



Bill Karr

September 14, 2017

William “Bill” Henry Karr, son of James and Idolia (Smith) Karr, was born on July 23, 1946, in Iberia, Mo. Bill was one of 12 children and grew up making memories he would tell generations later.

While on the job as a school bus driver in 1969, Bill met Kathy Carroll as she would meet her younger sisters at the bus stop. Bill and Kathy quickly realized their union was meant to be and married on June 1, 1969, in Swedeborg, Mo. Through their 48 years of marriage, Bill and Kathy resided in in the Richland area and started a family of their own with two sons, Kevin and Mark. Bill enjoyed the love of family as it grew with seven grandchildren: Cole, Cale, Layton, Lane, Madison, Zoe and Darcy, among whom he was known in his latter years as “Gumpy”.

Bill worked hard throughout his life to help support and provide for his family. He was a police officer, and later a reserve officer, in the City of Richland for 17 years. Following his time in law enforcement, he worked for Electrovert for 27 years and traveled the world to repair electronic machines. He continued in this line of work for Metaltech prior to his retirement.

Bill gave back to his community, volunteering with Good Samaritan of the Ozarks and the Pulaski County Sheltered Workshop in his retirement years. He was also a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge in Macks Creek.

Bill gave his life to The Lord at a young age and was a member of The First Baptist Church.

Bill loved his family more than anything. A day never passed when his compassion and commitment was questioned. He was always there for Kathy, his sons and their wives, his grandchildren and many more of his family and friends. Bill played Santa for over 30 years of Christmas gatherings with the Carroll Family. He was always giving a helping hand, and was able to fix anything – from small to large and more. Bill's sense of humor was one of his own and always brought smiles to those in his company. He was a very honest, straightforward, "call-it-like-it-is" man whose wisdom was sought and respected by many.

Throughout the difficult times, Bill never lost his faith in Jesus. He assured his family he was prepared to leave this walk of life and was a "winner either way." This was a central piece of Bill's life, and he always encouraged other to know the Lord as well.

Bill died in his home near Richland, in the presence of his beloved family on September 14, 2017, at the age of 71 years, one month and 22 days. Although his passing brought sadness to loved ones, it also brought happiness knowing Bill walks freely in Heaven. His memory will live in the hearts of his family and friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Doris Newton, Sarah Dixon, David Simmons, Janet Wallace, Bob Karr and Joann Pasierb; his father and mother-in-law Willis and Argie Carroll; brother-in-law's: Sonny and Bob Carroll.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Kathy of the home; two sons: Kevin Karr

(Lacie) and Mark Karr (Carrie) all of Richland, Mo.; 7 grandchildren: Cole Karr, Cale Karr, Layton Karr, Lane Karr, Madison and Zoe Decker and Darcy Karr; siblings: Nancy Lopez (Frank), Tom Karr (Jean) of Killeen, Tx., Randy Woodcox (Barb) of Joaquin, Tx., Michael Woodcox (Geraldine), Becky Keenen (Barry) of Waco, Tx., brother's and sister-in-law's: Gail Parten (Frog), Karen Davis (Jim) both of Lebanon, Mo., Donnie Carroll of Camden OH, Roger Carroll, Wilene Rowden (Zane) and Shirley Zeigenbein all of Richland, Mo and Judy Gray (Freddy) of Waynesville, Mo, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Bill also leaves behind his good buddy, "Little Dog".

Services were held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, September 18, 2017 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor Bob Lilly officiating. Mark, Cole, Cale and Lane all shared fond memories. Some of Bill's favorite music selections played included, "I Saw the Light", "Go Rest High", "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You", "Amazing Grace" and "I Want to Stroll over Heaven with You." Serving as escorts were Cole, Cale, Mark, Lane and Layton Karr, Roger Carroll, Rick Kelley and Jim Davis. Honorary escorts were Trent Zeigenbein, Eric Oursbourn, Mike Clopp, Billy Willoughby, Rick Carroll, Joe Roofener and Dick Larid. Burial followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery of Richland.

Services were entrusted to Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Bill Karr and may be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Online condolences may be left at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

Richland, MO 65556

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Bill Karr*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 18, 2017 at 01:51 PM



Beautiful tribute

Leah Ann Henson - September 20, 2017 at 12:33 AM

GF

that was so beautiful, I cried more tears. miss him so much. love you Kathy, will always hold Bill and you in my heart'

gail and frog - September 24, 2017 at 12:43 PM



“ *Bill Karr*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

MC

“ *Kathy, Kevin, Mark, Carrie, Lacie, & grandkids, Bill was such a kind, man that will be deeply missed by so many that knew and loved him. From being long time neighbors, to lifelong friends, Bill was one of a kind. Our family would like to send our deepest condolences to all you during this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers to each of you. Love, The McDaniel's*

McDaniel's - September 20, 2017 at 06:56 PM

CS

“ *Candace Smith lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr*



candace smith - September 20, 2017 at 08:20 AM

KR

“ *Where do I start? I have known Bill for many years and all the years that I have known him and seen him, he always had a smile. Bill will be remembered by his loyalty and kindness to his friends and family. Bill we know you are with the Lord and you will not be forgotten, the emptiness in the home, will take time for your dear wife Kathy but she is a strong lady and with prayers and God she will get through this on her own time.*

kelley rider - September 20, 2017 at 08:19 AM

KR

“ *Kelley Rider lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr*



kelley rider - September 20, 2017 at 08:10 AM

SS

“ *Susie Snelling lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr*



susie snelling - September 19, 2017 at 06:43 PM

SS

Kathy - I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I will keep you and your family in my daily thoughts and prayers. I hope that you can find comfort in each other during the days and weeks ahead. Praying for healing hearts and peace of mind. Love you!

