



William Yelton

October 9, 1939 - February 12, 2021

William Otis Yelton, age 81, of Laurie, Missouri, passed away, Friday, February 12, 2021 at Laurie Care Center, Laurie, Missouri. He was born October 9, 1939 in Newburg, Missouri, a son of Otis Ralph and Virgie Ethel (Birdsong) Yelton.

William was raised in the Newburg and Rolla Missouri area. He relocated to the Higbee/Moberly area, where he developed lifelong friends in a wonderful community. After declining health, he moved to Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri to be closer to his children.

William enjoyed playing guitar, telling stories and spending time with his loved ones. He never met a stranger. He was a great musician, published songwriter and accomplished music producer with his own record label. This part of William continues to live on strongly through his daughters and grandchildren, he was very proud of that. Over his lifetime, he was quite the entrepreneur. He wore many different hats, from being a professional musician, ordained minister, popular disc jockey, contractor, top notch sales professional and more. He had several companies that he founded himself.

He was a Freemason and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Newburg. He was an entertaining guy, and a master storyteller. Above all, he loved sharing his faith and knowledge of the Bible with others. There will never be another

man like him. He was one of a kind and will be missed greatly.

Survivors include three daughters, Melisa Ammerman and husband Eric of Linn, Missouri, Vickie Hicks and husband Michael of Sedalia, Missouri and Menda Gilbert and husband Scott of Brumley, Missouri; six grandchildren, Jonathan Ammerman and wife Elizabeth, Ashley Black, Tyler Ammerman, Wyatt Bailey, Dalton Gilbert and wife Jessy and Autumn Gilbert; seven great-grandchildren, Nora, Ezra, Indiana, Trinity, Colt, William and Alexander; a sister, Sharon Faye Klusener of Laquey, Missouri; former wife and friend, Thelma Washburn-Yelton and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, William Stephen Yelton and two sisters, Lavonne Marcelle Mercers and Ruby Bradshaw.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the Newburg First Christian Church in Newburg Missouri. Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00 a.m., Saturday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cremation arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

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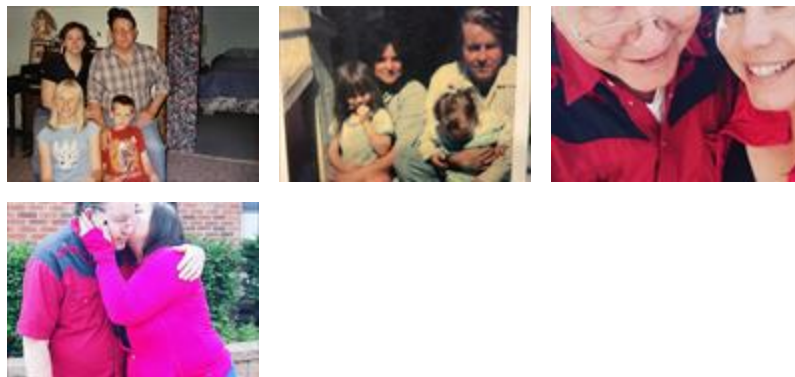
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“ I love you dearly daddy❤️ Wish we could have had more time together, but I'm grateful for the time we shared.

Vickie Lynn Yelton Hicks - February 17, 2021 at 11:44 PM

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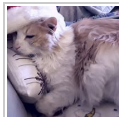
Vickie Lynn Yelton Hicks - February 17, 2021 at 11:42 PM



“ Katherine Lacroix lit a candle in memory of William Yelton



Katherine Lacroix - February 14, 2021 at 02:01 PM



I will miss visiting him and chatting, having an ice cream. He always had a smile. I remember him at cocktail hour and sharing stories. RIP Bill Katherine and Ray Lacroix

Katherine Lacroix - February 14, 2021 at 02:04 PM

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“ I remember when grandpa owned the church and we would go over and play in the church. It had the most gorgeous windows. That church was pretty cool. I also remember grandpas cat scamper. Loved seeing the cat he really thought the world of that cat!!!

Autumn Gilbert - February 14, 2021 at 07:14 AM

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Dalton - February 13, 2021 at 11:50 PM

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“ I remember going over to grandpa's house when we were young and chasing around his old Tom cat. I'll miss being able to stop by a visit him.

Dalton - February 13, 2021 at 11:48 PM

MG

“ *My dad will be missed. We loved him very much!* ”



Menda Gilbert - February 13, 2021 at 10:54 PM