



## Bill Booth

December 19, 1948 - May 19, 2022

William Ronnie Booth Sr. known to friends and family as Bill, died unexpectedly May 19, 2022, at St. Louis University hospital he was 73 years old. He was born December 19, 1948, in Alton Illinois, the son of Alvin Booth Jr. & Patricia Scanlon Cooper.

He served in the U.S. Military becoming Army Airborne and a parachute rigger. Bill was in the 173rd Airborne Brigade (The Herd) and saw combat in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Bill received the Bronze Star recognition for alerting his base to an imminent attack.

Bill was married to Kristi Booth, they were together for 18 years and shared the love for the 2 beautiful daughters they created together Zoe Alayna (16) & Darci Minnie Analese (11). Bill helped build New Beginnings alcohol and drug treatment centers in Missouri & Arizona. He began this journey as a house manager for boys who were in states custody for felonies of violent behavior. He had such an impact on their lives that a few found him recently to tell him thank you and explain the impact he had on their lives.

When Bill moved to SE Missouri he became a prominent musician and played music all over Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois with the band he helped to form, Woodenships, as well as solo. Bill brought joy to anyone hearing him, he had a beautiful voice, and truly enjoyed this phase of his life

and career. It was a childhood dream of Bill's to become a professional musician.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Kenneth Dale Booth and a sister, Heather Jane Lucille Cooper.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Kristi (McNeely) Booth, and their two children are his adult children William Ronnie Booth Jr. his wife Amy and their three children. Tabitha Booth and Alexis Dakota Booth, a brother, Shawn Cooper and his wife Sandy.

Bill was a gentle sweet man with a twisted sense of humor, who liked to make people laugh, he will be missed by many but his two young daughters will miss him most, they absolutely loved their daddy.

A celebration of life will be held at 3p.m. Saturday, June 11th at the Riverfront Bridge Park located by the old bridge at the end of Morgan Oak St in Cape Girardeau MO. Please join us as we share our memories and listen to music provided by additional founding members of Woodenships as well as musicians that Bill admired or played with. An Interment of his ashes will be at the Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield Missouri, at a later date.

Those who wish to remember Bill in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Missouri's National Veterans Memorial in Perryville Missouri.

## Cemetery Details

### **Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery**

Bloomfield, MO 63825

## Previous Events

### **Celebration of Life**

JUN 11. 3:00 PM (CT)

Riverfront Park  
121 N Water St  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Booth*

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