



William C "Bill" Duhs

January 18, 1957 - September 4, 2023

With great sadness, we announce that Bill Duhs lost his long and courageous battle with cancer.

Please join us as we honor Bill's life and his memory on September 20th, 5:00 PM at Mt. Hawley Community Church, 6900 N Mt. Hawley Rd, Peoria IL
Born in Peoria on January 18, 1957 to parents James Sterling and Lorraine (Frances Roberts Holmes) Duhs, Bill found eternal peace on Monday, Sept 4, 2023.

In his final years, Bill's determination to embrace every possible moment on this earth with gratitude and grit was an inspiration to everyone around him. He passed into God's kingdom at peace, holding hands with his lifelong "buddy", playmate and confidant, Steve McMahill – friends since childhood.

Especially throughout these last few years, Bill was a force to be reckoned with – determined to enjoy his family & friendships, social outings, and life's simple pleasures every day. Whether it was going to the races, tooling around town in his power chair with "lil Dude" on his lap, or spending a leisurely afternoon of fishing or tossing bean bags - he squeezed out every ounce of appreciation for life's gifts. For his last outing, given the option to go wherever he wanted, he asked to watch the sunset at the campground where he spent much of the last few years. It was a particularly beautiful sunset that the Lord delivered that evening – one could watch him absorb the beauty of it, completely enveloped in peace and serenity that night. Professionally, Bill spent 40+ years as Peoria's best "pool man", being THE 'go-to guy' in the area's swimming pool community. But his real talent and passion were in Christmas decorating and tree trimming, where he would spend the entire year scouting out new & creative ideas for his 30-40 annual commercial and residential holiday clients. He loved being able to "leave some Christmas spirit" everywhere he went.

Ever-feisty, and always ready to crack wise, Bill embodied the notion of true grit – and we

are all richer for having had him in our lives.

Bill is Survived by the light of his life, Daughter, Terra Duhs of Bartonville; Grandchildren Alissa Klausung, the “twins” Cody & Katelyn Smith; Great Grandchildren Aliyah and Fernando III Sandoval and numerous nieces & nephews. Also surviving are Sisters Bonnie (Phil) Merriman of East Peoria, Linda (Bob) Monari of Mapleton, Christine (Andrew) Baner, of Michigan; Brothers Bobby (Lisa) Duhs, Trivoli and Jim Duhs, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Jessie Hunter and sister Mary Williams. He also leaves behind his equally feisty constant companion “The Dude” - a 7 lb Chihuahua with 50 lbs of attitude and a ton of love and devotion to Bill. Bill would often say that they rescued each other.

Bill’s family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to both Steve McMahill and life partner Stephanie Greanias for their limitless & unconditional love and care-giving throughout Bill’s illness.

Please join all of us on September 20th at 5pm, Mt Hawley Community Church as we honor and celebrate Bill’s life. May his Memory be Eternal.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 20. 5:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Hawley Community Church
6900 N. Mt. Hawley Road
Peoria, IL 61614

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Loved you Bill...
from your favorite ex-wife*

Donna Beeney - September 20, 2023 at 03:33 PM

BM

“ *Sure will miss you brother, watched u and Stevie grow up and be as onry as hell.
Love u Bob and Shirley.*

Bob Miller - September 20, 2023 at 01:57 PM

LP

“ *You will be missed my friend. Rest in peace*



Lynette Potter - September 19, 2023 at 09:43 PM

HM

“ *We will miss Bill very much. We had many great fishing trips with him and Jimmy Austin. We would come home and fry them up, drink a few cold ones and laughed til our sides hurt. We shared so many great times to many to count over the years. Duhs he could BS with the best of them and bring a smile to your face. RIP our friend. Many prayers and hugs to his family.*

Harold & Rhonda Maharry - September 19, 2023 at 08:09 PM

CW

“ *Bill will be missed by many but I'm sure he is there with many friends. Although I only saw him a few times in the past 20 or so years I will miss him.
My thoughts are with the family Jim Bob Chris and all.
Carol Strube Woodson*

Carol Strube Woodson - September 19, 2023 at 02:51 PM

MI

“ *Our sincere condolences are with you all. - Michelle & Chris Bruce, Mooney's*

Michelle - September 18, 2023 at 10:11 PM