



Joseph W. Williams

January 4, 1945 - April 6, 2020

JOSEPH WILLIAM “J. Bill” WILLIAMS

Joseph William “J. Bill” Williams, 75, of Camdenton, Missouri, entered into eternal life on Monday, April 6, 2020. He was born January 4, 1945 in Jefferson City, Missouri to Herschel and Mildred (Jeffries) Williams.

He grew up in Camdenton, Missouri, attended elementary school and graduated from Camdenton High School in 1962. He remained a lifelong resident of the surrounding area. After high school he began a 36-year career working at Southern Bell Telephone Company, as a lineman/cable splicer, until his retirement.

In his youth, he was an original member of ‘The Tadpoles’, a clogging square dance team that was founded and organized by Buford Foster. He was a member of ‘The Communication Workers of America’ and the ‘Telephone Company Pioneers’.

He was an outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, deer, elk and wild turkey. And during his years in retirement, he loved his time spent with his brother-in-law, Danny, setting and checking their trotlines on the lake, he also enjoyed, yearly reunions with his cousins at Table Rock Lake and playing ‘Shut the Box’ with his buddies during their weekly get together.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herschel and Mildred (Jeffries) Williams; step-son, Todd Jenkins and brother-in-law, Danny O'Brien.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lu (O'Brien) Jenkins; three sons, Eddie Williams, Jeff Williams and John Williams and his wife LaRae; one step-son, Brien Jenkins; two grandchildren, Jodili Sharton and Jonas Williams; three step-grandchildren, Connor Jenkins, Haley Jenkins and Mason Jenkins; one great grandson, Robert Velasco and many loving cousins and special friends.

There are no services planned at this date and time.

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

Care has been placed with Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



John Williams - April 29, 2020 at 01:56 AM

JW

“ There are so many memories of good times shared with Bill over the last three-quarters of a century that it would be impossible to relate them all. I'm just now coming to grips with the fact that he's gone. Bill was more like a brother to me than a cousin, and I think of him daily. Bill was one of a kind; generous and full of good humor. He'll be missed by everyone who knew him. Adios, old son. See you on the other side.

John Williams - April 29, 2020 at 01:46 AM

RW

“ I cherish the times that Jim and I spent with Bill. He had such a wonderful spirit!
My condolences to his family,
Ruth Williams

Ruth Williams - April 16, 2020 at 09:39 PM

JE

“ Enjoyed knowing Bill, was always outside fishing, hunting, out with Danny, or just yard work. Rest In Peace Bill.



Jay and Debbie Estes - April 15, 2020 at 03:06 PM

AJ

“ I'm so grateful Bill was part of my life's journey. Many many wonderful memories tubing, floating, camping, horseshoes, target practice, four wheeling, napping through Cardinal games and learning to properly eat venison. Mary Lu you are right there in all those good times and heartfelt memories with Bill, and I'm sure the venison would not have been the same without your expert cooking! Bill was a loving grandpa keeping Connor and Mason moving and learning in the outdoors. Loved seeing Bills big smile when his was boating with the boys. We will all miss him. Surrounding you in Love and Light. Rest In Peace, Bill.

Anita Jenkins - April 12, 2020 at 10:42 AM

MJ

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Mary Jenkins - April 11, 2020 at 04:00 PM

JJ

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of cousin Bill’s passing. I have so many fond memories of family gatherings, especially at holidays. When Bill, Bobby Jeffries , David and I were all together with my parents and wth Uncle Herschel and Aunt Mildred in the 1950s and 60s, those were special times. I frequently relive those times in my mind. Donna and I send our deepest sympathies to you and all the family. We keep you in our thoughts Mary Lu, and pray that the grief you and Bill’s family have will be softened by the good memories of your time together.

Jim Jeffries - April 11, 2020 at 03:50 PM

CP

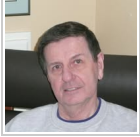
“ Enjoyed knowing Bill. He was a great co-worker. Rest in peace.

Charles Parker - April 08, 2020 at 11:17 PM

SA

“ Sending love and prayers to you Mary Lu and your families at this sad time. Bill had such a warm and welcoming smile that made you feel comfortable and safe right away. He always was a good buddy to your brother Dan and he always helped to take care of you and the many plants you brought in to school during the winter. We pray that Bill is at peace now and smiling down on you.

