



William "Bill" Willis

December 12, 1936 - November 1, 2020

William "Bill" Willis, age 83, of Bourbonnais passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at his home. He was born December 12, 1936 in Benton, IL, the son of Russell and Mildred (Shelton) Willis. Bill married Linda Freigo Yeates at Asbury United Methodist Church on February 12, 1978.

Bill was the owner operator of the Convenient Food Mart. He worked parttime on the Bradley Police Department for 10 years, drove a school bus for St. George Grade School and a fulltime school bus driver for Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School until his retirement.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Willis of Bourbonnais; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jim (Gail) Willis of Bradley, Ken Willis of Bradley; three daughters and one son-in-law, Kathy Willis of Bradley, Susan (Jeff) Frazier of Plainfield, and Karen Reeths of Bourbonnais; two stepsons and one step daughter-in-law, David (Jen) Yeates and Jason Yeates; one sister and brother-in-law Lela and Dr. Leon Gahwiler of Naples, FL; twelve grandchildren, three great-granddaughters and many cousins.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents and beloved dog Shiloh.

Cremations rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 1 pm until 3 pm on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing guidelines.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

The family of William "Bill" Willis would like to express their sincere gratitude

to Uplifted Care Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Tribute Wall

CC

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all the family. Dick and I had so many good times with Bill and Linda they even let us park our trailer in the back driveway, Now you can drive the bus all over heaven with those kids Bill.

Charlene Cannon - November 07, 2020 at 07:15 PM

TB

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you all. My most favorite memory... as a kid were me and Karen riding our bikes to the convenient store and getting free candy and playing PAC-man. 😂 and Bill relentlessly reminding me of throwing up on his shoes at the carnival after one of those crazy spinning rides.

Tracy Brecheen - November 03, 2020 at 05:31 PM

DG

So many precious memories of time spent with Linda and Bill. Many were in Bourbonnais. And many memories in Florida. Rest in Peace, dear brother in law. We will miss our card games and meals together. Sending love and prayers to Linda and the family. Sorry health issues kept us away.

Dr.Leon and Lela Gahwiler - November 06, 2020 at 08:23 AM

DG

Always in our hearts and memories.

Dr.Leon and Lela Gahwiler - November 06, 2020 at 08:39 AM

SN

“ *Sending prayers for this difficult time*



Sheri Nelson - November 03, 2020 at 01:26 PM

MR

“ *Monica Rocha lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Willis*



Monica Rocha - November 03, 2020 at 12:40 PM

MR

Sending hugs and prayers to his family and friends.

Monica Rocha - November 03, 2020 at 12:41 PM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Willis*



Tom Mallaney - November 03, 2020 at 07:27 AM

CM

“ *Rest in peace dear friend.*

Cathie & Clarence Miedema



cathie miedema - November 02, 2020 at 11:23 PM

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“ *I have so many great memories of Bill. My very 1st job was for him at convenient. He looked tough but he was a big teddy bear. What a great sense of humor he had. My mom and him can now joke around in heaven like they use to do working at convenient. My condolences go out to his family. Karen we all have such great memories together. Sending prayers and love from Florida*



Kristie Ratcliff -Panozzo - November 02, 2020 at 07:11 PM