susie snelling - September 19, 2017 at 06:51 PM

MN

“ *Mike And Mary Ann Nelson lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr*



Mike and Mary Ann Nelson - September 19, 2017 at 03:08 PM

PH

“ *Peggy (Arnold) Hunt lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr*



Peggy (Arnold) Hunt - September 19, 2017 at 02:01 PM

RH

“ *Uncle Bill was a Great man and I was proud to call him my Uncle. Always made ya smile. You will be missed uncle Bill. Love Rachel*

Rachel Holland - September 18, 2017 at 10:29 AM

RH

“ *Regina Hutton lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr*



Regina Hutton - September 18, 2017 at 02:29 AM

LG

“ *Linda Goforth lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr*



Linda Goforth - September 18, 2017 at 01:46 AM



“ *Mary Haas lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr*



Mary Haas - September 17, 2017 at 12:04 AM

BD

“ *Kathy my prayers to you and your family. I only got to meet Bill a few time he was always friendly and it was easy to see he was a good man.*



Bill DeSmidt - September 16, 2017 at 07:15 AM

FP

“ *I also worked with Bill at Electrovert years ago when I was fresh out of High School. Bill taught me a lot about, mechanics, machinery, and just life in general. I always respected Bill for being a good man and mentor. My condolences to the Karr family. Frank Pemberton*

Frank Pemberton - September 16, 2017 at 02:36 AM



“ 80 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 15, 2017 at 04:16 PM

LS

We are sincerely sorry for your loss. We extend our sympathies and hold the family in our prayers. Leon and Ramona Schuenemeyer

Leon and Ramona Schuenemeyer - September 16, 2017 at 01:50 AM

MW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Kathy, and the entire family, as well as all of Bill's friends. He was such a friendly, outgoing person and always had a smile or a quip for us when we'd meet. Please know that we will be praying for each of you in the days ahead for your hurting hearts, but we are rejoicing with Bill at his home-going. May God put his loving arms around you and give you his strength and peace.*

Martin and Georgia White - September 15, 2017 at 02:52 PM

DH

“ *David & Susan Hall lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr*



David & Susan Hall - September 15, 2017 at 02:44 PM

DA

We were so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. He & you were such good friends to David, you are in our thoughts & prayers.

David - September 15, 2017 at 02:46 PM

RK

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Ray & Sue Keeney - September 15, 2017 at 11:28 AM

DC

“ *Danny Curry lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr*



Danny Curry - September 15, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss Kathy and family. Bill was such a nice guy when you would meet him, he always as well as you Kathy does. We will be thinking of you and your Family of Mark and Carrie and the boys.

Janice Alexander - September 15, 2017 at 09:20 AM



“ Geraldine Woodcox sent a virtual gift in memory of Bill Karr



Geraldine Woodcox - September 15, 2017 at 03:48 AM



“ Kelly Warman Stallings lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr



Kelly Warman Stallings - September 15, 2017 at 01:09 AM



My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Much love from Kelly Warman Stallings

Kelly Warman Stallings - September 15, 2017 at 01:11 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I always loved getting hugs from Bill.

Judy Holloway Walters - September 15, 2017 at 12:52 AM

MW

“ *The world lost a great man today. Heaven has welcomed you Brother.
I love you, Your Brother, Michael.*

Michael Woodcox - September 15, 2017 at 12:27 AM

MW

“ *Michael Woodcox lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr*



Michael Woodcox - September 15, 2017 at 12:23 AM

BF

“ *Uncle Bill. I always remember our walks in the pasture as I grew up. Such a calm demeanor always with you. You taught me to drive a tractor. You taught me about guns. You taught me about medical care of cattle and feeding baby calves. Pond fishing and a lil bit of lumberjack in. Never angry. You were the boxer of life. Roll with the punches and keep your cool. I had very much hoped my duties would allow us to visit again. Your memory prevails with me and I love you. Rest easy Unc.*

Brandon Felger - September 14, 2017 at 11:22 PM

MS

“ I worked a number of years with Bill at Electrovert. Bill was always a wealth of knowledge. Bill was a mentor to myself as I was going through my EMT training. I can still remember some of the talks that we had about the way the textbooks were teaching us "newbies" to do it; and the way the "good ole boys" have done it forever. I can also still remember needing a part to complete a machine at work; Bill would think for a second and say, "you know, I think that I have that part in my barn, you guys threw it away a month ago, do you want it back?"; the next day Bill would bring it in to work, we would dust off the hay and "whatever else" and ship the machine on time. Boy I wish we could still raid your barn Bill. Bill, I can still remember going to Atlanta Georgia on a trip for work. I was too young to rent the car. We got the car. Just as soon as we got out of the parking garage, you pulled over and got out and told me to drive, you said that you did not like big city traffic. Little did you know, I was scarred to death too, but we made it through it and we had some good laughs none the less. Rest In Peace my brother.

Matt Schatz - September 14, 2017 at 10:00 PM

DB

“ so very sorry for your loss.

debbie Barbee - September 14, 2017 at 09:39 PM



“ Debra Gan lit a candle in memory of Bill Karr



Debra Gan - September 14, 2017 at 05:52 PM

CF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep the Karr family in my prayers.

Carla Fiene - September 14, 2017 at 05:32 PM

BT

“ Max and I extend our sincere condolences to the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this trying time. May God bless you and comfort you all. Brenda Thornsberry

Brenda Thornsberry - September 14, 2017 at 04:41 PM