



William "Bill" M. Shidler

September 14, 1956 - February 12, 2019

William M. Shidler, 62, of Bourbonnais, died Tuesday (February 12, 2019) at Amita St. Mary's Hospital in Illinois.

Visitation will be from 11am – 1pm Saturday, February 16, 2019 at River Valley Christian Fellowship in Bourbonnais with a Memorial Service to follow at 1pm. Pastor Derick Miller will officiate. Cremation rites were accorded. Memorials may be made to Fortitude Community Outreach or River Valley Christian Fellowship (RVCF) Building Fund.

He was born September 14, 1956 in Chicago Heights, IL, the son of Elmer Joseph and Joyce Mae Williams Shidler. He graduated from Highland High School, IN, in 1974. He also completed some college hours. He married, Patricia A. Osenga on February 5, 2000 in Kankakee, IL at the Westbrook Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Shidler retired from the State of Illinois. He had many odd jobs as a youth, from golf caddy to snow plow driver. He grew up in the Nazarene Church, but was currently a member of River Valley Christian Fellowship in Bourbonnais, where along with his wife; he served as a Small Group Leader.

He was a great fisherman in his healthier years and his friends are hoping he

is 'not emptying the pond before they get there'. He enjoyed cooking; especially trying different types of rubs. He was a bird watcher and also enjoyed feeding them, he did both vegetable and flower gardening. He loved listening to Gospel music and attending Gospel Concerts. Bill loved spending time with his family, especially his 3 grandsons. He had a big heart and was always kind. He was always caring about other people. He claimed to be an introvert, but once he got to know you, you were friends for life.

Bill delighted in studying God's word daily, especially the Old Testament. He felt particularly drawn to the children of Israel. God would time and time again prove His love for them as they would repeatedly show their distrust in Him. He stated how that paralleled his own life so many times. How amazed he was that God would always welcome him back with love and forgiveness after failing Him time and time again. He loved talking about what Jesus had done for him. Even on his final day here he was still telling his story.

Surviving are his wife, Patti of Bourbonnais; his son, Ben Shidler, of Raleigh, North Carolina; two daughters and one son-in-law; Beth Elekani, of Plymouth, IN; Brittany and Kevin Cantrell of St. Anne, IL; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Paula and David Collins of Highland, IN; Judy Oliver of Griffith, IN; three grandsons; Joel Elekani of Plymouth, IN; Tristan Shidler of Dunham, NC; Kyle Elekani of Plymouth, IN; one nephew and niece-in-law; Michael and Migali Sipos of Griffith, IN; one niece; Melissa Sipos of Griffith, IN. Bill is preceded in death by his mother, Joyce; and brother-in-law; Ricky Oliver.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

River Valley Christian Fellowship Church
800 North Cardinal Drive
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Service

FEB **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" M. Shidler*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Denise Schrum lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" M. Shidler*



Denise Schrum - February 16, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ *We grew up together on Eder street. Lots of memories.*

Michelle Burnside - February 15, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *May God wrap his arms around you, Patti, and the rest of the family!*

susan neeb - February 15, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ *To my brother, You will always have a special place in my heart. I will miss those phone conversations. Love you forever. We will keep Patti in line.*

Paula Collins - February 15, 2019 at 03:52 PM



To my cousin Bill. I know you are in the presence of your Lord! I Praise God today that we can celebrate you home.

rev Jerry Fleming - February 16, 2019 at 05:36 AM

RK

“ *RIP Bill. You were a kind and gentle man. It was a pleasure to know you. We send our sympathies at this time of loss. May GOD give peace and comfort to your family. You may be gone but will NEVER be forgotten. GOD SPEED.*



Randy & RoseAnna Knickerbocker - February 15, 2019 at 12:45 PM

LB

You are with Jesus now. Bill. Patti, you have my prayers. May the comforter rap his loving arms around you and give you peace. Love you.

Linda Bolls

Linda Bolls - February 15, 2019 at 01:19 PM

GE

Our thoughts and prayers will be with Bill during this time. Love George and June Eitel

george eitel - February 15, 2019 at 04:16 PM



Dear cousin Patti, we are so sorry to hear about Bill. He has suffered much and we have to believe that he is now with Jesus in a new home, with a new body. We have you in our prayers. Love you. Randy and Judy

Randall Mau - February 15, 2019 at 04:26 PM

TF

So glad we got to know Bill when he was a young man. We all have changed since then, but still have our memories of good times back there in the late seventies!! Our love and prayers for you all!! Pastor Tom Charles and family

Tom Charles Family - February 15, 2019 at 09:16 PM

PP

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Pat Payne

Pat Payne - February 15, 2019 at 09:28 PM



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Jensen Funeral Home - February 14, 2019 at 01:40 PM