



Bill Caldwell

November 28, 1937 - July 9, 2020

Bill Caldwell, 82, of Thebes, died Thursday, July 9, 2020, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was born November 28, 1937 in Olive Branch to William Caldwell and Zelma (Browning) Caldwell. He married Vivian Bland on December 17, 1960 and she predeceased him on November 21, 2000.

Bill began his career in the United States Navy in 1955, and moved through the ranks as a flight engineer. He also served in the Reserves and the National Guard. Bill retired from the Corps of Engineers at the Olmsted Locks and Dam. He also owned and operated Caldwell signs from 1984 until the present. Bill was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Caledonia Lodge 47 AF & AM, and a past worthy patron of the Eastern Star. He was a proud member of the Egypt Mills Tractor Club, and was a past president of the Thebes Historical Society. He could be found every morning at the Kozy Korner.

Bill is survived by his children, Zac (Mary Jane) Caldwell of Cape Girardeau, and Tara Caldwell of Thebes; two grandchildren, Krystal Caldwell of Greenville, Texas, and Austin (Morgan) Caldwell of Bloomington, Illinois; one great grandchild, Vivian Caldwell; his sister, Betty Walden, two nephews, Ronald (Ramona) Isom of Thebes, and John (Kerry) Isom of Huntsville, Alabama; many cousins, and other relatives.

He was predeceased by his parents and wife.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 12, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, followed by Masonic Rites at 3:00 p.m. by Caledonia Lodge 47, and Military Honors by area Veterans and the United States Navy.

Interment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to the Thebes Historical Society.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Thebes, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms
420 Front St.
Tamms, IL 62988
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Caldwell*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *The Jim Gray Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Bill Caldwell.*



The Jim Gray Family - July 11, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bill Caldwell.*



July 11, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ *Bill Caldwell was a good friend & neighbor...he always had a welcoming smile, treated all like family & was a BLESSING to everyone who knew him. I loved to hear him reminisce about his awesome life. He will forever be missed. Tara & Zac..please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.*

Bernadine Roberts - July 11, 2020 at 09:59 AM

KM

“ *Karen Masterson lit a candle in memory of Bill Caldwell*



Karen Masterson - July 10, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Caldwell.*



July 10, 2020 at 09:18 PM

WK

“ *Warmest Regards ... Judy Adams and Larry Kelley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bill Caldwell.*



Warmest Regards ... Judy Adams and Larry Kelley - July 10, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bill Caldwell.*



July 10, 2020 at 06:38 PM

Jl

“ I remember Bill (we called him Bub) I the 1950s at Thebes high school. He was always smiling. He was easy to be around. He later became my brother-in-law and we raised our kids together. We joined the navy and became flight engineers called plane captains in the Navy. Bubs death is personal for me. I lost a member of my family and a friend. I may not make it Thebes for his services but he is on my mind and in my prayers. Zac and Tara, you have my sincere condolences. God bless, Uncle Jack

Jack R. Isom - July 10, 2020 at 05:55 PM

MS

Allen & me send our sympathy at loss of your dad. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this saddened time.

Marilyn Schott - July 11, 2020 at 11:59 AM

EP

So sad to hear of his death. Am sending a check in his memory to the Thebes Historical Society. Evelyn Painter

Evelyn Painter - July 11, 2020 at 01:12 PM