



## William Joseph Gooden

April 10, 1938 - December 23, 2022

In Memory of:

William Joseph Gooden

William "Bill" Joseph Gooden, age 84, of Cairo, Illinois, passed away Friday, December 23, 2022, at his place of residence.

Bill was born April 10, 1938, in Cypress, Illinois, to William Thomas and Ada Belle (Snell) Gooden. He was married to the love of his life, Brenda (Solomon) Gooden, for 65 years.

A veteran of the United States Air Force, Bill served four years, then went on to own and operate B&B Salvage (later Midwest Company) in Cairo, Illinois; a one of a kind business for his area that he built from the ground up.

Bill was a long-time booster of the Cairo High School Boy's Basketball Program. His reverence for the game stretched decades. He will forever be remembered as a Pilot. He was an avid dresser who loved to travel. Another of his interests was fishing, his love for which was so great he often could be seen driving around with his boat loaded on a trailer- even when there was no

fishing spot near!

Bill is survived by his wife Brenda, his daughters Janna (Melvin) Cornelius and Carrie Bridges; his siblings Jerry (Ellen) Gooden, Larry D. (Pat) Gooden and Tina Lowry; grandchildren Vichai "Joe" (Shataka) Jangjirawat, Glenn (Leah) Box, Kinley Box-Love, Jareb Box, Shaina (Ed) Glass, Devron (Winie) Bridges, Kevin Zweigert-Bridges, Anthony Bridges, Montez Bridges, Emmanuel Bridges, Harley Story and Russell Bridges; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Oren "Scott" Gooden and his son-in-law Melvin Cornelius.

Graveside Services will be held at Mound City National Cemetery at 1:00 PM on Thursday, December 29, 2022. Friends are asked to gather at the Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound City National Cemetery

Mound City, IL

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 29. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Mound City National Cemetery  
Mound City, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Joseph Gooden*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to (Mrs Brenda)Carrie , Janna and family.  
My thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Love Dorothy Orr*

dorothy - January 02, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family  
of William Joseph Gooden.*



December 28, 2022 at 11:45 PM



“ *So Sorry for your loss Janna. Keeping you and your family in our  
thoughts and prayers. Your Dad was tough as nails on the outside,  
but good as gold on the inside. Hang in there, we love ya. Terry,  
Donna & Jennifer Bennett*

terry bennett - December 28, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to Brenda and the family. Lynn and I are sorry  
for your loss.*

Lynn @ Lorrie Hesselrode - December 27, 2022 at 03:41 PM

MF

“ Prayers to all the family. You have our deepest sympathy.

Mike and Rhonda Ford - December 27, 2022 at 01:53 PM

DP

“ Brenda, keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers



Dave Petermichel - December 27, 2022 at 01:25 AM

RK

“ Our prayers go out to Brenda and Family

Richard & Sharon Kearney

Richard Kearney - December 26, 2022 at 02:37 PM

BT

Sincere thoughts and prayers for you, Brenda, and all your family!!

Bob and Loretta Thomas - December 27, 2022 at 12:38 PM

TB

So Sorry for your loss Janna. will be keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. he acted tough as nails on the outside , but was good as gold on the inside. hang in there! Terry, Donna, & Jennifer Bennett

terry bennett - December 28, 2022 at 03:46 PM