



William Dean Francis

August 22, 1939 - April 13, 2023

William Dean Francis, age 83, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2023 after a long battle with various types of cancer. He resided in Hebron, IN. with his wife April for the past 45 years. Bill was born in St. Marys West Virginia. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Boilermakers Local 374, Hammond and of the American Legion Post 94 in Valparaiso, IN. After retirement, Bill found he had an artistic flair and enjoyed painting and crafting. He loved to sing karaoke and had a rich deep voice as he sang country songs. Bill was preceded in death by his parents- Kenneth Francis and Nan Rock; son- Mark; siblings- Elizabeth, Kenneth and Edward. He is survived by his loving wife- April; children- Kenny, Jennifer Phillips, Scott, Russ and Bryan; 8 grandchildren and 4 bonus grandchildren; daughter-in- laws and son in law; many nieces, nephews, aunts, and cousins. Bill had so many wonderful friends here and in Canada and Arizona where he and April wintered for the past 20 years. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Bill was a incredibly strong person and he fought courageously to overcome his health challenges with humor and determination. He will be greatly missed, we surely will hear his voice up in heaven. Love Norm and Mardell ❤️🕊️



Mardell and Norm Shearer - May 06, 2023 at 12:15 PM

CF

Since when do child molesters go to Heaven?

Carolyn M Francis - July 17, 2023 at 12:34 PM

TC

“ Bill Will Always In My Heart As A Brother Along With His Wife Forever <3

Tom Clark - April 20, 2023 at 03:53 PM

JB

“ Condolences to April and the family. I'm from Manitoba and I met Bill in Arizona in 2014. I bought some wine bottles from him that he crafted with lights inside and a logo on the outside for a couple of my favourite sports teams. I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet him, and I have two of his craftwork bottles still lighting up on my display shelf. I talked to him again in the years following, and he remembered who I was for buying those bottles.

Justin De Baets - April 20, 2023 at 12:12 AM

JD

My name is Justin De Baets. There was an error in typing when I sent it.

Justin DeBaets - April 20, 2023 at 12:15 AM

CB

“ *April, so sorry for your loss. We have many memories of our visits and joking around during our time in Arizona.*

Carole & Wayne Bower - April 19, 2023 at 11:06 PM

JC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Julie Compton - April 19, 2023 at 08:54 PM

JC

Bill was an amazing man. We always had a good time at the Legion karaokeing and visiting. We love you friend!

Julie Compton - April 19, 2023 at 09:00 PM

RG

“ *To the Family and friends, so sorry for your loss.*

Rest Easy Hero.

Randy Gumkowski (INPGR)



Randy Gumkowski - April 19, 2023 at 04:11 PM

JB

“ *Bill was a great man great boilermaker he will be missed by everyone*

john bednash - April 18, 2023 at 11:29 PM

CF

He will not be missed by his son, that Bill abused as a child or his step daughter whom Bill molested for years.and April covered for..

Carolyn M Francis - July 17, 2023 at 12:39 PM

KM

“ *Grateful to have known Bill. He shared stories and brought joy to my daughters and I. Love you so much Bill!*



Keri Measom - April 18, 2023 at 12:03 AM

CO

“ My memories of my uncle Bill. I lost my grandpa, Bill's brother way to early in my life. My kids and wife never got to meet my grandpa but got to meet Bill and spend time with him, and I am so happy and proud that they all got to meet and spend the time they got to with him. Because my grandpa passed so early Bill was like my grandpa. I remember spending time with him like flying back to Indiana at least once every year for several years with my grandma Pat, Bills sister in-law. She is up in heaven now with the both of them living it up I bet having a good old time. I remember taking the pontoon boat out on the lake to go fishing just me and Bill, that is one of my most precious memories of him. I will Love and miss him with all my heart and will continue to spread his love that he has spread to myself and my family. Also to Bills loving and amazing wife April we love you and we are always here for you when you need us.

Cody Ore - April 17, 2023 at 11:26 PM

CF

Sadly, Kenny and Jenny never knew that loving man you claim to have known. They only knew the abuser of children that they grew up with.

Carolyn M Francis - July 17, 2023 at 12:42 PM

CO

“ 4 files added to the album William Dean Francis



Cody Ore - April 17, 2023 at 11:06 PM

TO

“ *WHATEVER! This was my Uncle Bill and my saying every time we talked we started the conversation with whatever. I remember so many good times with Uncle Bill he was like my second dad. If me or my family needed anything I always new I could count on him. I will always remember and forever miss him. I love you Uncle Bill!!*

Theresa Ore - April 17, 2023 at 10:48 PM

CF

Too bad Kenny and Jenny never knew the loving father you speak of.

Carolyn M Francis - July 17, 2023 at 12:44 PM

JK

“ *Bill was a great Boilermaker, who always stood firm for our trade. He always liked me but sometimes had a strange way of showing his soft side. He will be missed on the Big Bass lake in Iofs.*

Joseph kasper - April 17, 2023 at 05:48 PM