



Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo

December 11, 2024

Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo age 75, passed away on Wednesday December 11, 2024. Bill was born on July 26, 1949 to the late Albert Murry Rambo and Margaret Cone Rambo in Montgomery, Alabama.

Bill served Confederate Memorial Park for 32 years. This was never his job, but his heart and soul. When he retired, he left his legacy in great hands and had no regrets of all of his accomplishments there.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and Christian man. He loved God, family, and country. He was passionate about preserving history, horses, making sure his family was taken care of, and the assurance that we will all meet again in God's eternal Heaven. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Albert M. Rambo and Margaret C. Rambo. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years Toni Rambo, son Ed Rambo (Shalimar), daughters Meg Karle and Beth Jackson (Kyle), grandchildren Taylor Townsend, Claire Jackson, Presley Jackson, Laityn Jackson, Jamie Traywick, and Steven Ritchea. A funeral service will be held on Monday December 16, 2024, at 2:00PM from the chapel of Brookside Funeral Home with Dr. Jim Graham officiating. Those serving as pallbearers will be Kenny Morrison, Calvin Chappell, Dave Neel, Daryle Masters, Paul Wolbeck, Mark Mershimer.

Interment will follow at Brookside Memorial Gardens. Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL is directing.

Cemetery Details

Brookside Memorial Gardens

3360 Brookside Drive
Millbrook, AL 36054

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brookside Funeral Home
3360 Brookside Dr
Millbrook, AL 36054
(334) 285-7442
<http://www.brooksidefuneralhomeal.com>

Burial

DEC 16 (CT)

Brookside Funeral Home
3360 Brookside Drive
Millbrook, AL 36054
brooksidefuneral@bellsouth.net
<http://www.brooksidefuneralhomeal.com>

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Did many a reenactment with him in 2007-2010. Produced a video which he while on horseback, talking to the Cannoneers, "death before dishonor".

<https://youtu.be/4y-nl7mgfR8?si=9HOa-IM4jYp5ppT1>

Thomas Stovall - April 07, 2025 at 01:20 PM

MD

“ I was Bill's boss for 13 years at the Alabama Historical Commission. We worked most closely on developing the museum at Confederate Memorial Park. We had many disagreements through the process, what with me being a carpetbagger. During the museum project and throughout my tenure, we also had many agreements, and both respected and liked each other.

I'm sad Bill is no longer with us.

Toni and family, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Mark Driscoll

Mark Driscoll - January 09, 2025 at 03:30 PM

NC

“ Thank you Bill Rambo for many, many years of great events and camaraderie in reenacting. Your pards from the 8th Louisiana were ever proud to serve with you in the Alabama Division! What an awesome man! Godspeed my friend.

N. Wayne Cosby

Co. B, 8th Louisiana Infantry

N Wayne Cosby - January 01, 2025 at 12:32 PM

WW

“ Bill was a guiding light in our Reenacting world. I just recently learned of his passing. He will be sorely missed, not for just the enjoyable aspects of "The Hobby", but for the times the rain fell, the cold penetrated, and the wood ran out. Bill was always there with his good humor and to lend a hand.
William (Bill) Wood and Family

William Wood - December 26, 2024 at 09:48 AM

JA

“ Bill will be missed ...Remember him well from our high school days in Mobile ...Jim Alston... Davidson High School Class of 1967 ...

Jim Alston - December 18, 2024 at 09:40 AM

SP

“ For quite a few years we reenacted the Civil War with Rambo, he was a great guy! So sorry for your loss. John and Shirley Pate.

Shirley Pate - December 17, 2024 at 08:40 PM

TG

“ Bill and I leading the men at the Hunley funeral in Charleston in 2004. He'll certainly be missed by many. My condolences to all of his family.



Tom Grazioli - December 16, 2024 at 07:22 PM

TB

“ Coach Rambo was the best teacher of history. I enjoyed his class so much. My prayers are with your family.

Teresa Braxton - December 16, 2024 at 04:33 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Brookside Funeral Home - December 16, 2024 at 01:32 PM

1C

We sure Loved Bill Rambo !!!
May God Bless His Family and Friends in this time of Grief and loss

1st Sgt Craig Croft 2nd Fla. Cavalry - December 16, 2024 at 08:31 PM

RS

“ Rick Somers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.

Rick Somers - December 16, 2024 at 12:37 PM

RS

“ Rick Somers purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.



Rick Somers - December 16, 2024 at 12:37 PM

GW

“ *General Rambo was a true leader and will be greatly missed. Greg Weigel 4thky CSA*

Gregory Weigel - December 16, 2024 at 04:31 AM

GW

“ *General Rambo will be greatly missed. As a true officer, the men he lead were always his first priority. Rest in Peace. Greg Weigel 4th Ky CSA*

Gregoey Weigel - December 16, 2024 at 04:27 AM

MH

“ *What a Man, what a friend and another one of the body of Christ gone home. I look forward to the day I see you again Bill. I'll miss you here but I celebrate your home!*

Marc Hill - December 15, 2024 at 08:37 PM

PW

“ *May the soft earth rest gently on you. May light perpetual shine upon you and give you peace. Stand at ease my dear friend . You have done your duty.*

Preston Williams - December 15, 2024 at 03:57 PM

BN

“ *General Rambo was a true leader and friend of all the reenactors that served under Him. He always looked after our needs. There will be a lot of reminisce around the campfires. Bill Neikirk 4th KY Infantry*

Bill Neikirk - December 15, 2024 at 02:40 PM

JL

“ I had the honor of serving with Bill at a number of living history events at Shiloh NMP and Stones River NB. His passion for history and drive to share it with others was always inspiring.

