



## William "Billy" Ferrias

November 22, 1962 - December 4, 2018

William "Billy" Ferrias, age 56, of Bourbonnais, died on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, IL. Billy was born on November 22, 1962 to Robert and JoAnn (Garonski) Ferrias in Kankakee, IL. He married Julie VanDeMaele on June 12, 1999 in Burbank, IL. He was a maintenance worker at Burch's Mobile Home Park in Bourbonnais, IL. He sang and played guitar in the band V.O.C. for 20 years. He enjoyed golfing and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Billy is survived by his wife, Julie of Bourbonnais, IL; one daughter, Shelby Ferrias of Chicago, IL; three step-daughters, Erin (Brandon) Reilly of Kankakee, IL, Megan Reilly of Kankakee, IL and Nichole (Brian) Anton of AZ; his father, Robert (Patty) Ferrias of FL; one sister, Vicki Stahl of FL; one brother, Bobby Ferrias of Kankakee, IL; one half-sister, Amy Peters of Batavia; one half-brother, Mitch Ferrias of Kankakee, IL; one niece, Megan (Adam) Minter; and two nephews, Casey Jones and Christopher Stahl.

He was preceded in death by his mother, JoAnn Ferrias.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

No public services will be held.

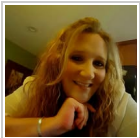
# Tribute Wall

DG

“Wow, I am shocked to hear this, I met and hung out with Billy in 1977-79 in Kankakee going to all the Parties, hanging out at the Kankakee Pool, riding motorcycles by the Viadock in Bourbonnais, always getting into trouble before I moved to Huntington Beach, CA, ironically on March 26th 1980, Billy flew out to California to visit me in 1982 or 83, I took him to the Whisky A Go Go in Hollywood where we were all hanging out.....this is after we all went to the Aragon Ballroom for gigs in 78/79 together, always wondered why he didn't move out here with us, last time I saw him was in 2015 at Burche's Trailer Court (not sure if its still called that) where my Sister still lives to this day, we caught up and "said" we would stay in touch, see each other more often but never did and now this.....always smiling, always seemingly happy, always uplifting, so sorry we didn't get to spend more time together during our adult life Bud, I'll be on the other side to join you sooner rather than later, we'll catch up on all of it then!

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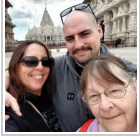
**Dana Giusto** - March 26, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“I dated one of the VOC members and I loved Billy's vocals. I just found out today he passed and I'm extremely saddened by the news. Billy was a cool guy. Total rockstar, from his vocals to his memorizing vocals. To young to go way to soon. Billy rest in peace-

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**Keri Raymer** - March 21, 2019 at 04:07 PM



“ *I'm just hearing of Billy's passing. I knew Billy way back when, and he always had that ready smile and upbeat personality you were just drawn to. Such an easy going, friendly man. He was also a friend to my brother, Doug.*

*Deepest condolences to Bills family, a good man gone to soon. 🙏🥰*

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**Debbie Joynt** - January 02, 2019 at 11:33 PM

DA

“ *Julie & Shelby, We were shocked to learn of Bill's passing. You have been such great neighbors. Bill was so kind, always willing to help and very friendly. It was comforting to know that he kept his eye on things around here. We will certainly miss seeing him outside and his cheerful greetings! I'm certain that he has been reunited with Milo! Please let us know if you need anything, we are right next door!*

*Joel & Dawn Knapper and family*

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**Dawn** - December 15, 2018 at 01:48 PM

MO

“ *So very sorry to here about this. Billy was a very special, unique and talented person. My deepest and sincere condolences to the whole Ferrias family on your loss. Billy will be sadly missed by many.*

*Mike Oetter*



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**Mike Oetter** - December 15, 2018 at 10:40 AM

JS

“ *Known him since grade school. Sadly missed.*

*Jerry Snejberg*

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**jerry snejberg** - December 11, 2018 at 06:43 PM

KS

“ *Bobby i was saddened on hearing of Billy's untimely passing. He had such a zest for life and will be missed by so many. God speed Billy.*



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**Kevin Scott** - December 10, 2018 at 09:41 AM

JB

“ *Bob, sorry for your loss, I never met Billy but as I can see he most definitely has that Ferris look, RIP.*

*Jerry the Mailman*

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**jerry bjick** - December 09, 2018 at 07:41 PM

SN

“ *Billy was a Rock Star in my mind ... Steven Norman*

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**Steven Norman** - December 08, 2018 at 03:01 PM

RM

“ WOW - I hate those “ I wish I woulda” thoughts. Been wanting to hook up with Billy for a long time. I missed it!! You only get one chance, don't you? Been thinking about all the years of hilarious good times. He had something didn't he? I wonder if they will be ready for him on the other side?

