



William Harry CoLove

November 12, 1938 - December 19, 2025

William Harry CoLove ("Bill"), of Jackson, Missouri, passed away on Friday, December 19, 2025, in Jackson, Missouri.

He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania.

William proudly served his country in the United States Navy, enlisting in December 1956 and serving for six years. He attained the rank of Storekeeper, Class A, and was stationed in San Diego, California, as well as Japan. His military service remained a source of pride throughout his life.

William was first married to Mary Margaret (Whitaker) CoLove, who preceded him in death on January 17, 2006. From this marriage were born three children: Deborah "Debbi" Marler, Terry CoLove, and Michael "Mike" CoLove, who preceded him in death.

He later married Ruth Grubbs Bien CoLove, who survives him.

He is survived by his grandchildren: Ashley Wells, David "Jake" CoLove, Sarah Christian, and Katie Christian; and was preceded in death by his grandson, Michael CoLove.

He is also survived by his great-grandchildren: Kaidence, Ariana, Gracie, Eli,

Cole, Sharlene, Willow, Sunny, and Amelia; and by his great-great-grandchild, Amora.

William is survived by his sister, Janice Martin; his nieces, Barbara "Barbie" Sessions and Tracy All; his great-niece, Hannah; and his great-nephew, Eli. He was preceded in death by his nephew, Scott Peters, and his great-nephew, Isaac.

In his later years, William retired and was known for his practical wisdom and gentle humor. He was fond of saying, "Drive slower - you can drive longer."

Graveside services will be held at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri, honoring his military service.

Arrangements are being handled by his wife, Ruth CoLove, and family.