



## William French Pack III

November 19, 1941 - January 26, 2026

William French Pack, III of Riner, VA passed away peacefully on Monday, January 26, 2026, surrounded by family.

Bill was born on November 19, 1941. He grew up in Blacksburg, VA and was a member of BHS class of 1960.

In 1960, Bill joined the US Navy where he earned the rank of machinist's mate 2nd class and navy diver 2nd class. Bill could explain the intricacies of a steam engine as if he was still keeping one running. He had countless stories about being on the USS Hunley in Dunoon, Scotland, as well as the USS Farragut in Cuba, where he tended to submarines in the Atlantic.

After receiving an honorable discharge in 1968, Bill returned to Montgomery County. He devoted many years to developing real estate, worked at Hercules, was one of the first 5 employees hired at Federal-Mogul. He eventually settled in Riner where he raised a family and lived for the remainder of his life.

Bill was mischievous, he loved a practical joke, and he knew everyone. He had a kind heart which made it hard to say no to him. Quick to smile, he loved company. The friendships he made in the navy were tight and life long. When Bill entered a room, he brought it to life. Always in good humor, he could make

everyone laugh.

In addition to reminiscing about the Navy, Bill had many passions. Some of them were welding, creating "Imaginative Art", the Washington Redskins, WWII history, Motown, The Rolling Stones, and two sets of labradors.

Bill is survived by his son, Cameron French Pack (Jen), Sarah Bishop, his partner of 33 years, her daughter Tracy, whom he loved as his own, his sister, Joann Sutphin (JB) and brother, Bob, former wife Bonnie Ballengee Pack, 6 grandchildren; Kristen, Catie (Cameron and Jen), Caleb, Claire, Baron and Kylie (Chad and Allison), nephews and cousins.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William French Pack, Jr. and Devota "Dit" Parrish Pack, his daughter, Kristen Elaine Pack and son, Charles "Chad" Parrish Pack.

His ashes will be interred at Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, VA with a private ceremony. A Celebration of Life will be held at Windy Hills Farm in Riner, on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 4:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, Bill supported the Montgomery County Animal Shelter, Wounded Warriors and The National Association of the Tin Can Sailors.

# Cemetery Details

## Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery

5550 Bagging Plant Road  
Dublin, VA

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 23. 4:30 PM (ET)

Windy Hills Farm  
1698 Rustic Ridge Rd  
Riner, VA 24149

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Sending love to all. He was one of a kind. Hang on tight to all those stories and memories.*

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**Lynn Brammer** - February 07 at 07:45 AM

JB

“ *I first met Bill when he interviewed with Federal-Mogul, and was hired in 1971 as one of the original maintenance mechanics. Along with my husband John, we developed a great relationship with Bill, Bonnie & their family.*  
*Shared great times together at the beach & at their home in Riner. As others have said, Bill was special. Since learning of his passing, we have fondly recalled memories of Bill's wit, and his unfailing love for his family & friends.*  
*He will be missed by many, but never forgotten.*

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**John & Brenda Brown** - February 04 at 11:04 AM

DY

“ *Until we meet again !!*



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**Danny Young** - February 03 at 11:26 PM

KL

*I met Bill as a brother of one of my favorite people, Joann. He was always a fun guy and a good friend to my older brother Felix. He will be missed by many.*

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**Kitty Kelley Lambiotte** - February 13 at 10:30 AM

SK

“ Rest well my friend will see you again on the other side. I know I can always reach out and talk with you and I will listen for you. Bill is a very special person he knew that you never leave you are there in every heart beat and all you have to do is talk and your love one is there. Sandy Killgo

Sandy Killgo - February 03 at 12:36 PM

LT

“ Bill Pack and I first met in the early '60s in the forward engine room, where we worked together on the USS Hunley (AS-31) over in Holy Loch, Scotland.

Bill introduced me to his first wife Ann, and her family. They lived at some kind of forest preserve at the head of the Loch and they were all very pleasant folks.

While I was stationed in Charleston, SC on the USS Ozark (MCS-2) we got together again and Bill let me store my '39 plymouth at his home while I went on a Northern European Cruise... What a good friend he was...God Bless and Fair Winds & Following Seas, Shipmate...!!!your friend, Capt Lance (chief cook & bottle washer) at the Tortilla Flats Snake Ranch.

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Lance Timmer - February 02 at 10:25 PM

AG

“ Cameron. I just wanted to say I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You and the family are in mine and mom's prayers. Ashley Griffith

Ashley N Griffith - February 02 at 01:13 AM



“ I got to know Bill when we both worked at FNB. He was an interesting man. Always polite, and always a smile. Good lookin too. He also employed me a few times to clean his house in Riner. A gentleman as well. Bill, you will surly be missed on this earth. So glad I have fond memories. Fly high big man, fore now you have wings.



**Diana Albert** - February 01 at 08:12 PM

EW

“ I want to send sincere condolences to the family. I got to know Bill through my years at Reed lumber co along with getting to know Bob as well. this is a great loss for our community may God bless you all during this time.

**Eddie Wimmer** - January 31 at 07:51 PM

LB

“ Bill was such a special person, always a smile or laugh, always saw him out eating, Abby's in blacksburg or Buffalo and More in Riner, loved his burgers, Always had lots of folks at his table telling stories. He will be missed.

**Louise Bakerp** - January 31 at 02:04 PM

JC

“ So sorry to hear this. Bill was such a great person. Full of himself and always a lot of fun. Sure will miss ya'.

**Janet C. Crittenden** - January 31 at 11:38 AM

RS

“ *Sincere prayers for his family* ”



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**Rose M Sheppard** - January 31 at 10:54 AM