

William "Bill" E. Fuquay

December 5, 1940 - November 2, 2020

William "Bill" Fuquay, age 79 of Peoria, passed away on Monday, November 2, 2020, at UnityPoint Health Methodist in Peoria, Illinois.

He was born to Elmer Ellsworth and Lillian Rae (Falls) Fuquay on December 5, 1940, in Evansville, IN. He married Carolyn Vaughn on January 13, 1962; they divorced in 1989. He later married Carolyn "Sue" Welborn on October 19, 1992. Sue preceded him in death on December 3, 2019.

Bill was also preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Aileen Johnston, Laurabelle Moran, and Pat Miller.

Bill is survived by his Daughters Shellie Frost of Peoria, Krissy Fuquay of Largo, FL., Grandson Alex Frost of West Chicago, and Stepsons Mike Mumey of Pekin and Tom Mumey of Texas.

Bill attended Manual High School in Peoria and was a member of the 1958 graduating class. In 1955, he set the record for the longest pass in the annual Turkey Day Football Game, played by Manual and Central High Schools. Bill still holds the record of 76 yards.

After graduating high school, he served in the United States Army where he was stationed in Germany from 1958 until his honorable discharge in 1961.

He was quarterback for the Army football team which gave him the opportunity to travel to Austria, France, Italy, and England.

Bill worked in the trucking and transportation industry for 30 years and then for OSF St. Francis for 15 years. He worked eleven years in the OSF Physical Therapy Department and four years at the Center for Health. He also worked

at the Veterans' Home for two years.

Bill enjoyed bowling, fishing, golfing, watching NASCAR, cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals, the Illinois Fighting Illini, the Chicago Bears, camping, playing cards, and loved his dogs. As a sports enthusiast, he also enjoyed coaching girls' softball, playing jarts and horseshoes. He could never pass up a Theo's chili dog or Davis Brothers pizza. Bill will be remembered for his sense of humor, strong work ethic, and his love of sweets.

He was a member of American Legion Post 979 in Bartonville.

It was Bill's wish to be cremated and a memorial visitation will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2020, from 3:00-5:00 PM at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. Masks will be required, and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Memorials may be made to Salvation Army or TAPS (Tazewell Animal Protective Society).

Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611

Tribute Wall

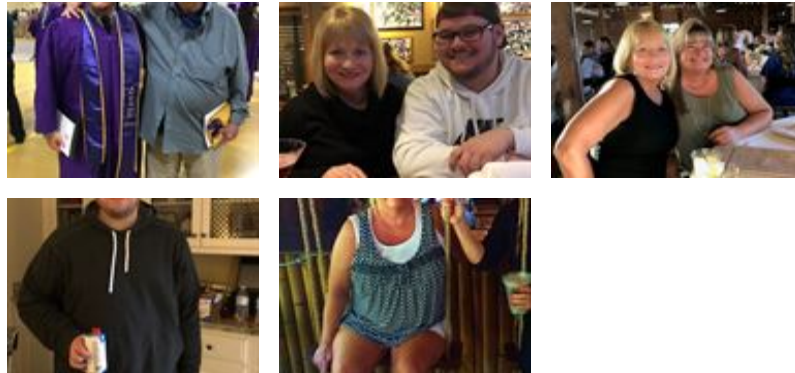


“ *William "Bill" E. Fuquay*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *34 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 06, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Shellie and family,
So sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

Judy Griffin - November 05, 2020 at 09:14 AM

JC

“ *Krissy, I know it's been many many years since we've been in touch but I wanted to express my sincerest condolences on the loss of your dad. I wasn't aware that your momma passed last December and so I'm sending condolences for her too. May peace be with you and your family my old friend.*



Jennifer Cansino - November 05, 2020 at 09:13 AM

JR

“ *Uncle Bill was a great guy and as children we really looked up to him. He had a natural touch with people. Bill knew how to relate to and involve everyone at family gatherings. Our deepest sympathies to his family. - Jamie Regan*

Jamie Regan - November 04, 2020 at 10:29 AM

BL

“ *Bill was a real stand up guy. He always brought a smile to our office. he will be greatly missed by all. Our most sincere sympathies Sue. Bonnie Lee*

Bonnie Lee - November 04, 2020 at 06:46 AM

DB

“ *We knew Bill for over 55 yrs, he was always a great guy & fun to be around. He will be missed!
Rest in peace my brother.
Dwight & Sue Borneman*

Dwight Joseph Borneman - November 04, 2020 at 12:36 AM