



## William Earl "Bill" Vanscoy

July 3, 1943 - April 22, 2024

William "Bill" Earl Vanscoy, 80, husband of Shelia Kay Blair Vanscoy, died peacefully on Monday, April 22, 2024, at his home in Manning, SC surrounded by his family.

Born July 3, 1943, in Wheeling, WV, he was a son of the late Raymond Jesse Vanscoy and the late Marilee Gain Vanscoy. He was a graduate of Ohio State University, a US Army veteran of the Vietnam War, a wildlife biologist, and former superintendent of the West Virginia State Wildlife Center. As a lifelong outdoorsman, he was a member of Ducks Unlimited and Mid Carolina Gun Club. Bill was a member of Manning United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years of Manning; two daughters, Dr. Lori Vanscoy (Dr. Snehal Patel) of Severna Park, MD and Lisa Besser (Johnny) of Blythewood; four grandchildren, Kayla & Tessa Patel and Emma & Henry Faulkenberry; four step grandchildren, Kinsey, John, Ben and Jake Besser; a sister, Janice Huss of Albany, GA; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Derek Faulkenberry; and a brother, Kenneth Vanscoy.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Manning United Methodist Church, 17 E. Rigby Street, Manning, SC, with the

Rev. David D. McManus, Jr. officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Manning United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 68, Manning, SC 29102.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **27**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Manning United Methodist Church  
17 E. Rigby Street  
Manning, SC 29102

## Memorial Service

APR **27**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Mrs. Vanscoy I am so sorry for your families loss. I am so glad I was able to attend the gathering back in the winter with all the guys including Henry. Working with Bill helped me learn to be a leader & decision maker. He always trusted us at work to make the right decision. He was always a positive role model and I'm a better person for knowing & working with him. God bless, prayers from the Kimble family

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**James Kimble** - May 04, 2024 at 09:25 PM

CP

“ We love the Vanscoy family and have many happy memories of their time in WV. Bill loved the outdoors and loved his family. You all contributed so much to our community in French Creek. Thank you. May you be strengthened as you mourn his loss. John, Carolyn, Esther, and Laurie Patterson

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**Carolyn Golden Patterson** - April 29, 2024 at 09:21 AM

WL

“ My heart goes out to Shelia, and the girls, in the loss of their Husband and Father. I met Bill and his parents when I arrived in West Union starting my career in 1956. Later on I was associated with Bill when he founded the ever popular National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration. He started this well-coordinated event on the grounds of what is now the WV Wildlife Center. It has now expanded to a much larger event held at Stonewall Jackson State Park. Bill's contributions live on!  
Walt Lesser

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**Walt Lesser** - April 27, 2024 at 05:26 PM

MS

“ Sheila, so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Love and hugs from Rock Cave

Macsonia Strader - April 26, 2024 at 09:16 PM

DO

“ Sheila and gals, so sorry for your loss.

Dolores - April 26, 2024 at 05:49 PM

CH

“ Sheila ~ we are sorry to hear this. Thinking about you and the many memories through the years. Gene, Rosanne, and Chrispian. Love from Rock Cave!!

chris - April 26, 2024 at 05:44 PM

KS

“ I will always remember Bill as a friend, classmate and teammate at DCHS. My condolences go to Sheila. Clark Swentzel

Kipling Swentzel - April 26, 2024 at 12:10 PM

RS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Bill was a wonderful person and he will be missed but not forgotten.

Robert Silvester - April 26, 2024 at 10:41 AM

JA

“ Bill was such a wonderful guy. I worked for him while in college as well as went to school with the girls.....Prayers to the whole family

jeff Armentrout - April 25, 2024 at 04:00 PM

RG

“ I have long memories of Bill and Shelia. They were both great friends and I remember many HS football games seated with them. Shelia was once my babysitter when we lived in Smithburg WV. Also, saw Bill on several WV DNR events at the WV State Game Farm (now WV Wildlife Center). Prayers for Bill, Shelia and family. Bob (Butche) and Sandy Garrison

Robert Garrison - April 25, 2024 at 03:17 PM

MF

“ Matilda (Tillie) & Ron Fowler lit a candle in memory of William Earl "Bill" Vanscoy



Matilda (Tillie) & Ron Fowler - April 25, 2024 at 02:27 PM

KT

“ Shelia, so sorry to hear of Bills passing. Think so often of our days at Rock Cave Elementary. Sending love and prayers to you , the girls and family.

karen brown (art teacher @ RCE then) - April 25, 2024 at 12:36 PM

YL

“ I remember Bill fondly. He was my very first boss about 45 years ago at what I always call the Game Farm. He was patient and kind. I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort. Yvonne (Holcomb) Loudin

Yvonne Loudin - April 25, 2024 at 12:04 PM

RF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. We seem to be losing several of our DNR family. Hugs and prayers to all.

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**Ruth Tolliver and family.** - April 25, 2024 at 11:47 AM