



## William Pettit

November 23, 1941 - December 1, 2006

William Pettit -- Kankakee William "Bill" L. Pettit, 65, of Kankakee, died Friday (Dec. 1, 2006), at Riverside Medical Center, following a sudden illness. There will be no visitation or services. Cremation rites have been accorded by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Crematory, west Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. Mr. Pettit retired as a sergeant from the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department in 1995, after 26 years on the force. He was also the former owner of Old Quarry Park in Kankakee. He was born Nov. 23, 1941, in Columbus, Ohio, the son of William and Anne Morlan Pettit. He was an active leader in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He enjoyed fishing. Surviving are his wife, the former Starr E. Bradford, whom he married July 15, 1973, at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Kankakee; his children, Bill, Tom, Lisa and Lori; several grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Albert Surf of Naperville; mother-in-law, Virginia Bradford of Kankakee; and many friends, including Juanita and Jerry Davis of Bradley. Deceased are his parents and one brother, Terry.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Star & family,  
  
  
  
Learning of Sgt. Pettit's death in the early morning hours of Dec. 2 instantly reduced me to tears. I now work at the Sleep Lab at St. Mary's. I My co-worker, Mike and I had just been speaking of Sgt. Pettit in the early morning hours of the 1st when Sgt. Pettit died at RMC. I was telling Mike about how cross Sgt. Pettit would get with me when he'd come into the radio room and I'd salute him but with my left hand. (I'm left-handed.) He'd give me a look that would stop an armed terrorist in his tracks. I'd switch hands IMMEDIATELY! I really loved having him as my shift commander as he was fair and fun to work for and with. My brother, Rob Arseneau, who lives in Minn. also knew Sgt. Pettit through his love of antique cars. He also sends his heartfelt condolences.  
  
  
  
You & your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
  
  
Deepest Sympathy,  
  
  
Valarie##imported-begin##Valarie A. Arseneau##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Nancy Stevenson##imported-end##

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“ Starr, Sorry to here of your loss. My prayers and thought are with you.  
  
Butch##imported-begin##ROBERT[BUTCH] LAMBERT##imported-end##

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“ Starr,  
  
I was so sorry to hear about Bill. He was great to work for/with.  
  
  
As I think back over the years, I have many fond memories. He was always able to find humor in our work.  
  
  
He will be missed.  
  
  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
  
With sympathy,  
  
Janice Krizik-Schmidt

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“ Star-  
  
Words can not express my sympathy for your loss of Bill. He was someone I admired and looked up to for guidance through out my career and will never forget him. I'm sorry I could not be there personally but know you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
  
Janice Sullivan

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“ Sorry about the terrible news. I always liked Bill and enjoyed flying r/c aircraft with him. Too bad I didn't get to fish with him before I moved the Arizona. Take care, Starr, I hope nothing but good luck to you in the future.  
  
Your friend, Ike Sutherland, Sun City West, AZ

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“ please contact if any type of service is arranged

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“ TO THE FAMILY OF WILLIE. I ONLY KNEW HIM ONLINE AS A CHAT BUDDY BUT I KNOW HE LOVED TO FISH. AND HE TRUELY LOVED HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. HE SPOKE OF YOU FONDLY. THE FIRST TIME I SPOKE TO WILLIE ONLINE I TOLD HIM OF A TIME I CAUGHT A BIG FISH BUT FORGOT MY NET, AND LOST THE FISH AS A RESULT. WILLIE LAUGHTED AT THAT STORY AND NEVER LET ME FORGET IT. HE LOVED TO TALK ABOUT HIS FISHING ADVENTURES. HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND ALWAYS HAD A GOOD JOKE. I AM SAD TO HEAR OF HIS PASSING JUST İ½KNOW THAT HIS FAMILY IS IN MY PRAYERS AND HEART. <br><br>

İ½SINCERLY<br><br>

İ½MELVA MARTINEZ A.K.A.<br><br>

İ½TEXANCHICK###imported-begin###melva martinez###imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.<br><br> I would often see Bill walking the dog, he always had a smile and wave for me, sometimes we would chat.<br><br> The neighborhood will miss him.###imported-begin###Mary Williams###imported-end##

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“ May you rest in peace, may God take away your pain and allow you comfort.<br><br>You will be missed by those who love you on earth.<br><br>God Bless##imported-begin##Julie Knott##imported-end##

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“ William(Dad)will be in our thoughts and prayers. Please also notify us of any special arrangements. Thanks.##imported-begin##Thomas Pettit##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Heather Patterson##imported-end##

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“ Starr, Our deepest sympathy to you<br><br>Bill was a good friend for many<br><br>years. Way back when he and Harry<br><br>were Limestone firemen together.<br><br>He will be missed. Shirley and<br><br>Harry Mickelson##imported-begin##Harry & Shirley Mickelson##imported-end##

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“ Starr, I was so sorry to hear about Uncle Bill. I will always remember him letting me try on his officer's hat when I was little. More recently, I remember his love of Jimmy Buffett, fishing, cars, and of living life for the moment. You will be in our thoughts and our prayers.##imported-begin##Viki (Surf) Shaw##imported-end##

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“ Dear Pettit Family:<br><br><br><br>I am a former co-worker of Bill's from the Sheriff's Department, I have many fond memories of Bill, he was a stand-up guy. Please know that during these difficult times the entire Pettit family is in our thoughts and prayers.<br><br><br><br>Sincerely,<br><br><br><br>The Jeff Cavender Family##imported-begin##Jeff Cavender##imported-end##

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“ The community has suffered a loss with the passing of Bill.<br><br>A good man and a good police officer who stood with me and others many times in the face of adversity.<br><br>He touched many in his time and the world is a better place for him being here.<br><br>So long my free spirit friend.##imported-begin##Lawrence Burkhalter##imported-end##

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“ Please inform me if there is to be any memorial service. Thank you. I Lori Rieman##imported-begin##Lori Pettit Rieman##imported-end##

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