Jim Lewis - December 15, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.



December 15, 2024 at 12:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.

December 15, 2024 at 12:30 PM

GR

“ Col. Rambo in one of my many wonderful memories of him. Taken in 1993 at the Battle of Murfreesboro. Our sincerest condolences to his family. God Bless.



Greg Wright 28th Georgia Infantry of Re - December 15, 2024 at 11:14 AM

EP

“ Our family has always loved the Rambo family. Looked forward to Mr. Bill's smile and kind words on Sundays. Prayers for Toni and family.

Elaine Philyaw - December 14, 2024 at 09:26 PM

RJ

“ Always appreciate what Bill did for history events and authenticity. God bless his family

Richard jesse - December 14, 2024 at 07:39 PM

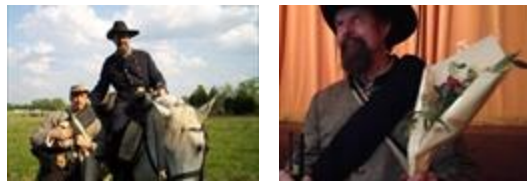
MM

“ What an amazing teacher. I was in his history class 11th grade at Lanier. His love for history and people was always evident. He will be deeply missed.

Melissa Meriwether - December 14, 2024 at 06:21 PM

DC

“ 2 files added to the album rambo



David Corbett - December 14, 2024 at 04:47 PM

DM

“ I'm so sorry to see this. Because of Bill my great-great grandfather's picture as a Confederate soldier is in that museum representing his regiment, the 46th Alabama Volunteer Infantry.

Darrell Maddox - December 14, 2024 at 04:07 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.



December 14, 2024 at 04:05 PM



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.

December 14, 2024 at 03:55 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.



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“ White Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.



December 14, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.

December 14, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.



December 14, 2024 at 02:51 PM

AM

“ Having known Bill in the re-enacting family for some 30 years, I would like to add some thoughts.

One of the first times we were associated with “Rambo” was at one of the early Battle Of Selma, Alabama events. I distinctly recall the very dramatic and memorable evening march to the cemetery with the entire army, flags waving and band playing. It was there that a memorial service was held and later, after dark, there was a fantastic period ball held in one of the adjacent historic homes.

Most often we would see Rambo at events mounted on a beautiful, black horse, directing and training the troops and then supervising the battles. I’ll never forget one situation at Tunnel Hill. At the climax of the firing, with cannons exploding and ground charges blasting dirt, he rode his horse up into the earthworks, sword in hand and shouting orders. It was mass chaos...and we loved it!!

That was the time of mega re-enactments and Rambo and Bill Smart were always ready to “put on the show”. Although we really did not know him on an intimate, personal level, he had our respect and admiration for his accomplishments. If his personal and spiritual character was as bold, then I hope to have interesting conversations with him in eternity.

Andrew G. Misulia, M.D.

Charles Misulia

28th Battalion George Heavy Field Artillery, Battery C

1st Ohio Light Artillery, Battery C

76th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry, Company C



Andrew Misulia, MD - December 14, 2024 at 01:51 PM

DC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David Corbett - December 14, 2024 at 01:37 PM

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David Corbett - December 14, 2024 at 01:36 PM

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David Corbett - December 14, 2024 at 01:35 PM

CW

“ *Bill and I were across the field from each other many, many times. And on the same side of the field a number of times. I always appreciated his humor and wit, both on and off the field. He always accepted my praise for looking so very good in Union Blue. Rest well, old friend.*

- BG Chuck Warnick (retired)

Chuck Warnick - December 14, 2024 at 01:15 PM

PW

Let the earth rest easy on him, and may light perpetual shine upon him . Stand at ease my friend , your duty is done. Your dear friend Preston Williams . Jeff Davis Artillery.

Preston Williams - December 14, 2024 at 07:58 PM

MB

As a fellow Reenactor in the Jeff Davis Artillery, I had nothing but respect and admiration for Bill Rambo and what he did for re-enacting not only in Alabama but the entire South. Whoever comes along to try to take his place has big shoes to fill indeed. He is badly missed not only in re-enacting, but as a historian as well. He was a true Southern Gentleman and fine Christian man. My condolences to his family, friends, and fellow re-enactors. For those of us who are followers of the Word and the Way, we will see him again.

Michael I. Brashier - December 16, 2024 at 02:04 PM

KG

“ *3 files added to the album He was one of my favorite living historians. I learned so much for him when I started my journey of*



Kent Griffeth - December 14, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Thomas Bowers - December 14, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ Rest in peace Bill. Thank you for the memories.

Warren Whitby - December 14, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.

December 14, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" George Rambo.



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