



William "Bill" Lauderdale

October 9, 1934 - November 16, 2019

William "Bill" Lauderdale, age 85, of Golconda, IL passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Rosiclare Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center.

He was born on October 9, 1934 to John and Edith (Martin) Lauderdale. He married Joyce Ann Louvier on January 26, 1979.

He was an over-the-road truck driver and an intellect of history and trivia. He could always be counted on for the unusual fact and good story. He loved teaching about family history and made sure the Lauderdale Annual Family Reunion was a part of the fabric of our lives.

He encouraged all to be their own person, be kind, and be accepting of others. He demonstrated taking life with a sense of humor, curiosity, and adventure. He supported us in all our endeavors and was our biggest cheerleader. It is impossible to separate who we are today from the things we learned from him.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joyce Ann Lauderdale of Golconda; five children and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

We take comfort in the knowledge that he is with our many loved ones that

have gone before him, including his oldest daughter, parents, and siblings.

Bill donated his body to science. There will be a private service at a later date. Inurnment will also take place at a later date in Mt. Zion Cemetery in rural Pope County northwest of Golconda.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are appreciated to: Rosiclare Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center Activity Fund, 55 Ferrell Road, P O Box 220, Rosiclare, IL 62982, "In honor of William Lauderdale."

"The sun shined brighter because he was here"

Announcement courtesy of Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Tribute Wall



“ William "Bill" Lauderdale

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Hi, I have been looking through some of my mothers things, and found a button that Bill Lauderdale made when he was running for Junior Class President. I'm assuming it was from Joliet Township High. Attaching a picture. Would love for someone in his family to have this treasure! Please contact me at 903-707-6180 and I will send it to you! ❤️



nancy cochran - December 12, 2020 at 01:10 PM

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“ I knew him as "Bill." First time I met him he called our house and said, "this is your Uncle Bill." I was puzzled. He said he was in El Paso and wanted directions to our house. So I gave him directions and called Gerald Eleam (husband) and said "somebody named Uncle Bill called and is on the way over." Then I found out that we both had an Uncle Bill! Bill Lauderdale came and parked his huge truck in front of the house. The kids in the neighborhood thought it was the best thing ever! The second time he did that we were in Hopkinsville, Ky. Again the kids loved the huge truck. In his travels he ate at many restaurants. When we were on the way to the Lauderdale Family Reunion in September, 2019, he told us about a great place to eat that is near the second exit on I-65 driving north in Tennessee. Bill Lauderdale was a fun soul. He is missed.

Judith Eleam - December 06, 2019 at 04:52 PM

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“ Our Family have all lost someone dear to our Hearts. It was very unexpected. The thing that have come to mind since I got the news. Your infectious smile and goofy grin. The Stories of the past and the Memories made everytime we were all together. The many travels in the 18 wheeler's which we're always an Adventure for any and all involved:) How a good book or crossword puzzles kept you sharp, while a hot cup of coffee kept you grounded. A good or bad joke kept other's smiling. Your love for your family, companion for animals and others unconditional. Never new a stranger always found the good in Us all. I always new the best hug with Great talk would be coming when you were with Us. The smell of homemade bread will make many think of you. A Wonderful Son, Grandson, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, Nephew Husband, Father, Grandpa and Great Gradpa Bill you will be Always on our mind's and Forever in our Hearts. XOXO

Patricia Lauderdale Miller - November 29, 2019 at 04:04 PM