



William "Bill" Powell

December 11, 1951 - May 18, 2022

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of William Ray Powell (Bill) of Ironton, Missouri who died on May 18, 2022, at the age of 70 years. Bill passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family.

Bill will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Virginia Powell (nee LeDesky); his brother Frank (Angela) Powell, his children: William (Jennifer) Powell, Stephanie (Ben) Warren (nee Powell), and Alan Powell; stepchildren, Charles (Ellen) Johnson, and Michael (Crystal) Jackson; and his grandchildren: Amber, Katelyn, Lucas, Caleb, Nadaleigh, Collyn, Aubrey, Jack, and Finley; honorary grandchild, Lexie.

Bill is preceded in death by his mother and father, Betty and Rayford Powell and his brother Rodney Powell.

Bill was born December 11, 1951 in Wichita, Kansas. From a tender age Bill was a traveling soul, never settling in one place for too long. Before he graduated high school at Hale High in Tulsa, Oklahoma he lived in many places including, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arkansas, Colorado and Missouri.

Fresh out of high school in 1970 and eager to serve his country, he volunteered for the US Navy. Bill was stationed in the Azores where he was

an aviation electrician, second seaman.

When his navel career concluded he moved to St. Louis, Missouri. Soon thereafter he re-enlisted in the military with the US Army Reserves. This military tour took him to Canton, Ohio, Garner, North Carolina and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

After serving his country for 20 years, he returned to college and graduated from UM-St. Louis with a bachelor's degree in Criminology. Upon graduation he began his final career with Missouri Department of Probation and Parole as a Probation/Parole Officer overseeing violent offenders and teaching anger management classes.

He married the great love of his life, Virginia, in 2013. Together they enjoyed their time in retirement tending to their property at Lake Hanna and spending time with family and friends. The ultimately settled in Ironton, Missouri with all their four-legged children.

Bill lived his life with a constant optimism for the future and believed that anything was possible. He loved Elvis Presley (music and movies), watching golf and Oklahoma Sooners football, making breakfast, ham radio, riding ATV's, and was an active and vocal spectator of cable news. Anyone who knew Bill got a story and a deal. Both frequently could be called a tall tale, but always delivered with good intentions and twinkle in his eye. Bill will be genuinely missed by all who knew him.

A visitation will be held at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at Cole Funeral Home in Ironton, Missouri 210 East Reynolds Street, Ironton, Missouri 63650. A Memorial Service will be immediately following at 4:00 p.m.

Bill will be laid to rest at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. on

Thursday, May 26, 2022.

Memorial Donations may be made to the St. Louis Institute for Spinal Cord Injuries.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Celebration of Life

MAY 22. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Powell*

August 31, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Melinda Racca sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Powell*



Melinda Racca - May 22, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *I loved sitting and talking about so many things under the sun, he was a brilliant man with a indefinite sense of humor. I became very close with him I love u Bill ik as you smile down on us with your loved ones above.*



Melinda Racca - May 22, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Powell.*



May 20, 2022 at 02:46 PM

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“ I will never forget you Bill. Thank you for having me as a very special part of your life.

Vickie R - May 20, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ I met Bill when he got in amateur radio. He was awesome to talk to I will miss him very much. R.I.P Buddy KF0FLI.

Joel Dunn - May 19, 2022 at 11:03 PM



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



May 19, 2022 at 05:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Powell.



May 19, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Powell.



May 19, 2022 at 05:16 PM

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“ *Charlcie Yates lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Powell*



Charlcie yates - May 19, 2022 at 10:41 AM

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“ *He was a very amazing person, he will be missed by all that knew him, and he liked you you were family, I got the privilege to take care of him for a short time. Love you Bill. CC*

Charlcie yates - May 19, 2022 at 10:40 AM