



## William Oberg

March 5, 1951 - April 2, 2026

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of William Amel "Bill" Oberg, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Bill peacefully departed this world on Thursday, April 2nd, 2026, at the age of 75, in Centralia, Illinois, his cherished home.

Bill was born on March 5th, 1951, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to the late Lloyd and Norma (Ashby) Oberg. In 1997, Bill married Tonia Ganswind and she survives. He was a man of many talents and lived a life filled with love, laughter, and a dedication to those around him. His journey through life took him through various vocations, including his time at World Color Press in Salem, Illinois, Hi-Shots/Memorial Tributes, and as a small business owner of Bo's Sales Center in Centralia. Most recently, Bill contributed his skills at Prairie Built Buildings in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Bill was a man of the people, never meeting a stranger and always ready to lend a helping hand. His "off the wall" humor was infectious, often filling a room with laughter and joy. One of his favorite sayings was that he "earned his degree from the school of hard knocks," a testament to his resilient spirit and earthy wisdom. A passionate music lover, Bill especially enjoyed the blues and attending concerts, cherishing these experiences with family and friends.

He leaves to mourn his passing his devoted wife, Tonia Oberg of Centralia; his three children: Shana Oberg of Toledo, Ohio, Bill Oberg, Jr. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Taylor Oberg of St. Louis, Missouri; and his step-daughter Stephanie Anderson of Highland, Illinois. He was the proud grandfather of three: Audrey Oberg of St. Louis, Missouri, Brendan Oberg of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Brody Oberg of St. Louis, Missouri.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Jackie Gagnon and her husband Ray of Wayne, Michigan, his brother Gerald "Buck" Jannett of Taylor, Michigan, and his nephew Scott Gagnon of Wayne, Michigan.

To honor Bill's life, a Celebration of Life will be held at Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel in Centralia, Illinois on Thursday, April 9th, 2026, from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. These will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, located at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801, who is honored to serve Bill's family. Online condolences may be shared with the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Funeral Home Facebook page. To send flowers or memorial gifts, please visit our Sympathy Store on our Website.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 9. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Hillcrest Cemetery, Funeral Home & Cremation Center

2500 Old 51 Rd

Centralia, IL 62801

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William Oberg*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - April 08 at 05:27 PM



“ *We extend to you our deepest sympathies. God bless Bill and his family.*

Jim Wiedman - April 11 at 10:26 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. To Taylor, Tonia and all of Bill's family, my sincere condolences. I will miss Bill and his sense of humor, quick wit and his ability to have a conversation with anyone. We joked about his being older than me every March birthday (1 year). He will be so missed at family gatherings.*

Chris Rowekamp Hoppes - April 08 at 12:33 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of William Oberg.*



April 07 at 06:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Oberg.

April 07 at 06:43 PM



“ George and Vicky purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of William Oberg.



George and Vicky - April 07 at 05:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of William Oberg.



April 07 at 08:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Oberg.

April 07 at 08:45 AM



“ Tonia & Family.. I was So Sorry to see that your husband, Bill, passed away.. My heart hurts for you.. Praying that God will give you strength in the coming days... Love & Hugs My Dear Friend..

Cheryl Gaetti Simmons - April 06 at 10:40 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William Oberg.*



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April 06 at 09:09 AM



“ *Kyle packer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Oberg.*



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**Kyle packer** - April 05 at 06:48 PM



“ *Kyle packer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Oberg.*

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“ *Tommy and I send our sincere sympathy to you and your family . We continue prayers during this sad time .*

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**Mary Smith** - April 05 at 03:37 AM

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“ Well. As. Bill. Would. Say. None if us are getting out of here alive. Yet. We will go to. Our. Next. Venue as there is life after death and it has been proven. Scientificaly. Bill was a long time close friend of mine and I enjoyed. High School years. As. Great. Friend. with. His. Loving wife. Qe graduated in the same class. Bill was. One of a kind. A. Inventor, Trouble Shooter. And he enjoyed. Life and his kids and greand kid. As. He talked about them often to me.. They say to think outside the box. Thats. Funny. Bills Thoughts were. Never in. Any Box. Ever. Bill was a great friend of mine and he will be missed. Dearly. By myself and all who knew and loved him. I can't say. Enough. About Bill. With. That. Kind. Smile. And laugh. And of course that. Shit eaten. Grin. He was. A great friend. I want his. Bride and all his. Family to know. There are many of us that will miss him. God. Bless. Thomas K. Keeley..... Peace

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**Thomas. K. Keeley** - April 04 at 10:05 PM

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“ My sincere condolences Tonia on the loss of your husband. Sending prayers for you and your family..



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**Patricia Ellis** - April 04 at 04:23 PM