



Brian "Kevin" Bills

November 18, 1959 - January 23, 2022

Brian "Kevin" Bills, age 62 of Neoga, IL passed away Sunday, January 23, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana-Champaign, IL, with many loved ones by his side.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 1:00 PM, Friday, January 28, 2022, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Reverend Ron Dickinson will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow in Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Kevin was born on November 18, 1959, in Mattoon, IL to the late Robert D. JR and Marjorie A. (Montgomery) Bills. He is survived by his significant other, Peggy (Evans) Frailey of Neoga, IL; his two daughters, Jessie L. Duff and husband Mason of Bowling Green, KY, Morgan M. Bills of Mattoon, IL; two grandchildren, Georgia and JJ Duff of Bowling Green, KY; two sisters, Caro Ann Ballard of Gilbert, AZ, Paula Fuqua of Cranston, RI; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, nephew, Jeremy LaMasters, Paul T. Frailey, and many other close friends.

Kevin was born and raised in Mattoon, IL. He graduated from Mattoon High School in 1977, and from Lakeland College in 1979, with a degree in Agriculture. He married Vickie L. Coffey, mother of Jessie, in April 1979; he

later married Jeri L. Knauss, mother of Morgan, in 1999. After many years in the trucking industry, Kevin was currently the Operation Manager for Alton Delivery in Mattoon, IL. Kevin had also helped on the family farm of Carroll Adkins since he was a young boy, until recent. He treasured the good times made with friends at Spanky's and riding his Harley-Davidson. Kevin will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Brian "Kevin" Bills



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - January 28, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ Brian "Kevin" Bills

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM

“ So sorry to hear of Kevin leaving us so soon. "Billsy" and I were very good friends through our time in High School and at Lake Land College until our lives took us in different directions. Man, so many great memories of that time during the late 70s, I could write a book of our exploits! Farms, tractors, 4x4s, boots, snow storms, Friday night football games, parties after wherever we could...back roads, a friend's house whose parents were away, CB radios, "Seven Hills"; and the music from back then...Boston, Pink Floyd, Nazareth, FogHat, Outlaws, Marshall Tucker, Pure Prairie League, REO Speedwagon....High School with Kevin and our friends in a small Midwestern farm town and not a moment I would change if I could go back.

It's been years since I had seen him last so I'm a bit disconnected, but the loss of such a close friend during those formative years hits hard.

It was a hell of a ride back then....but we managed to keep each other safe, mostly out of trouble, tons of laughter, an awesome / amazing circle of friends, and we earned the stories to tell! Somewhere I have a picture of him, taken by me with our other good friend Kevin Lipka, my Chevy Blazer parked on the embankment of a rural overpass somewhere east of Mattoon and west of Charleston, the two of them standing together on the roof raising a beer with big smiles on their faces....we were probably 17 without much of a care in the world and our lives ahead of us back then. Wow. Seems like only a few weeks ago.

In times like these you look back and wish you had stayed in touch. But life is what we make of it and our paths go in different directions, just how it is. I can say this....Kevin was a good dude....a great friend, sincere, a hard worker... salt of the earth. Here now, looking back (I never would have said it then, but I know now its true!), he was a sweet kid then and even later in life as I knew him, always had a big heart...he was real....and I feel blessed to have been his friend. I will surely miss him.

- Mike Dodson

Mike Dodson - January 27, 2022 at 08:12 PM

JC

So very sorry for your loss
Kevin was such a good friend to us. We will miss him so much. Prayers
and comfort goes out to Peg and the rest of the family. Love Jayne and
Gary Cooper

