



Billie Lee "Bill" Derr

August 24, 1948 - October 21, 2020

Billie Lee "Bill" Derr, 72, of Grand Island passed away on October 21, 2020. Service and celebration of Bill's life will be held Saturday, October 31, at 10:30 am at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate.

Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Thursday, October 29, at the funeral home. CDC guidelines will be followed for both visitation and service.

Following Bill's service, the family extends an invitation to a potluck style gathering held at the Giltner Community Center. Any dish is welcome.

Bill was born on August 24, 1948 to Gene and Betty (West) Derr in Grand Island. He grew up in Aurora, graduating from Aurora High School in 1965. After graduation, Bill moved to Grand Island and started working at Delicious Foods. Over the years he has also worked at Chief Industries, the Veterans Home, U-Save Pharmacy and HyVee.

Following his cancer diagnosis in December of 2019, Bill retired from all of his jobs, and put his energy into fighting his cancer. Bill loved spending time with his sons, family and friends. He loved hanging out in the garage and working on cars, and always had to have his oldies playing. His other enjoyments included playing bingo and golf.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Jason (Lea) Derr and Joshua (Ashley) Derr; grandchildren, Jason Jr., Caitlin (Robert), Jasmine, and Jaxon; great-grandchildren, Eretria, Kane, Maddie and Roman; siblings, Marcia Strasheim, Connie (Terry) Bird and Jeffrey Derr; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; and his ex-wife, Nancy Beeder.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; all grandparents; and all great-grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations to go to the GRACE Cancer Foundation or Independence Rising for rentals for the elderly.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
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Celebration of Life Service

OCT **31**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billie Lee "Bill" Derr*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *To Bill's family, Dick and I send our sympathy. We were classmates of Bill's here in Aurora. Bill was a very good and kind person. Fond memories of our school years.
Dick and Pat Phillips*

DICK PHILLIPS - October 29, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *I worked with Bill for many years at the Grand Island Veterans Home, and he was so kind, patient, and caring to our Members. Bill was always willing to help out with a variety of our special events - the Classic Car & Bike Show, the 4th of July fireworks display, the St. Patrick's Day Party (he was the best Leprechaun!). We always had lots of fun, and I appreciated his willingness to share his time and laughter, to make a difference in the lives of his co-workers and veterans!*

Nancy Klimek - October 27, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ *I was sorry to see the passing of your dad Jason... I always enjoyed his smile... he was a kind man!!*

Vickie Keiper - October 26, 2020 at 08:14 PM

CW

“ Extending condolences and prayers to Bill's family. I was a classmate of Bill, class of 1966. I remember that he was a quiet guy in school, but always had a smile for everyone. He was a gentleman, respectful of others. Was so glad that he attended our 50 year class reunion in 2016. It was good to visit and remember the days of good old AHS. Rest in peace in the arms of the Lord, Bill.

Charlene (Baasch) Wendt

Charlene Wendt - October 26, 2020 at 11:33 AM

AA

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your father, Jason and Josh. He was such a good man and always so easy to talk with. He loved you boys with his whole heart. My son is into classic cars and one day when we were at a car show we ran into Bill. I had not seen him for years but, you could not have told that by our conversation. I introduced him to my son and they talked cars and he always told him if he needed anything to get in touch with him because he probably had it or could find it. Such a good soul. I first met your dad when you boys were at Howard. I had the pleasure of conferencing with him when I had Josh. From that day forward whenever he saw me we always spoke and caught up. I will miss those conversations. Sending you sympathy and much love! Amy Anderson

Amy Anderson - October 25, 2020 at 10:38 AM