



William (Bill) R. Bond

May 21, 1934 - October 10, 2017

William (Bill) R. Bond, 83, of Bourbonnais, passed away October 10, 2017, at his home. His wife, Carolyn Y. Watson Bond, and daughters, Paula Bond Litherland and Gina Bond, were at his bedside.

Bill was born May 21, 1934, in Mount Vernon, Illinois, son of Ralph and Beulah Sloan Bond. William married Carolyn on May 27, 1955, in Harrisburg, Illinois.

After graduating from high school (1952) in Galatia, Illinois, Bill was hired by the U.S. Rubber Company in Elwood, Illinois; a mandatory two-year term in the U.S. Army ended his employment there in 1957. He served thirteen months of his Army time in Germany and was on the rifle team there.

Following his discharge (1959), Bill was employed by the Armour Pharmaceutical Company in Bradley, Illinois. Also, he enrolled in college classes at Kankakee Community College. In 1999, after 40 years of service, William retired from CSL Behring LLC in Bradley, Illinois.

Bill enjoyed: boating (was a lifetime member of the Kankakee Valley Boat Club); watching sports games (especially MLB St. Louis Cardinals, as an avid life-long fan); traveling; gardening (especially his flowers); cooking; occasional trips to local casinos in his later years; and most of all, he enjoyed being with his family. The family really liked spending time with Bill. He was so loved and will be sorely missed.

In addition to his wife and two daughters, Bill is survived by: Paula's long-time life partner, Jim Alvey; two granddaughters Candace Litherland and Kristen

Litherland Pia (John); five great-grandchildren Trenton, Brooklyn, Kali, Libby, and Maui; step great-granddaughter Brynna; brother Gary Bond (Arlene); two sisters June Cockrum and Margaret Burgess (Cliff); step brother-in-law Max Moser (Shirley); sister-in-law Dawna Bond; uncle Grover G. Sloan; nephew Larry Bond (Angie); many nephews and nieces; and several great nieces and nephews.

Preceding William in death were: his parents; two brothers Robert (Bob) Bond and Gene Bond (Margie); sister Brenda Cole and her son; step sister-in-law Shirley Moser Jones; two brothers-in-law Dale Watson and Kenny Cockrum; mother-in-law Grace Moser; and step father-in-law Lymon (Spud) Moser.

Cremation rites were accorded. Visitation on October 29, 2017, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm with a memorial service to follow at 4:30 pm at Jensen Memorial Chapel, 1200 N. Convent, Bourbonnais, Illinois. Internment on October 30, 2017, at 2:00 pm at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, Hospice of Kankakee Valley, or charity of donor's choice. Please sign Bill's guest book at: www.jensenmemorialchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Cremation Rites Were Accorded

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 E IL-17
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-4001
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

Service

OCT **29**. 4:30 PM (CT)

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Burial

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery
20953 west Hoff Rd
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall



“ *William (Bill) R. Bond*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Yvonne, you have my deepest sympathy, I know what you are going through . There sure is a bunch of those wonderful Galatia guys waiting up there for us. You will be In my thoughts and prayers.
Donna Russell*

donna russell - October 25, 2017 at 07:33 PM



“ *Fred and Janice Densch and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William (Bill) R. Bond.*



Fred and Janice Densch and family - October 25, 2017 at 09:53 AM



“ *Prayers and hugs sent to his family and friends from an old neighbor...Monica Williamson Rocha*

Monica Rocha - October 23, 2017 at 06:45 AM

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“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) R. Bond



Tom Mallaney - October 22, 2017 at 03:17 PM

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“ Bill, you touched many lives. I'll always remember how much fun we had celebrating St. Patrick's Day together and eating Mexican food. The love you have for your family was always evident and how much they admired you and loved you. May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Dave McDermott - October 19, 2017 at 06:55 PM

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“ Never met you, sir, but your daughter, Gina, demonstrates ALL of the qualities that must have made you a great man and father. May you find your peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ and rest in the knowledge that you will see all of your loved ones one day, and may they rest in the assurance of the sound of a trumpet calling us all home. Until that day, sir, PEACE, BE STILL. Steve Forcade

SB Forcade - October 19, 2017 at 06:41 PM



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Jensen Funeral Home - October 18, 2017 at 05:10 PM