



William Towne, Jr.

June 4, 1947 - May 9, 2006

William Towne Jr. -- Kankakee William "Big Guy" Henry Towne Jr., 58, of Kankakee, died May 9, 2006 at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Private services were held May 12 in Culver, Ind. Local arrangements are by the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Mr. Towne was co-partner of the Kankakee Antique Mall in Kankakee. He was born June 4, 1947, in Steger, the son of William H. Sr. and Adeline Towne. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of Kankakee Valley Family Church and collected antiques. Surviving are his wife, the former Sonya Wikman, whom he married Nov. 3, 2005, in Kankakee; his mother, Adeline Towne of Arizona; two stepdaughters and step sons-in-law, Julie and Don Page of Bourbonnais, Cindy and John Kaulins of Orland; seven stepgrandchildren; three sisters and one brother; and numerous nieces and nephews. His father and one stepson, William Conroy, are deceased.

Tribute Wall



“ Bill had a very kind and giving heart. He never forgot us on Christmas Eve. My children thought he was Santa because he would come to the door with his thick beard and a big bag of gifts.

We will miss him.##imported-begin##Melanie Boehm##imported-end##

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“ Sonya-

I'll miss the Big Guy..His words of wisdom (though not always seeming wise!) always made me think, even though I rarely agreed with him. He was an asset to this earthly world, and I'm sure he is an asset to the next world, too.

I hope you find some peace in what has certainly been the hardest year of your life. Grasp your faith firmly and know that you are loved - by God, your family, and me.

With love,

Karri##imported-begin##Karri (Haremski) Schroeder##imported-end##

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“ Sonya,

 Sorry for your loss. Will always remember (and now will miss) his greetings when we would meet at the Mall. We know this has been an incredibly hard year for you and we think of you often and hope better days are ahead.##imported-begin##Kenn & Linda Klette##imported-end##

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“ Dear Sojna,

Sorry to hear about Bill, I understand

his heath had really failed him. Now he can rest in peace. I used to see him at

auctions and have a few words with him.

The antique world will miss him! Take care and you have our sympathy.

Duane and Lynn##imported-begin##Duane and Lynn Temme##imported-end##

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