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Hudson Lake- Willard G. Ashley Jr "Bill" age 72, passed away on April 12, 2020 at Hamilton Grove Nursing Home, New Carlisle, IN after long battle of cancer & dementia .

Born December 23, 1947 in Gary, IN to the late Willard and June Ashley. After graduation Bill joined the US Army serving his Country in Vietnam from 1967 - 1969.

Upon his return on Oct. 18, 1969, he married his wife of 50 years Donna York and together they had 2 children. Left to cherish his memories are his Wife Donna, Daughter Jennifer (Dr. Jeff)

Huyvaert, his 3 wonderful grandchildren, Jeffrey Jr., Avery & Pressley (silly Papa will always love you!)

Sisters Leslie (Joe), Susan (the late Brian), Sharon (Joe), Barbara (Tom) and brother Robert. Many Aunts, Cousins, Nephews, Great Nephews, Nieces & Great Nieces and many good friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his son Willard III, father Gordon Sr., mother June, father-in-law Asa, Mother-In-Law Marie, Brother-In-Law Brian, Paul, Larry & Asa. Sister-In-Law Carolyn.

Nephews Tracy, Phillip and Joey. His constant companion "Bailey" - if you couldn't find Bill, just call Bailey and she would take you to him.

Bill became a member of Midwest Operating Engineers Local 150 in Oct. 1973 and retired in June 2008. He was a member of the American legion post 297 New Carlisle IN. Bill loved fishing and driving his pontoon boat around Hudson Lake.

Due to the Pandemic, private services will be Thursday, April 16, 2020.  
Military Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery - Crown Point.

A Special Thanks to the Staff of Hamilton Grove for the care you have given Bill for the past 3 years.

In lieu of flowers - donations may be made to Pet Refuge, 4626 S Burnett Dr., South Bend, IN 46614. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hi Donna, I know it's been years since you heard from me, but I just read Bill's obituary. I'm extremely sorry for your loss. We worked together at May's Department Store in Merrillville. I'm Patty Virijevich, the girl who gave you a baby shower for the girls at work. You gave me a ride to work every day for about a year. I always will be grateful for your friendship as work buddies and we even hung out a lot with our husbands. Bill was a real nice guy and I remember you guys being happy together. We live in Lowell, In.now and if you would like to get in touch with me I'd love to hear from you. If not, I do understand. My email is [patriciav20177@icloud.com](mailto:patriciav20177@icloud.com) My home phone number is 219-690-3588. Just know that you are in my prayers.

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**patty virijevich** - July 19, 2020 at 02:52 PM

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“ Donna, Jen, & Family,

We were very saddened in the loss of Bill. We will always remember him on the golf cart, enjoying the grands games, and talking with him. He inspired me to get a cart too!!! May you all find peace and comfort during these difficult days. God bless you!



*Mike & Kathy*

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**Mike & Kathy Van Lue** - April 17, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Bill Ashley Committal service*



**Burns Funeral Home & Crematory** - April 16, 2020 at 02:39 PM

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*Always so special and touching for the Military to honor a veteran.*

**Mike & Kathy Van Lue** - April 18, 2020 at 12:40 AM



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**Burns Funeral Home & Crematory** - April 16, 2020 at 02:38 PM

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*Thank you for sharing Bill's service. Wish your friends could have comforted you at this time. Hugs to come.*

*Kathy Van Lue*

**Mike & Kathy Van Lue** - April 18, 2020 at 12:25 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Willard "Bill" G. Ashley Jr..



April 15, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Willard "Bill" G. Ashley Jr..



April 15, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ *Lonnie LaVonne Driver* lit a candle in memory of Willard "Bill" G. Ashley Jr.



**Lonnie LaVonne Driver** - April 14, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Willard "Bill" G. Ashley Jr..



April 14, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Willard "Bill" G. Ashley Jr..*



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April 14, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willard "Bill" G. Ashley Jr..*



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