



William "Butch" Howard Janey

March 16, 1952 - November 5, 2019

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William ("Butch") Howard Janey of Belvidere, Tennessee, died November 5, 2019.

Visitation will be held at Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home, Tullahoma, Tennessee, Sunday, November 10, from 12 – 2 pm. Funeral Services are scheduled for 2 pm, conducted by Rev. Warren Swenson, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester, with interment following in Willow Mount Cemetery, Shelbyville, Tennessee.

William was born in Newport News, VA, to Ernest Howard Janey of Sewanee, TN, and Frances Elizabeth Knott Janey of Cowan, TN

William had a special connection to American Indian and Civil War history, caving, and researching old mills. He was renown as a Master Miller, working in numerous mills over the years including Boiling Fork Mill, Ketner's Mill, Prater's Mill, and Falls Mill. He was famous for his skills in milling, and had been the subject of many articles in various books and magazines including the Smithsonian, National Geographic, Southern Living, and Better Homes and Gardens. He was also featured in Robin Smith's book, Tennessee Worker, and in an exhibit at the Hunter Museum in Chattanooga. He was an

avid caver, exploring many caves of the local area. He was a member of the National Speleological Society and the Sewanee Grotto. He also appeared in many travelogues featuring caves, mills, Indian burial grounds, meteor strikes, and bird sanctuaries.

He worked hard on his genealogy, tracing his family back to the 1400's. His grandparents, the Knotts and the Janey's of Sewanee, helped to build the University of the South. They also worked with Duck River and the TVA to install electricity to the area. William was very proud of his pioneer heritage. In his youth he travelled the world with his Air Force father, living all over the continental United States and many foreign countries. His favorite was the Philippine Islands, where his sister, Rebecca, was born. His dad, Ernest Howard Janey, served in three theaters of action in WWII- Europe, Africa, and the South Pacific, and his mother was a wonderful homemaker and nurse. William also enjoyed spending time with his friends hunting, horseback riding, and floating the rivers. His love, humor, hard work, adventurous spirit, and devotion to God was mighty. William was a 1972 graduate of Franklin County High School. He was a self taught artist and poet. Many of his paintings are hanging in local area libraries and courthouses.

The family would like to thank his dear friend, Laura Lowndes, for her precious Christian end of life care and companionship.

In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by his wife, Joy Cunningham Janey and his son, David Jonathan Janey.

He is survived by his first wife, Suzie Wilson, their daughter, Laura (Clay) Janey Mullins, grandchildren Colin and Caitlain Mullins; his three siblings and their children: sister Peggy Ridings, and her daughter Cheryl (Brian) Ault, Elizabeth and Zachary Ault; brother John Janey and his sons Bruce and Matthew Janey; sister Rebecca Janey; also Lisa (Chip) Hoover, Evin & Jude Hoover, Amanda (Corey) Tanner, Elizabeth and Emma Roggli.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home to assist with funeral and medical expenses, or to the Blue Monarch.

Online condolences may be made at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com

DAVES-CULBERSTON FUNERAL HOME IS IN CHARGE OF
ARRANGEMENTS

Cemetery Details

Willow Mount Cemetery

Shelbyville, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home
401 N Jackson Street
Tullahoma, TN 37388
(931) 455-3481

Service

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Butch" Howard Janey*

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *William "Butch" Janey worked for us at Falls Mill for 31 years, performing milling services and helping interpret the history of the mill and grain milling to thousands of visitors during that time. He possessed a keen interest in history and other activities, and was a very dependable employee. We regret his battle with cancer at such a relatively early age, and extend our sympathy to his family and friends. We will have a permanent memorial to him at Falls Mill. I was fortunate to be able to visit with him a few weeks ago and catch up on some of the adventures we shared during our days at Falls Mill.*

John and Janie Lovett

John & Janie Lovett - November 10, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Butch" Howard Janey.*



November 08, 2019 at 08:24 AM