



William Craig "Bill" Bowers

January 17, 1941 - November 2, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

William Craig "Bill" Bowers

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – TAMMS

420 Front Street, Tamms, Illinois

William Craig "Bill" Bowers, age 81, of Olive Branch, formerly of Cairo, passed away on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

He was born on January 17, 1941 to Otis Craig and Kathryn Eileen (Wilson) Bowers in St. Louis, Missouri. He married Anna Marie Myhre on March 14, 1964, and she survives.

Bill graduated from Cairo High School and then went on to join the Marines. He later went on to medical lab school in Asheville, North Carolina. He graduated at the top of his class, and then went to work at St. Mary's in Cairo. Bill was in law enforcement for over 40 years. In 1968, he started at the Cairo Police Department, and in 1971 became Chief of Police until 1982. In 1983, he went to work for the Alexander County Sheriff's Department, and served for 26 years. Bill was a member of the Federal Public Housing Authority Violent Crime and Drug Taskforce for two years. He retired as Sheriff of Alexander

County in 2007. Bill was of the Catholic faith and member of the St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church in Cairo.

Survivors include his wife Anna Marie Bowers of Olive Branch; son, Mark (Penny) Bowers of Thebes; brothers-in-law, Carl (Donna) Myhre, Steve Myhre, and Keith (Carrie) Myhre; sister-in-law, Lisa Myhre; grandchildren, Travis Bowers, Cynthia Roberts, and Edwin Rulo; great-grandson, Uriah Weaver; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022 from 4-8 pm at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms. Funeral service will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 10 am at the funeral home. Interment will follow the service at Mound City National Cemetery, and military rites will be accorded by the American Legion Post.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family request with gratitude that memorial donations be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital and envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Mound City National Cemetery

Mound City, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Masonic Rites

NOV 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms
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Funeral Service

NOV 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Craig "Bill" Bowers*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Don Rushing lit a candle in memory of William Bowers*



Don "DR" Rushing - November 08, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Craig "Bill" Bowers.*



November 07, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *David & Lanell Lange (Shooters Gun Shop) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Craig "Bill" Bowers.*



David & Lanell Lange (Shooters Gun Shop) - November 05, 2022 at 03:57 PM

MB

“ *Monica Burnett lit a candle in memory of William Bowers*



Monica Burnett - November 04, 2022 at 10:13 PM

BS

“ *Brian Snelson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William Craig "Bill" Bowers.*



Brian Snelson - November 04, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Craig "Bill" Bowers.*



November 04, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Craig "Bill" Bowers.*



November 04, 2022 at 11:33 AM

KM

“ *Karen Masterson lit a candle in memory of William Bowers*



Karen Masterson - November 04, 2022 at 09:20 AM

AF

“ *God Bless you Bill.*



A. Friend - November 04, 2022 at 08:04 AM

DP

“ *Dave Petermichel lit a candle in memory of William Bowers*



Dave Petermichel - November 03, 2022 at 10:35 PM

JW

“ *Bill was a fine person with a great wit. I enjoyed many conversations with him over coffee. Bill was a true professional in all his endeavors*

James wilson - November 03, 2022 at 09:08 PM

RG

“ *On of the finest and most dedicated men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing and thankful to call him my friend. R.I.P Bill and "Thank You" again for your friendship and your service to this country.*

Randy and Carol George; Grand Chain.

Randy George - November 03, 2022 at 09:00 PM