



## William "Bill" D. Burrell

July 18, 1945 - January 1, 2023

William "Bill" D. Burrell, age 77, of Mattoon, IL passed away at 9:04 AM on Sunday, January 1, 2023, at Mattoon Healthcare with his family by his side. A Celebration of Life will be at 12:00 PM, Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Reverend Mike Wilder will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens. The visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Bill was born on July 18, 1945, in Mattoon, IL, the son of the late Leonard "Mick" and Marjorie (Carter) Burrell. He married Sheila Bergman on December 18, 1966. Survivors include his loving wife of fifty-six years, Sheila, of Mattoon; children: Kimberley Watrous and husband Chuck of Mt. Zion, IL, Melissa Overpeck and husband Brent of Oswego, IL, Douglas of Mattoon, IL; grandchildren: Tim Hedgpeth, Ashlyn McCoy, Kirsten Burrell, Avery Burrell, Zach Burrell, Jordyn Overpeck, Lauren Overpeck; great-grandchildren: Roger Gray Jr. and Killian Gray; sister, Karen White and husband Dave of Neoga, IL; and brother Chris Burrell and wife Barb of Mattoon, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Leonard, Steve, and Denny Burrell; father-in-law, Thomas "Tink" and mother-in-law, Wilma (Guill) Poe.

Bill graduated from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL with a bachelor's degree in Business having double majors in Accounting and Management with a minor in Physics in May 1971. He passed the CPA exam

on his first attempt, a proud accomplishment, and received his CPA License in February 1972. He began his career at Murphey, Jenne & Jones in Mattoon, IL and was transferred to Decatur, IL where he worked for twenty-one years. Bill's last position before his retirement in 2013 was CFO at C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. Throughout his career, he served as a Director for the Mattoon Jaycees and Treasurer for Decatur AMBUCS for twenty years.

Always one to lend a helping hand, Bill volunteered at the Mattoon Foodbank and helped deliver Meals on Wheels. He was actively involved within his church and served in various roles.

In his younger years, Bill was the starting fullback and the catcher for the Mattoon Greenwave football and baseball teams. He continued playing baseball after high school on Kittenball, Church and Oldtimers leagues. Bill was an avid Green Bay Packer's fan, never missing a game. He had a passion for music, especially 60's Rock-N-Roll, and he was the talented lead singer of The Sandpipers. Every week, Bill looked forward to his Thursday morning breakfasts with some of his classmates. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family. He was a devoted family man and cherished the time and memories made with his loved ones.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Yasin and his nurse Maddi Koester at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care.

Memorials in his honor may be made to the American Cancer Society, 675 E. Linton Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Gardens

1701 Dewitt Avenue  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
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Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" D. Burrell*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM

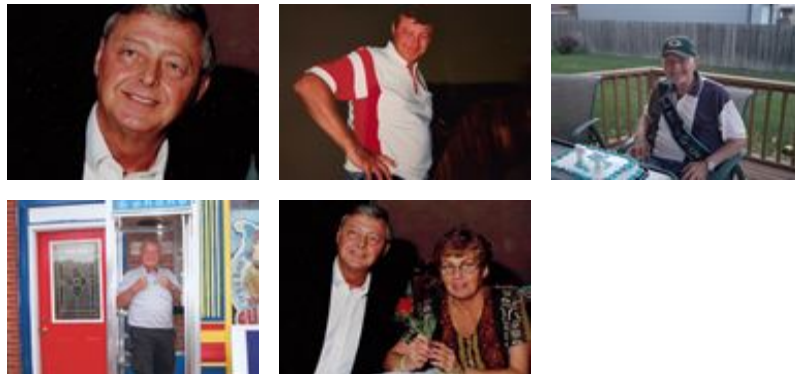


“ *I am very sorry for your loss. Bill was a friend both in high school and college. I am glad I knew him and my condolences to his family.*

**Jim Conyers** - May 31, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *53 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home** - January 10, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" D. Burrell.*



January 10, 2023 at 09:46 AM

LS

“ Love Richard and Barbara Shields purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" D. Burrell.



Love Richard and Barbara Shields - January 08, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" D. Burrell.



January 07, 2023 at 06:40 PM

GA

“ Greg Acton lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" D. Burrell



Greg Acton - January 06, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" D. Burrell.



January 05, 2023 at 03:58 PM

KC

“ *Kathi Sewell Cobble lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" D. Burrell*



**kathi sewell cobble** - January 04, 2023 at 08:18 PM

DS

“ *Sheila babysat our son when he was little and he loved Bill! He followed him around constantly asking questions. Bill was a great guy. Sheila, Kim, Melissa, Doug and families our sincere sympathy for your loss. Martin and Diana Strole*

**Diana Strole** - January 04, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William "Bill" D. Burrell.*



January 04, 2023 at 02:34 PM

TS

“ *I have fond memories working our part time job at Mattoon Liquor Drive In. Also, we played together on the Mattoon Men's Baseball team, Kittenball and Ronchetti Distributing Softball teams. Bill was a true friend and will be missed. RIP!*

**Tony Smith** - January 03, 2023 at 09:55 PM

DT

“ Remember Bill as a great catcher and tough football player what I did not know was how smart he was to pass CPA first time was fantastic. wonderful words about Bill and we should all learn from him about how we can make a difference in life God Bless the family

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**Dick Tate** - January 03, 2023 at 05:35 PM