



William Earl Finch III

June 7, 1942 - March 18, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:
WILLIAM EARL FINCH, III

Serving Location:
CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME
31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

William "Bill" E. Finch, III, age 80 of Carbondale, Illinois passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023. He was born in Lima, Ohio to William and Mae Finch, II on June 7, 1942.

Bill married Gail Schlie on December 27, 1986 and they have shared 36 years of wonderful memories. Originally from Rockford, Illinois and graduating from Saint Thomas Catholic High School, he owned and operated service stations with his father for the first half of his career. He cherished the relationships he formed with his many long-time customers. In his second act, he worked for historic Nicholson Hardware for 20 years. Bill and Gail moved to Carbondale in 2017 to be closer to family.

Throughout his life he enjoyed numerous hobbies including golf, bowling, volunteer firefighting, coaching pony league baseball, and drag racing.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Gail; two sons, William (Nancy) Finch and Robert (Andrea) Finch; step-son, Todd Smith (Charles Lovelace); grandchildren Katie, Kevin, Jonathon, Nicole, Michael, and Ashley; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-son, Rod "Jeff" Smith, and grandson, William "Billy" Finch.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

The family will host a Celebration of Life at a later date in Rockford.

In lieu of flowers, please make any memorial donations to: Hospice of Southern Illinois at <https://hospice.org> and/or Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org>.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Willwood Burial Park

Rockford, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *William Earl Finch III*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Bill, was such a great person, He will live on in our memories forever. My heartfelt condolences.*

Love Chuck



Chuck Lovelace - March 27, 2023 at 04:42 PM

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*Todd and Chuck,
We're lifting you and your family up in prayer. You have our deepest sympathy.*

Love,

Dean and Kelly Roberts

Kelly Roberts - March 28, 2023 at 09:57 PM

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We're lifting you and your family up in prayer. You have our deepest sympathy.

Love,

Dean and Kelly Roberts

Kelly Roberts - March 28, 2023 at 10:02 PM



Gail, Todd and Chuck,

Bob and I are so sorry for your loss. Bill was a great guy. He always made me laugh and was the sweetest man I know. He will truly be missed!

*Love ,
Bob and Tammy*

Tammy Lannoye - March 30, 2023 at 08:38 AM