Jayne Cooper - January 28, 2022 at 09:36 AM



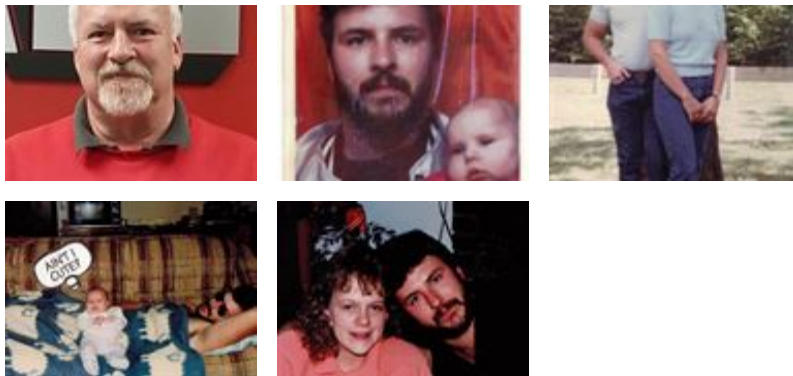
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Brian "Kevin" Bills.



January 27, 2022 at 05:59 PM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - January 27, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brian "Kevin" Bills.*



January 27, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Amy Shepley lit a candle in memory of Brian "Kevin" Bills*



Amy Shepley - January 27, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ *Tonya Tinsman-David lit a candle in memory of Brian "Kevin" Bills*



Tonya Tinsman-David - January 27, 2022 at 01:21 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss Jessi... 🙏❤️✝️*

Tonya Tinsman-David - January 27, 2022 at 01:21 AM

UL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jessie and with your family. We’re so sorry for your loss. He’s gone too soon.



Uncle Bud and Aunt Linda - January 26, 2022 at 11:16 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Brian "Kevin" Bills.



January 26, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Brian "Kevin" Bills.



January 26, 2022 at 10:52 AM

DC

“ Jessie, my condolences to you at the passing of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Debbie King Casell - January 26, 2022 at 02:26 AM

DN

“ Donna Noble lit a candle in memory of Brian
"Kevin" Bills



Donna Noble - January 25, 2022 at 06:18 PM

GS

“ Even though I never met Kevin in person, our paths crossed in the trucking industry for the past 40 years. I started working with Kevin thru Alton in 2016. Just in casual conversation in 2018 or 2019, we realized we had worked for the same brokers in the early years of our trucking careers, we both ran the same lanes, went the same places, knew many of the same people. It added an instant layer of trust with our current positions because we had both come from the same place. My favorite memory is when I would have a load for Alton. I would tell Kevin "I'll get it over in a minute" Hours would pass and I would be distracted, then I would see an email from him come in "Where is my tender?" That question would always make me laugh because this was the standard and happened literally hundreds and hundreds of times over the years. Once in awhile I would have it ready before I even asked him about the load, he would say yes to the load and I would hit 'send' that instant for fun, just to keep him off balance. I will sure miss that. I will sure miss him. To his family and friends, I pray that God holds you in the palm of his hand and helps you to find peace with this loss.

Gayle @ Cross Country Freight Service

Gayle / Cross Country Freight Service - January 25, 2022 at 05:33 PM

PF

“ Paula and Gordon Fuqua purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian "Kevin" Bills.



Paula and Gordon Fuqua - January 25, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Brian "Kevin" Bills.



January 25, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brian "Kevin" Bills.



January 25, 2022 at 04:04 PM

SR

“ Sent with Love and remembrance! purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Brian "Kevin" Bills.



Sent with Love and remembrance! - January 25, 2022 at 04:01 PM

MS

“ My mother, Ruth Kiger, worked at Helen Montgomery for several years. She always spoke kindly of them. Kevin was younger than me. But, I always felt like I knew him through my mother

Michelle Skinlo - January 25, 2022 at 03:34 PM

SS

“ Stacy Sewell lit a candle in memory of Brian "Kevin" Bills



Stacy Sewell - January 25, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brian "Kevin" Bills.



January 25, 2022 at 12:54 PM

MD

“ Mark And Carol Drawve lit a candle in memory of Brian "Kevin" Bills



Mark and Carol Drawve - January 25, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian "Kevin" Bills.*



January 25, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Brenda Starwalt & Kevin Dwyer lit a candle in memory of Brian "Kevin" Bills*



Brenda Starwalt & Kevin Dwyer - January 25, 2022 at 10:32 AM