*Roger Mailloux*

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**Roger Mailloux** - December 08, 2018 at 10:56 AM



*You right Roger, only one chance. I was blessed to spend many years with him out here where i lived. And grew up with his family. Tomorrow is never promised. We all need to all remember that, including me. Hope you are doing well*

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**Lëxië Suë** - December 10, 2018 at 09:46 PM

BD

“ RIP Billy. I had so many good times with you and everyone in the basement at Roneks. Gone too soon my friend. I wish we could of met up and had a few beers and jammed to a few old tunes. Man From TAM, Frankie, I Got a Thing For You, My Hometown, Why, Oh Why, A Forest. Good times my Brother.

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**Brian Dupuis** - December 08, 2018 at 01:10 AM

KK

“ *i always think of the time i went on the porch to get the news paper and saw billy crouched behind the bushes he looked at me and went shhh so i went back in the house i assume he got away from whomever he must of been 10 yrs old just another day in the neighborhood*

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**katherine Ann kemp** - December 08, 2018 at 12:23 AM

Kim  
Cole

“ *Billy was a Great worker in our community, He always helped the elderly as well as anyone who needed assistance. He was a good guy and will be missed dearly. No one has yet to take his place he was the Best! R.I.P. Billy*♥

*Floyd&Kim Cole*

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**Kim Cole** - December 07, 2018 at 11:14 PM



*No one could ever fill his shoes. He took care of us all. Im about to cry again. Im so very sad and reading all these loving things about Our Billy is getting me all choked up. Especially because they are all true*

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**Lëxië Suë** - December 10, 2018 at 09:48 PM

SC

“ *So sorry for your loss, Bob and Patty. My heart aches for you! Love you both.*

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**Shelly Couwenhoven** - December 07, 2018 at 10:56 PM

SR

“ *Sandra Roof lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ferrias*



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**Sandra Roof** - December 07, 2018 at 09:17 PM

KC

“ *BILLY WE SHARED MANY LAUGHS. MY BROTHER SAID YOU OWE HIM FOR A SNARE DRUM LOL AND SAID HOW FUNNY CRAZY YOU COULD BE AND TO ROCK ON BUD. PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY FROM THE CHARBONNEAU FAMILY.* ”



**KARON K CHARBONNEAU** - December 07, 2018 at 08:58 PM

AU

“ *Had some good times way back in the day may you RIH!* ”



**Audrey** - December 07, 2018 at 08:44 PM

KP

“ *God Bless William RIP, Condolences to your family. Go sing with the best in Heaven. Rock On. Kirk Patchett* ”

**Kirk B Patchett** - December 07, 2018 at 07:49 PM



“ *Sad to see ur "Star" has dimmed Billy! Was great knowing u and hearing u play in The VOC days! U will definitely be remembered for ur zest for life! So long my friend 😭💔* ”

**Char Ratty** - December 07, 2018 at 04:31 PM

DH

“ Dawn R Harper lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ferrias



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**Dawn R Harper** - December 07, 2018 at 02:57 PM

RW

“ We were so saddened to hear of Billy's passing. Had so many stories about Billy and his family we were his landlord, neighbor, but most of all we considered him one of our good friends. The world lost a great guy with his passing RIP my son Ron & Sandy Wilkins "WILKO'S"

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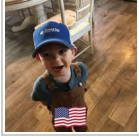
**Ron Wilkins** - December 07, 2018 at 01:44 PM

JH

“ Billy is one of the kindest, and down to earth men I have ever known. Back in the day he was in a Band called the Jell Tones, before V.O.C.. Hope I spelled Jell Tones correctly. Ty, Brent, Randy , Dave and Billy entertained this town, and ROCKED IT OUT,at a place called Labor Temple on Court St. in K3. Where I worked...There 1st gig in public, for a large audience, I believe was there...If I'm wrong please forgive my mistake. They packed the place on Halloween night, and many , many nights after. I got to know Billy there, he is a genuine gentlemen, who everyone loved and admired. Heaven just got another Angel..until we meet again, Love you man !!!!, , Joani

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**Joan Hubert** - December 07, 2018 at 12:17 PM

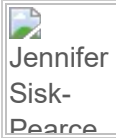


“ Bobby Walker lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ferrias



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**Bobby Walker** - December 07, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Billy, you were my big brother growing up. We had some great river days on daddy's boat and shared many laughs along the way. You were full of life and quite the Rockstar. Now you can sing for the angels in heaven! My condolences go out to your wife, Shelby, and all the ones who loved you. You will be missed and always in my heart. Until we meet again brother.....

