



William "Bill" McCrae

November 26, 1947 - July 24, 2021

William "Bill" McCrae, 73, of East Peoria, passed away on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Unity Point Health Methodist in Peoria. He was born on November 26, 1947, to Fletcher and Betty (Smith) McCrae in Peoria. He married Justine Rice on August 15, 2007, in Las Vegas, NV, she survives. He is also survived by his two brothers, Robert (Sally) McCrae of El Paso, TX, and Jim (Maria) McCrae of NC; one granddaughter, Amelia McCrae; his stepdaughter, Brooke Schoenman of Australia; his stepson Brett (Kaitlin) Schoenman of Indianapolis, and his step-granddaughter, Daphne Schoenman.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ryan T. McCrae.

Bill served in the Army from 1967-1969 during the Vietnam War. He worked for 33 years as a supervisor and mail handler for the US Postal Service, retiring in 2008. He was an avid Cardinals baseball and Chicago Bears football fan. He loved his dog, Sobachka, and enjoyed riding his Harley, golfing and snow skiing.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with visitation one hour prior to the service. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be left at www.garydeitersfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" McCrae



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 29, 2021 at 01:57 PM



“ William "Bill" McCrae

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ My thoughts are with you Justine & your family. You and Bill are so special to me.
Bill story: when he told me he rode a motorcycle, I asked if he wore his helmet. He said if I'm more than couple miles from home. We discussed that many accidents occur within a mile of home. I do not think I won the friendly debate. We'll miss that smile, and twinkle in his eyes! Deb Myers

Deb Myers - July 28, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" McCrae.*



July 28, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" McCrae.*



July 27, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *33 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 27, 2021 at 05:26 PM

CO

“ *Connie, Brian, Isa, Gabriel, Dominic, Franny purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of William "Bill" McCrae.*



Connie, Brian, Isa, Gabriel, Dominic, Franny - July 27, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William "Bill" McCrae.*



July 26, 2021 at 11:49 PM

JB

“ *Rest In Peace Bill . Barely knew in Farmington HS , but having remeet you again at Peoria Post Office. 😞*

Jim Burgard - July 26, 2021 at 05:20 PM

LB

Justine I am so sorry for your loss! Bill would light up every time he looked at you!

Lisa Borchardt - July 27, 2021 at 09:57 AM

JR

Justine Linda and I are so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. Please accept our sympathies. John and Linda Read

John Read - July 27, 2021 at 11:55 AM

DN

Justine, I'm so sorry for your loss. Bill was a great guy! May God be with you at this time.
Deb Nelson

Deb Nelson - July 28, 2021 at 09:09 AM

MC

Justine, so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I was in full blown Covid at this time and just got off oxygen. Bill definitely loved life and had a great sense of humor. He caught my son 12 years old driving my truck with friends and Bill in a loud voice made sure they went straight home.

mike coker - December 23, 2021 at 10:56 AM