



## William L. Lupton Ph. D.

May 26, 1941 - May 7, 2025

William Lloyd "Bill" Lupton, a distinguished naval commander, esteemed educator, and devoted family man, passed away on May 7, 2025, at the age of 83. Known simply as "Bill" to family, friends, and colleagues, he lived a life marked by service, leadership, and profound dedication to both his country and his loved ones. A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Bill's life was a testament to perseverance, intellect and heart.

Born to the late Mary Katherine (Thomas) Lupton and Clement Merle Lupton, Bill was raised with a strong sense of duty and perseverance. He was the beloved youngest brother of Clement M. Lupton, Jr., Arthur Earl Lupton (both of whom predeceased him), and Gary Aaron Lupton.

Bill's military career began as a seaman in the United States Navy, where his intelligence and leadership skills were quickly recognized. Rising through the enlisted ranks, he was selected for Officer Training School and later earned a bachelor's and master's degree in computer science from the Naval Postgraduate School. As a Naval Flight Officer, he amassed over 5,000 flight hours and flew 141 combat missions over North Vietnam, earning five Strike/Flight Air Medals. His dedication and excellence led him to the rank of Commander and an appointment as Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at Southern University/Louisiana State University.

A lifelong scholar, Bill furthered his passion for education by obtaining a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Louisiana State University/Columbia Pacific University. His impact on academia was profound—he was instrumental in establishing and leading Computer Science departments at the U.S. Naval Academy, Jackson State University, and Morgan State University. His commitment to advancing science education resulted in securing over five million dollars in grant funding and fostering opportunities for underrepresented students in NASA and National Science Foundation educational programs and research initiatives.

Bill was deeply involved in the National Technical Association (NTA), serving in various leadership roles, including President of the Baltimore Chapter and National President. He was also a proud member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Beyond his professional achievements, Bill's greatest joy was his family. He shared 34 wonderful years with his first wife, Cecelia Lipscomb, before her passing in 1994. Together, they raised three sons, Michael, Steven, and Scott. In 1996, he found love again with Monica McKinney, with whom he shared nearly 28 years of marriage. He embraced her son, Richard Ian, as his own, offering unwavering guidance and support. His love for his grandchildren (Kayla, Cece, Allie, Mikey, Lexie, and Millie), great-grandson (Greyson), and extended family was immeasurable.

Bill also served as the family genealogist, and each year around his birthday, he and Monica hosted gatherings for the Lupton and McKinney families to celebrate their lineage and shared love of family. Among his many cherished relationships, Bill had a special bond with two of his nieces, Tamora Wilkinson and Katherine Lupton.

Tamora, who was like a daughter to him, doted on her "Uncle Billy" and often

turned to him for his wise counsel and unwavering affection. Katherine also admired him deeply—never hesitating to engage him in thoughtful conversations—and faithfully checked in on him, a testament to their strong and enduring connection. An adventurer at heart, Bill traveled the world, visiting every continent except Australia. He cherished family gatherings, working on his family tree, and sharing moments with his brother Gary on FaceTime. His warmth, wisdom, wry sense of humor, and generosity touched the lives of many.

William Lloyd "Bill" Lupton leaves behind a remarkable legacy of courage, intellect, and devotion. His memory will be forever cherished by his family, friends, colleagues, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He is survived by his wife, Monica; sons Michael Fitzgerald Lupton (Michele), Steve Todd Lupton, Scott Anthony Lupton (Yolanda), and Richard Ian McKinney Johnson (Ashley); grandchildren Kayla Rae Heno, Cecelia Lee Lupton, Alejandra Michele Lupton, Michael Fitzgerald Lupton, Jr., Alexis Elaine Lupton, and Milani Love Johnson; great-grandson, Greyson McKnight; brother Gary A. Lupton (Gina); beloved nieces Tamora Wilkinson and Katherine Lupton; and a host of nephews, nieces, colleagues, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Rolling Green Cemetary

1811 Carlisle Road  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

MAY **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD

## Wake

MAY **21**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Beloved St. John Evangelistic Church  
4541 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19140

## Funeral Service

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Beloved St. John Evangelistic Church  
4541 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19140



# Tribute Wall



“ Bill and I were OCS Classmates and also in the same class at BNAO School at Pensacola in 1966. A good friend I haven't seen for many years but one whose friendship I really cherish. Fair winds and following seas, shipmate.

CAPT Ivan Hughes USN (Ret) - May 28, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ Jesse W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William L. Lupton Ph. D..

Jesse W. - May 21, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ George McKay & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William L. Lupton Ph. D..

George McKay & family - May 20, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ George McKay & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William L. Lupton Ph. D..



George McKay & family - May 20, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William L. Lupton Ph. D..

May 20, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William L. Lupton Ph. D..



May 20, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ Cedrick Smith & Family, JSU / Comp Sci purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William L. Lupton Ph. D..



**Cedrick Smith & Family, JSU / Comp Sci** - May 20, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ Anjolie Anthony purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William L. Lupton Ph. D..



**Anjolie Anthony** - May 19, 2025 at 03:44 PM

MF

“ Maini Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William L. Lupton Ph. D..

Maini Family - May 19, 2025 at 09:23 AM

MF

“ Maini Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of William L. Lupton Ph. D..



Maini Family - May 19, 2025 at 09:23 AM

LF

“ Love, The Anderson and Bowers Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William L. Lupton Ph. D..



Love, The Anderson and Bowers Families - May 19, 2025 at 07:56 AM

SW

“ Sheila W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William L. Lupton Ph. D..

Sheila W. - May 17, 2025 at 04:43 AM

LH

“ *Linzell and Rhonda Harris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William L. Lupty Ph. D..*

Linzell and Rhonda Harris - May 16, 2025 at 10:51 PM

LH

“ *Linzell and Rhonda Harris purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of William L. Lupton Ph. D..*



Linzell and Rhonda Harris - May 16, 2025 at 10:51 PM

QJ

“ *My condolences and prayers to the Lupton family and Morgan State community.*

*I will always remember the story he shared with students at an NTA conference about being assigned to work in the bottom of a ship and realizing that the higher you are to the deck, the more likely you are to get out in the event of an attack, and how he purposed in his mind to not stay at the bottom. This story reinforced that where someone else places you is not where you have to stay, and it's up to you to make moves to get where you want to be.*

*Quelina Jordan-Shaw  
Former Managing Director  
National Technical Association*

Quelina Jordan-Shaw - May 16, 2025 at 07:24 AM

JO

“ Sending our heartfelt condolences to the Lupton family. May God’s peace surround you and His love sustain you during this time of loss.

*“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” – Psalm 34:18*

*Praying for comfort and strength for you all.*

*- Lynette & Jimmy Okunola*

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**Jimmy Okunola** - May 15, 2025 at 02:00 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love, and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown)** - May 14, 2025 at 11:04 AM