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**Jennifer Sisk-Pearce** - December 07, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ You will be missed cuz. I will see you again one day. My condolences to all. Love you family.

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**Laura Buckman** - December 07, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ WOW !!! I hate those, "I wish I woulda" thoughts. Been wanting to hook up with Billy for a long time. I missed it!! You only get one chance, don't ya? Been thinking about all the years of hilarious good times. He had something, didn't he? Do you think they will be ready for him on the other side?

*Rogers Mailloux*

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**Roger Mailloux** - December 06, 2018 at 07:45 PM

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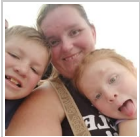
“ I've known Billy since first grade, Mrs.Hinkleman's class. We went through the same schools all through High School. Always as good friends. I left Illinois in 1981, and everytime I came home to visit, I always looked forward to the chance of running into Billy or his brother Bobby. I always considered them family. I look forward to seeing him again someday. May blessings of healing be upon his family.  
Sheri Godin

Sheri - December 06, 2018 at 06:43 PM

EW

“ Joe and I remember Billy as a fun-loving, good-natured student who often made us laugh. (Well, sometimes we had to get home to laugh!) Our condolences to his friends and family. We know he is missed.  
Joe and Elaine Wischnowsky

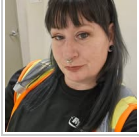
Elaine Wischnowsky - December 06, 2018 at 04:57 PM



“ I rember so much with my Uncle Billy. I remember him playing his song Watermelon room for us kids. He walked me down the aisle when I got married in place of my father. He was a great man. I love you so much. Until we meet again.



Megan Minter - December 06, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ *Laura Huston lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Ferrias*



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**Laura Huston** - December 06, 2018 at 03:48 PM



“ *Rest in peace. When my mom was at riverside hospital you dealt with her and you nothing but respectful, kind, and professional. I will never forget that.*

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**Henna Parkhurst** - December 06, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ *I am at a loss for words. Billy i cant believe you are gone. I've known you almost our whole lives. You, your sister and my friend Vicky and your brother Bobby. So many memories. Back to I believe BAM productions. You were my maintenance man for many years. When hands got changed around here it was NEVER the same with out you.. My heart goes out to your wife Julie and your daughter and step children. Im in tears trying to write this. Its just not real. You were too young. My heart also goes out to your nephew Casey Jones, my neighbor and friend.. I will forever love you Billy Ferrias. I will see you in heaven some day.This is a great loss to alot of people. billy was known and loved my countless people.*



*Sincerely  
Lexie Helm  
(ALexia Chambers)*

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**Lëxië Suë** - December 06, 2018 at 12:50 AM

CB

*I'm so saddened by the loss of a good man and friend. My thoughts and prayers to all of the Family. RIP Billy I will always remember the good times. God be with you all my deepest sympathies. Cindy Blaylock*

**Cindy Blaylock** - December 07, 2018 at 07:17 AM



“ *I would like to add that my friend Kevin Vornkahl is here and deeply saddened by the news. Sending his deepest sympathy thru me to the entire Ferris family. He doesn't know how to operate the internet. So please accept his condolences and sends his love. Please forgive my typos, tears are in the way.*

*Sincerely  
Lexie  
(Alexia Chambers)*



**Lëxië Suë** - December 06, 2018 at 12:08 AM

RM

*WOW - I hate those "I wish I woulda" thoughts! Been wanting to hook up with Billy for a long time. I missed it!! You only get one chance, don't you? Been thinking of all the years of hilarious good times. He had something, didn't he? Do you think they will be ready for him on the other?*

*Roger Mailloux*

**Roger Mailloux** - December 06, 2018 at 07:32 PM



*Roger they better get ready, Heaven going to be Jamming now. Someday we will be at his performances again*

**Lëxië Suë** - December 10, 2018 at 09:55 PM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies to the family.

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**Debra Reilly Coy** - December 05, 2018 at 11:19 PM

MR

“ Billy was always such a nice guy. Always a smile on his face and filled with joy. He will be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with the Ferris family!

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**Mary E Rapier** - December 05, 2018 at 09:22 PM