



William Edward Draper

April 21, 1973 - April 12, 2009

William "Bill" Edward Draper, age 35, and Bosco, his dog and faithful companion, passed away as a result of a fire at his residence in Olive Branch, Mississippi, on Sunday morning April 12, 2009. Bill had formerly lived in Alto Pass and Murphysboro, Illinois.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Carbondale with Rev. Sam Foskey officiating. His body was cremated.

Pettett Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Due to his family's allergies, the family requests no flowers, angel statues are preferred.

Bill was born on April 21, 1973, in Carbondale, Illinois, to Glenn Douglas Draper and Judy Bittle.

He was a graduate of the South Haven, Mississippi High School, he received an associate's degree at John A. Logan, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mississippi.

Bill was a supervisor on the floor at Fed-Ex Ground in Olive Branch, MS, and he formerly worked as a realtor at ReMax and Prudential Realtors.

Mr. Draper was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Carbondale, Illinois.

Besides his mother of Murphysboro, he is survived by his aunt Marilyn Winn and her husband Leon Winn of S. Haven, MS, his uncle Steve Draper and his wife Julie Draper of Alto Pass, IL;

his friends John Richardson, II of Corning, Ark., and Bryan Davis of Carbondale;

his two great aunts Nettie Graff and Pauline Tomlinson, both of Murphysboro;

his great uncle Joe Calandro of Murphysboro; and many cousins, friends, and co-workers.

He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Edward Draper*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Bill sold a house to me in Carbondale after which we became friends. I moved back to Little Rock after he moved to Collierville. We talked at the beginning of April. After he moved from there and started working nights, he was a little hard to get hold of. When I couldn't reach him on the phone, I called Fran and was shocked to learn the news. Bill was a caring person and a great host. We had many a late night conversation. He will be sorely missed. Susan, my daughter, and I will always think of him fondly. Judy--all of our love.*

Valerie Dunn - December 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill and I were close during our Senior year at Southaven High School in 92. He could always make me laugh, no matter what. We had a class together and did some things outside of school. I've just found out of his passing. I am deeply saddened but know we'll see each other again. Fly High Bill.*

Liz Estes Adams - February 03, 2012 at 06:44 PM

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“ Judy-even though years have passed since our days at Alto Pass Grade School - you have always been special to me. I think it was because you were always so nice to me and Brenda. You always had a kind word and a gentle way..

I know it is said that the valleys in one's life builds character and even makes an individual able to face the dreary days of tomorrow - yet one is never prepared for the death of a child. It doesn't matter if you see them everyday or once a year - the tremendous loss and fog of helplessness is so overwhelming.

You need to know that even though we are not chatty friends that talk once a month, I will be praying for you and if you ever need to just hang out and talk, please let me know. I am a good listener and I am totally engulfed in your sadness. I am so sorry Judy.

Your season of grief will go on and on as does life, and your ability to rest in peace can only be obtained from constantly placing it in God's hands. Some days at work I have to just whisper over and over "Thank you God.... Thank you God"...and finally I will get my peace restored. It's going to be a tough road - no matter what anyone thinks or says to you - you were his mother - and the unbelievable has happened to your son. I am so sorry for you and for Steve and Marilyn. Please know I care. Diane

Diane Trexler Petty - April 18, 2009 at 12:56 PM