Sara & Aaron - April 08, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ *Ed wants me to mention Bill's generosity and hospitality. Bill and Mary Lu's home was always our home-away-from-home when we visited the lake area. We have such wonderful memories of those times.*

Another time that was special for me was the time Bill and Mary Lu came to visit us in Colorado. The purpose was to lift my spirits and give me love after my cancer diagnosis and treatment in 1995. We planned a camping trip and set July as the time, so as to be sure that the weather would be good for camping in the Rockies.... well the sun was shining, but there was snow on the ground and it was very, very cold! Bill got to make lots of campfires that trip, with wet wood. But he was, as always, cheerful.

But what Ed and I both remember most about Bill was the wonderful relationship that he had with Mary Lu's brother, Dan. Seeing them together we could feel the bond which they shared and the great love that Bill had for Dan. Once again the word that comes to mind is generosity. Both Dan and Bill had generosity of heart.

We have not been back to the lake for quite awhile now, so we have missed out on the difficult years. For us that was probably just as well. I wish though, that we had been there for Bill and for Mary Lu in this recent time that was so difficult, so I could have paid back a portion of the love they showed to me after my illness.

Our hearts are with you Mary Lu. We know how long Bill has lived in your heart, and how difficult this has been. We love you.

Judy and Ed Jindrlich in Oregon

Edward Jindrlich - April 08, 2020 at 07:25 PM

MV

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Mary Louise Verbeck - April 08, 2020 at 07:24 PM

CC

“ Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Will miss seeing him fishing. Our sympathies. Your lake neighbors Tony and Clara Castro

Clara Castro - April 08, 2020 at 10:03 AM

HA

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. I'm sure he is running around and fishing again. I didn't know Bill, but he sounded like a fun guy to be around.
Halley

Halley - April 08, 2020 at 07:43 AM

MP

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I always enjoyed working with Bill while we were employed and also enjoyed meeting at "Marty's" in Camdenton. Mike Procter

Michael Procter - April 07, 2020 at 11:04 PM

DR

“ Mary Lu, I am so sorry to hear about J. Bill. It is so hard to lose one of my classmates. We were together since first grade. I always loved running into him and enjoyed him at our Reunions. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Dianne Rivera - April 07, 2020 at 10:57 PM

JC

“ So sorry to hear this Mary Lu. He was a great guy and loved seeing him at our 55th reunion in 2017. Prayers for all.

Jim Cumper - April 07, 2020 at 08:52 PM

JC

“ Mary Lu, I shared my special memories of Bill on your Facebook page. Although our paths seldom crossed after high school graduation, I always knew Bill was a very special friend.

Judy Crawford - April 07, 2020 at 08:08 PM

LW

“ I cant remember a time when J.Bill and I were not friends. We always got along very well and shared a few ...well several, beers together while in High school , he was a fun loving guy and while we lost touch for a while I always enjoyed his company when I was back in Camdenton.

He shared a lot of time with another person who has been a wonderful friend for almost as long, Mary Lu.

I knew Bills dad too and thought he was a fine gentleman.

My heart goes out to Mary Lu and any family and all the friends Bill has left as we are all getting old and time is not good to any of us.

I have lived in northern Arkansas for many years but still hold Camdenton and all it people in high esteem.

My sincere condolences to Mary Lu, I know he will be missed by many.

Larry Walters
193 Walters Ct.
Mountain Home Arkansas

Larry Walters - April 07, 2020 at 07:32 PM

LE

“ Mary Lu—we are so sorry to hear about Bill. He was always such a big-hearted man, and I’m glad you two found each other. You and your family are in our prayers. With love, Linda Edwards and family



Linda Edwards - April 07, 2020 at 05:49 PM

TR

Sorry to hear about Bill's death. I always enjoyed interactions with him.

Trusten - April 07, 2020 at 06:15 PM

JJ

Dear Mary Lu:

I am saddened to receive your dispatch regarding Bill's demise. There are very few words that one can say that will reduce your sense of loss, which I well understand.

I always thought Bill was real "Hoot", enjoyed every minute of my time with him. Sometimes I had to roll my eyes and "suck it" up.

He always had that sparkle in his eye that let me know he could be fun.....in class and out of class.

Later, will there be a final service? Please let me know and I'll plan on attending.

My work schedule is generally very flexible. I have two clients, a Symphony and a large Episcopal Church in Tennessee, and as soon as the quarantine is over, will start a Planning Study for an Animal Shelter in NWA.

Warmest regards and kindest best wishes.

*Most cordially,
Jimj*

Jim Johnson - April 07, 2020 at 07:25 PM