



William "Bill" Robert Walker

November 25, 1953 - November 3, 2024

William Robert Walker ("Bill" or "Billy"), 70, of Peoria, IL, passed away on November 3, 2024 at a local hospital. Bill was born on November 25, 1953 in Galesburg, IL to parents, Forrest William Walker and Rita Theresa (Nicolini) Walker.

Bill was raised in the Henderson-Galesburg, IL area where he developed a large network of friends across the Galesburg School District – graduating from Galesburg High School in 1971. Receiving a low draft number, he convinced several of his friends to join the Marine Corp on the buddy system in October 1972.

While In the Marines he trained as a Communications Technician – Receiving multiple Meritorious Commendations for the Technical Savy that he developed. The skills learned while In the Marines paved the way for his life-long career which took him from Coast-to-Coast in the USA. Bill's name became synonymous with Excellence in the field of Communications.

Growing up in the 1960s-1970s suited Bill – as he was a true example of an American hippie – a trait he carried to the end of his life. He was a nomad

whose greatest passion was traveling the backroads of the USA on his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He was never happier than when riding in the sunshine; walking the trails around Lake Storey in his hometown; or boating/water skiing whatever body of water he could find.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, as well as his father and mother. Left to Cherish Bill's memory are sister Barbara Billingsley, brother-in-law Dick Scoville, nephew Christopher Strom, cousins Victoria Carr and Paul Walker, "Sister and Brother from Another Mother" Charlene Sandberg and Jeff Blust – as well as a host of life-long friends.

Additionally, Bill leaves behind a daughter Jordan Nicole Walker, granddaughter Addi Simpson, and step-daughter Heidi Jo Jackson – all of whom he loved very much.

A Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *William "Bill" Robert Walker*

Sue JohnsonStone - January 17, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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“ *Long ago friend being married to one of his friends Lyndy Sauter who was one of his buddy's that went into the service with him. We kept in touch I moved away, thank God for fb. Ride on my friend.*

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“ *I know now you're finally warm! ❤️\n\n\nGeorgeann and Charlie*

Georgeann Orton - November 19, 2024 at 08:48 AM

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“ *With love from the Nees Family*

Sherry Nees - November 06, 2024 at 12:46 PM