



Billy (Bill) Gene Absher

May 29, 1937 - October 21, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Billy (Bill) Gene Absher

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Billy (Bill) Gene Absher, 88 of Murphysboro, IL, passed away peacefully at Parkway Manor, in Marion, IL at 5:15 AM on October 21, 2025.

Bill was born in Thompsonville, IL on May 29, 1937. After graduating H.S. he went to work in the Copper mines of Montana with his uncle. About a year later he returned, married his H.S. sweetheart Phyllis (Smith) Wells and moved to St. Louis, MO where he worked for McDonald Douglas Aircraft, bought a home and became a dad to daughters, Rhonda and Rita Michele. In November 1967, Bill got his life's dream job as an IL State Trooper and the family moved back to Illinois. He served the first couple of years in the DeKalb area, but eventually requested a transfer to Southern IL. Several years later he married Doris and lived the remainder of his life in Murphysboro. He served Illinois proud as a Trooper for 30 years before retiring in 1997. During his

years of service, he touched many lives. He will truly be missed by everyone who knew him.

After retirement he and Doris enjoyed many trips & cruises. His idea of relaxation was to visit the casino's black jack table or playing weekly Mississippi Mud with fellow retiree's.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother, Una, and his sister, Margrett Piercy.

He leaves behind a younger sister Phyllis Wilson, his wife Doris, daughters Rhonda (Gary) and Rita Michele (Robert), two grandsons William (Billy) and Jeremy Allred as well as three great-grandchildren, Alissa, Brooklyn and Nathan, his niece, Pam (Monroe) Barwick and nephews, Gary (Diane) Piercy and Jimmy (Teresa) Lingus.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025 from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM with a Memorial Service immediately following at 10:00 AM at Crain Pleasant Grove - Murdale Funeral Home.

Entombment will follow the service at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Memorial Service

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (cst)

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Entombment

OCT **24**. 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM (cst)

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Tribute Wall



“ I remember Bill he was good friend of my parents Giles and Marjorie Whitson. He came to my grade school. He helped with fire drills on occasions. I will miss him.



Theresa McDonnell - February 19 at 11:43 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Billy (Bill) Gene Absher.



October 24, 2025 at 09:36 AM