 06, 2022 at 02:47 PM

CH

“ *MY deepest condolences to the family.*



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**Claire Holton-Lizon** - June 06, 2022 at 09:26 AM

RW

“ *You will be missed*



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**Rickey Webster** - June 05, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" "Shippy" Hatten Shipp Jr..*



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June 05, 2022 at 02:43 PM

BV

“ *Sending deepest sympathy to the family*



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**Bob & Lorinda Vanderpool** - June 05, 2022 at 10:00 AM

LM

“ Bill was only part of our lives for the 3 years we lived in Towanda. We knew him because our dear friend, Diane, was so sweet to share her family with us. The first time we met him, we loved him. He was so friendly and welcoming towards our family. He had a great personality and was always laughing. Being from TX, my son used ma'am and sir when he spoke to people. He called Bill ma'am one night while we were all visiting on Diane and Bob's back porch (our favorite place to be). That became the running joke between the two. They both called each other ma'am from then on. As a matter of fact, when I told Mikey that Bill passed, I said ma'am so he would know who I was talking about. We haven't seen him in about 10 years, but he has a permanent place in our hearts. So sorry to all his family. I know losing him is such a loss.

*Mike, Lisa, Mikey, and Lauren Miller*

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**Lisa Miller** - June 05, 2022 at 09:09 AM



“ Melissa Ann lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" "Shippy" Hatten Shipp Jr.



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**Melissa Ann** - June 04, 2022 at 07:45 PM