

## William Joseph Woodfall

September 20, 1942 - March 25, 2020

William Joseph Woodfall, age 77 of Mt. Vernon, Illinois was called home to be with the Lord at 7:26 pm on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at his home where he fought the good fight with cancer. He was born September 20, 1942 in Salem, Illinois to Joseph T. Woodfall and Willadene (Millican) Woodfall. He married Nida Rankin on December 31, 1970 in Salem, Illinois celebrating 49 years together.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nida Woodfall and sons, Michael Woodfall and wife Sonia of The Woodlands, Texas and Matthew Woodfall and wife Janna of Philpot, KY. Six grandsons: Titus, Isaac, Josiah, and Silas of Philpot, Kentucky and Joseph and Timothy Woodfall of The Woodland, Texas. Special cousins: Families of Greg and Kent Gruenkemeyer of Salem, Illinois and Candy Tate of Mattoon. Illinois.

Bill proudly served his country from 1966-1968 in the US Navy Seabees stationed in Vietnam. He operated Woodfall & Associates, Inc., Land Surveying and Engineering in Mt. Vernon for 32 years. He was recipient of the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association Lifetime Membership Award.

He was an Elder of Grace Community Church in Mt. Vernon. He served on many community boards and committees including Habitat for Humanity and was instrumental in the development of the Lifeboat Alliance Family Shelter

serving the homeless. He volunteered as a BSA Scout Master for over 25 years and was the recipient of the highest award given by the Black Gold Council.

He loved traveling, camping, fly fishing, boating, kayaking, black powder guns, dutch oven cooking...all things outdoors. He is dearly loved and will be missed by family and many friends.

Due to current health conditions, a private funeral and burial are complete.

For further information you may contact Sutherland - Rankin Funeral Home at 310 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 97, Salem, Illinois 62881 (618-548-1234) entrusted with the family's care. On-line condolences may be made to the family by viewing [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

BD

“ *Nida, Thinking of you during this time. May your memories bring you and your family comfort and peace. Prayers for all of you. Barbara Sager Daniels*

Barbara Sager Daniels - April 01, 2020 at 11:16 AM

KM

“ *I sure hated to hear this, but wanted you to know that I still remember working with Bill when he worked with Harold Roffmann. I was Karen Freytag then. He was such a nice man and I really enjoyed working with him and getting to know you, Nida! ❤️🙏. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

Karen Freytag Mayberry - March 30, 2020 at 08:27 PM

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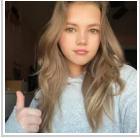
“ *Special Sympathies and Condolences to Nida Woodfall and the rest of the Woodfall family. Bill Woodfall was a Godly man. He and I had a lot of fun together in my younger years. RIP, my friend, Bill Woodfall...  
Randy & Lisa Dawson  
Columbus GA*

Randy Dawson - March 29, 2020 at 12:12 PM

RR

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Nida and family of my cousin Bill. As a girl I remember trips to Princeton, IN. with my mother to visit my aunt Nita (Bill's grandmother). I'm so glad we shared with you a "cousins reunion" in Charleston a few years ago. It was all I could do not to call him what I always heard him called in the family as Billy Joe. Will remember him fondly. God grant you peace.*

Rosemary Abeln Ryan - March 28, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Dear Nida , my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Sonnie MYERS

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**Sonnie Myers** - March 28, 2020 at 08:22 AM

ST

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was my Scoutmaster when I was in the Boy Scouts. He was a mentor and role model for me. I learned so much from him that I still use today. He will truly be missed by all.

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**Steven Tate** - March 27, 2020 at 07:58 PM

WP

“ Ms Nida, Janet and I want to send our deepest condolence and God's Blessing during this special time for the Woodfall Family. In 2005 you and Wood made our transfer from Evansville so smooth and we have so many great memories with you guys during those 8 years. All the Best to a salt of the Earth Family!

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**Wayne & Janet Presson** - March 27, 2020 at 04:34 PM

BB

“Nida and family, do know that you are in our prayers during this time. Our hearts go out to you and all your family. I'm so thankful as Christians that we don't grieve as the world because we have the sure hope of the gospel and the assurance of a grand reunion one day (1 Thes. 4:13-18).

*I have fond memories of working with Bill. I started with him during a spring experience through our Drafting Class at Mt. Vernon High School which soon developed into working through the rest of High School and my Rend Lake Community College days/plus full time in the summers. I learned a lot from him (never would have passed Trigonometry without his help) and thoroughly enjoyed being with him. We'd hop in that old red truck and head out to lay out a subdivision or survey a property around town. I can still see him in my mind's eye saying move it a smidge this way or that way when I was holding the surveyor's pole, stake or a pin. I'm sure that I tested his patience. Or I could hear him directly say get the machete and clear a path through there. He was a good boss with high expectations for excellence. I remember we'd work in the field in the mornings and coming back to the drafting tables to draw in the afternoons. He gave me an opportunity and it made a huge impact in my life. It's with joy and laughter that I recall the Saturday mornings working in the office while listening to Jack Carey playing the old classic comedy on KMOX radio. Bill loved his family and worked hard for them.*

*Most importantly, it was during this time that the Lord Jesus did a special work in my life to bring His gift of salvation to me and then, He called me into ministry. I would talk with him about it all the time, invite him to church, read my Bible in the truck and pray for him...probably annoyed him at times. But it's with great joy that I learned later that he got involved with his church and vibrantly lived for Christ. Through my work with the North American Mission Board, I got the opportunity to connect with his son Woody who serves on staff at a church in Kentucky. Again, I'm incredibly grateful to share a part of this journey with the Woodfall family. I hope those*

*memories that I'm sharing brings some comfort and maybe a smile to you and your family. Again, we are praying for you and your family.*

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**Bob Burton** - March 27, 2020 at 03:19 PM

GW

“ *Nida, How many years have passed since George and I met you and Bill. At least forty? From Farm Bureau meetings to the beagle puppy for Terry and all the times we met since, whether in a restaurant, Walmart or on the street. It has been an honor to call you friends. Our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. George & Rita Wyciskalla*

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**George & Rita Wyciskalla** - March 27, 2020 at 02:21 PM

LB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bills passing. He was a dear friend during childhood. Please accept my deepest sympathy and condolences.*

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**Linda Scott Biermann** - March 27, 2020 at 02:01 PM