



William P. "Bill" Gunter

March 15, 1942 - July 16, 2025

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William P. "Bill" Gunter was born on March 15, 1942 to W.P. Gunter and Dolly Love Gunter, in Rocky Head, Alabama. He was one of four boys and was raised on the family farm.

Following graduation from the Ariton Alabama High School, Bill moved to Washington, D.C. to work as a latent print examiner for the F.B.I. It was at this time that he joined the Maryland National Guard. A few years later, Bill was recruited by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau (what is now known as "F.D.L.E."). While working full time, Bill went to school at Tallahassee Community College, followed by Florida State University where he earned his Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice with Honors.

In 1972 Sheriff Raymond Hamlin hired Bill to start the Crime Scene Unit at the Leon County Sheriff's Office. He remained in the Crime Scene Unit the remainder of his career and retired as Lieutenant in 2002. Oh, the stories that could be told by those who had the honor to work with Bill at LCSO.

While working at FDLE, Bill met the love of his life, Linda Marie Grimes who was working in the Crime Scene Lab. They married on March 22, 1969. Their son, William Corey Gunter, was born January 2, 1977. While Corey was in the

Boy Scouts and thereafter Post 15 of the Sheriffs Explorers, Bill was hands on and actively involved alongside his son.

Although many may have thought that leading the Crime Scene Unit was his life, he had many activities outside of work that he loved. Hunting, fishing, gardening, socializing and spending time with his family brought him great joy. But story telling over a fire, or anywhere else for that matter, for hours on end had to be his most favorite past-time. Well, that, and hanging out with “Adventure” his black lab who he absolutely loved to dearly.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Linda Gunter; son, Corey Gunter (Torrie); grandchildren Baylee Joyner and Kaylee Gunter (Dominic); great grandchild Nikoah Rittman; brothers Roger Dale Gunter (Glenda), Teddy Bundrick (Connie), and Bud Gunter; numerous nieces and nephews, and countless long-time friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church in Tallahassee. A Funeral Service honoring Bill will be at 10:30 a.m., with burial to immediately follow at Roselawn Cemetery. The Leon County Sheriff’s Honor Guard will provide Full Honors to Bill at graveside.

William P. “Bill” Gunter, you are already missed, highly respected, and loved by more people than you could have ever imagined. You touched the lives of many people from all walks of life. You will remain in the hearts of your family and friends forever. But the memories to be shared about you will keep your spirit alive, until we meet again. Until then, we know you are up above telling stories to all that will listen and fishing in the prettiest place you have ever been.

In Lieu of flowers please send donations to the LCSO explorers post 15. Send

check or money order to the Leon County Sheriff's office. Most High Ministries
P.O. Box 180430 Tallahassee, FL 32318. (Memo Line Lori Jackson- Ukraine)

Mr. Gunter is under the care of Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young
Fulford Funeral Home, Tallahassee, Florida. 850.610.4444

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (est)

Immanuel Baptist Church
2351 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Funeral Service

JUL 26. 10:30 AM (ET)

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2351 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Burial

JUL 26 (ET)

Roselawn Cemetery
843 Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Immediately following the service.

Tribute Wall

PP

“ It was an honor and a privilege to work with Bill during my entire career at the sheriffs office in Leon County. When I advanced to detective, he was extremely helpful and taught me a lot about crime scene, preservation, and investigation. He was considered an expert witness in court cases in many forensic fields. Rest well brother.

Paul Phillips - July 31, 2025 at 09:25 AM

MS

“ I worked Bill for my entire career at LCSO. He was a great man and taught me a lot about crime scene investigation. RIP my friend

Mark Snyder - July 25, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Young ~ Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory - July 24, 2025 at 01:31 PM

LJ

“ Love, Tony, Cheryl & Lori Jackson purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of William P. "Bill" Gunter.



Love, Tony, Cheryl & Lori Jackson - July 24, 2025 at 01:21 PM

DB

“ Doug and Audrey Barrow purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of William P. "Bill" Gunter.



Doug and Audrey Barrow - July 24, 2025 at 11:30 AM

RZ

“ Bill and were cousins and grew up together, he was always a great friend. I know he will be missed.

Ronald Ziglar - July 23, 2025 at 10:04 PM

TC

“ Ted L. Cato purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of William P. "Bill" Gunter.



Ted L. Cato - July 22, 2025 at 08:05 PM