



Bill Charles Shields

July 4, 1952 - November 24, 2022

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Born July 4, 1952 in Peoria, IL to Frank Howard Shields and Helen Doris (Cooper) Shields Look.

Bill attended Woodruff High School where he met Dan Fogelberg and learned to play guitar from Dan. He later taught himself to play keyboards. Bill had an amazing musical gift that he loved to share. He was in several bands throughout his life including Gulliver and Lay-Z. His band Lay-Z won the Basement Tapes contest on WWCT in the 80's and they went on to produce multiple records over the years. Bill loved to share those with the people that he loved. He never wanted to become famous but just wanted to share the music. After retirement Bill spent his time doing independent producing for many independent artists all over the country.

Bill was a railroader through and through. He worked for several rail companies over his lifetime including Chicago Western and TP&W. His last position was as logistics manager in Vassar, MI where he retired from at 59.

Bill came from a large family. He is survived by his sister Susie Lynn Gauwitz of East Peoria and his niece Leslie Ann Smith of Peoria. He was preceded in death by his parents; step-father John Look; his brothers Larry Glen, Max

Alan and Douglas MacArthur and his sister Marty Lou Smith and several nieces and nephews. Bill was always the cool uncle who would order tacos at 2 AM!

Bill never turned away anyone in need. His faith was strong and set the example for all of us. We are comforted by the knowledge that he is in heaven and we will get to see him again in the next life.

Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements. Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will be held at a later date.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be left at www.SchmidtHaller.com for the Shields family.