



William "Bill" Ross Basham

March 14, 1945 - January 25, 2022

William "Bill" Ross Basham, age 76 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 4:26 PM, Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at his residence in Mattoon, IL.

A memorial service in his honor will be held at a later date.

Bill was born on March 14, 1945, in Humboldt, IL to the late Gilbert Owen and Edith Marie (Davis) Basham. He married Jeanne Elaine Seaman; she passed away on December 24, 2005. He later married Nancy (Calvert) Ryder on July 5, 2009, in Arkansas; she survives and lives in Mattoon, IL. He is also survived by one son, David Basham and wife Julie of Mattoon, IL; two daughters, Lisa Limes of Charleston, IL, Sara Ferris and husband Toby of Mattoon, IL; one sister, Mary Guill and husband Sid of Mattoon, IL; nine grandchildren: Baileigh Coy and husband Trent of Sullivan, IL, Kyleigh Basham of Mattoon, IL, Cameron, Cole, Caleb, and C.J. Limes all of Charleston, IL, Layney Culp and husband Kory of Mattoon, IL, Lindsay Ferris of Mattoon, IL and Luke Ferris of Mattoon, IL; five great-grandchildren: Harpe and Ella Coy of Sullivan, IL, Sage Limes of Mattoon, IL, Lila and William Culp of Mattoon, IL. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Gilbert, James, and Richard Basham: and one sister, Linda Zuber.

Bill proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1963-1965. He was a member of the Broadway Christian Church in Mattoon, IL and attended the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon, IL. After graduating high school Bill acquired a job at the Journal Gazette in Arcola, IL. He later began his career as a firefighter at the Mattoon Fire Department in

Mattoon, IL where he retired after many years of service.

Bill had a passion for traveling and exploring new places. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and was able to fix anything that was in need of repair. Family was his highest priority, and he relished the time spent with his children and grandchildren. His loved ones will take comfort in the abundance of loving memories they shared with him.

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.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Ross Basham*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Basham family. Bill and my father served together on the Fire Department and Dad always thought highly of him. I remember Bill as a gentle man always quick with a smile.*



Scott Strater-Tafolla - February 01, 2022 at 07:01 AM



“ *Kathi Sewell Cobble lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Ross Basham*



kathi sewell cobble - January 29, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Ross Basham.*



January 28, 2022 at 06:04 PM

BB

“ Bill was my favorite Brother N Law, and will always remember the fish fries, also he made the best pot of chili. He was a very caring man, for his sister Linda funeral, I was to drive to their house and ride to Ste Marie with him and Nancy, it was January, very nasty out, he called and said we're coming to get you, don't want you driving on these roads. That's the king of guy he was. Can't imagine him not being at that beautiful place he built at Lake Paradise. Memories are one gift of God death cannot destroy. Bill lived a good life. My love, thoughts, and prayers are with all the family.

Betty Basham - January 28, 2022 at 07:37 AM

TB

“ Of my uncles, Bill was my favorite. He taught me so much. Particularly how to have fun and be a good natured pest. He taught me water skiing and how to drive a hot 4 speed GTO. Wow! Always enjoyed running around with him. God bless his memory and may God comfort the heart of his family. Love you all. Terry Basham

Terry Basham - January 27, 2022 at 10:41 PM

LS

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family

Laura Smyser - January 27, 2022 at 10:29 PM

JG

“ Uncle Bill was always in a good mood and he always called me “meat head”. I will always remember the wonderful fish fry's and the countless hours at the house in 19th street. Much love to family💕💕💕

Julie Grove - January 27, 2022 at 08:46 PM

RU

“ *Bill was a wonderful person, kind, generous, knowledgeable, would do anything for you. He will be sadly missed. Our condolences to the family. Rick and Sandy Upton*

Rick and Sandy Upton - January 27, 2022 at 06:30 PM

DH

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. He will be sadly missed by a lot of people. Nancy, David and Julie, Lisa , Sara, you are in my thoughts and prayers today*

Doris Henderson - January 27, 2022 at 04:13 PM