



William Joseph "Chief" Finn

January 3, 1937 - May 13, 2024

William Joseph "Chief" Finn was born on January 3, 1937 in Boston, MA and passed away at his home on May 13, 2024. He was the son of the late George and Ethel Finn. William was born and raised in Boston where he completed 12 years of education.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 25 years Nina Kate Sherbett Finn as well as his wife of 23 years, Brenda Ann Greer Finn; siblings, Tommy Finn, Red Finn, Mary Goode, Ethel Ulleven, George "Junior" Finn, Robert "Huck" Finn and Edward Finn and his son-in-law Lt. Col. Kenneth D. Bourland.

William is survived by his children, Ronald Finn (Laura) of Mt. Olive, Cindy King (Tommy) of Springville, Daphne Watkins (Rumpy) of Centreville, Peggy Evans (David) of Birmingham, Bobby Greer (Tammie) of Gardendale and Kristi Ann Finn of Cullman as well as 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

William served his community as a police officer. William worked 4 years as a lieutenant for the City of Gardendale then finishing his career as Chief of Police for the City of Fultondale before retiring with over 27 years of service in the field of law enforcement.

William served our country in the United States Air Force and in the Army

Reserves 20th Special Forces Airborne Unit as a Medic.

After retirement William worked with his longtime friend, Lynn Hurst, at Hurst Towing and Wrecker. He worked countless hours without hesitation.

William touched so many lives with joy and laughter, to know him was to love him. "Chief" never met a stranger and stayed in touch with everyone he could. He loved his country and community deeply.

Funeral services to honor his life will be held at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home on May 17, 2024. Visitation from 10am – 12pm and a chapel service beginning at 12pm. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Bethlehem Methodist Cemetery in Marion, AL. Rev. Mark Harrison will officiate.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Cemetery

2600 County Road 162
Marion, AL 36756

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8810
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

Chapel Service

MAY 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ My Name is David Meeks and I want to send my heart felt sympathy to the finn family.Chief Bill finn not only was my neighbor at one time but a dear friend and I want to say to the family how much respect I had for him he was kind hearted and always had time to talk to me and my folks when they were living.so family my prayers are with you all and will miss him but knowing we have that assurance we will see him again when we get to heaven

David Meeks - May 25, 2024 at 10:51 AM

DD

“ *"Middle age ends and old age begins the day your descendants outnumber your friends"* paraphrased poem by Ogden Nash.

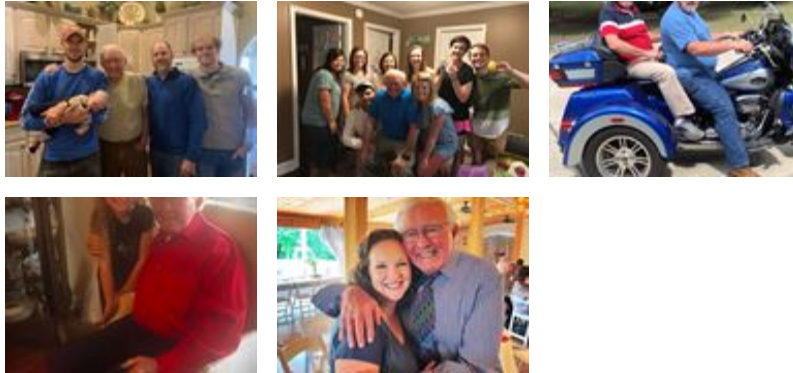
20th Special Forces Society has lost a great friend and a stalwart companion. A donation is being made to the Society's education fund by the former members of Medical Platoon, Service Company, 20 SFG (ABN), ALARNG, in memory of the "Chief."

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Dalton Diamond - May 17, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ 109 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - May 16, 2024 at 04:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of William Joseph "Chief" Finn.



May 16, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *From Bob, Nomie, Robert, Carina Finn* purchased the *Serenity Wreath* for the family of William Joseph "Chief" Finn.



From Bob, Nomie, Robert, Carina Finn - May 16, 2024 at 12:11 PM

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“ From Bob, Nomie, Robert, Carina Finn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Finn.

From Bob, Nomie, Robert, Carina Finn - May 16, 2024 at 12:11 PM

JF

“ John, Beth, Drew, Jennifer and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Joseph "Chief" Finn.



John, Beth, Drew, Jennifer and family - May 16, 2024 at 11:36 AM

AM

“ Allyn and Lori Meyers purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William Joseph "Chief" Finn.



Allyn and Lori Meyers - May 16, 2024 at 08:22 AM

AM

“ Allyn and Lori Meyers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Finn.

Allyn and Lori Meyers - May 16, 2024 at 08:22 AM

LL

“ Love John boy and Lyn purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of William Joseph "Chief" Finn.



Love John boy and Lyn - May 15, 2024 at 12:42 PM

LL

“ Love John boy and Lyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Joseph "Chief" Finn.

Love John boy and Lyn - May 15, 2024 at 12:42 PM

CB

“ Bill Finn flies with the Angels now. He is smiling down from Heaven. Never have i met such a funny and wonderful man. He is with Brenda.now and Inez.
Love from Chris and Dave

Chris Ballard - May 15, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Joseph "Chief" Finn.



May 15, 2024 at 09:38 AM

TP

“ Timothy & Cathy Payne purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William Joseph "Chief" Finn.



Timothy & Cathy Payne - May 14, 2024 at 07:12 PM