



William Cline

September 18, 2025

William Thomas Cline of Foley, AL, known by everyone who got to exchange two words with him as Bill, passed away at home on 18 September, 2025 at the age of 79. He was born in Uniontown, KY, to the late Robert Lee and Mary Cline. Bill joined the Army and mastered many roles in the military, from teletype repair, cavalry scout, to M1/M1A1 Abrams Master Gunner.

He earned a Silver Star and two Purple Hearts during his service in Vietnam. After his full military career, he obtained his Bachelor in Science while still working full time at Matco Tools and then retired from another full career at Bridgestone Tires in Tennessee.

Bill read extensively, traveled broadly, engaged in friendly banter with everyone he met, and deeply loved being in the woods and rivers to commune nature in solitude or with company. Anyone who spent more than a few moments in his company was struck by the force of his memorable personality and wit.

Bill is survived by his wife of 35 years, Kay Davenport Cline, his children Samantha Spann (John Spann), Katherine Robinson (Tate Robinson), and Thomas Cline (Virginia Cline); grandchildren Andrew and Lillian, Truman and Roselie, and Micah, Elliott, Simon, and Iris.

He is very much loved and will be sorely missed.