



William Ayres

December 16, 1951 - September 28, 2023

William "Bill" E. Ayres, 71, of Salem, passed away Thursday, September 28, 2023 at Salem Township Hospital.

He was born December 16, 1951 in Salem, the son of John Ayres and Lauribel (Wells) Ayres.

Bill is survived by two nephews and three nieces: Stephen "Mike" Warren and wife Jennie of Centralia, Melinda Braun and husband Chris of Centralia, Rhonda Garner and husband Jeff of Centralia, Rick Brubaker of Salem, and Lisa Kruse and husband Brian of Sanger, Texas; many great-nieces and great-nephews; and close friends: Jack Applegate, Rick Smith and Sherry Lynch.

He was preceded in death by his parents: John & Lauribel Ayres, two sisters: Wilma Dale Ayres and Retta Latrelle "Leigh" Warren, and special friend: Jeannie Meadows.

Bill served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He was an artist and enjoyed woodworking. Bill liked taking a little stroll around town on his bicycle. He also tended to his garden and was a fantastic cook.

Per Bill's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and a Graveside Service will be held Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia with Military Honors accorded at the gravesite by the Centralia American Legion Post 446 and Centralia V.F.W. Post 2055. Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home at 310 North Broadway/ P O Box 97 Salem, Illinois 62881, (618)548-1234, are honored to be of service to Bill's Family. Online

condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 11. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Hillcrest Memorial Park
2500 Old Highway 51 North
Sandoval, IL 62882

Tribute Wall

DI

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Bill's family. He will be missed.*
Diane Neal

Diane - October 16, 2023 at 10:04 PM

LK

“ *Blessed with a Great and Loving Uncle Bill. Will be missed by all.*



lisa kruse - October 08, 2023 at 04:33 PM

LK

“ *Uncle Bill its hard to say goodbye, with so many memories. You were the frist one we came to tell we were getting married so long ago. The frist place we came to for advice or a cold one. We will miss you uncle Bill and treasure the memories. Brian and Lisa Kruse*



lisa kruse - October 08, 2023 at 04:25 PM

SC

I was best friends with Bill, I'm Stan Cunningham. How was Bill your uncle, please leave answer I'll check back. Thanks

Stan Cunningham - February 04, 2024 at 02:07 PM

MW

“ Uncle Bill this doesn't seem real, I still imagine you enjoying a beer and just being you, Heaven now has all your wits and talents, till we meet again love you Uncle Bill.

Mike Warren - October 07, 2023 at 04:52 PM

CB

“ Love and Prayers to all the family on the loss of Uncle Bill. I have so many good memories of him and Jeannie. I hope to see you all. If you talk to Rick I may need a ride to the memorial service much love Carmen Brubaker



Carmen Brubaker - October 04, 2023 at 03:05 AM

LK

“ Stars by the million in the sky up above. Only one Uncle to cherish and love. That is what I have with an Uncle in you. Memories with laughter and good times with bad. Tears that I've shared and the beers that we had. God blessed me one Uncle you were the man for the job. A uncles love is never gone. Have a Uncle Bill was the greatest gift of all. I will miss you Uncle Bill and you always telling me how proud you are of me. With Love Lisa kruse

lisa kruse - October 03, 2023 at 11:21 AM