

William Gaines Whitaker, III, 74, of Cypress, TX, formerly Pflugerville, TX, went to be with our Heavenly Father on April 11, 2022.

Bill was born September 13, 1947 in Helena, AR to Lt. Col. W.G. Whitaker, Jr. and Jessie Blanch Carr Whitaker. He grew up all across the country traveling with his family on Air Force assignments before landing in San Antonio, TX. In February 1968, he enrolled in Officer Candidate School for the Army at Fort Benning, GA. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant and served as Platoon Leader in the Vietnam War, receiving the Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, Parachutist Badge, among others. He married Andrea H. Straughan, in December 1969 and retired as an Army Captain in 1971. In 1972, they moved to Austin, TX where he joined the Austin Police Department. Upon the birth of their daughter Jessica in 1984, they settled in Pflugerville, TX and called it home for 35 years. He retired as a Sergeant from APD in 1998. His daughter Jessica married Christopher Passmore of Cypress, TX in 2009 and they blessed him with five grandchildren who were his absolute pride and joy.

Bill had a habit of reading obituaries in the newspaper “to check to make sure he wasn’t in there.” His sense of humor was one of a kind.

Preceded in death by parents, William G. and Jessie B. Whitaker, and brother, Ronald Whitaker. Bill is survived by his bride of 52 years, Andrea; daughter, Jessica Passmore and husband Christopher; grandchildren, Mia Beth (10), Levi (8), Anne (6), Gabriel (5), and Elliot (3).

A visitation for Bill will be held Friday, April 22, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home, 2900 Williams Drive, Georgetown, TX 78628, with the funeral service starting at 11:00 AM. Bill will be laid to rest on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 1:45 PM at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.cookwaldendavisfuneralhome.com for the Whitaker family.

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