



Williams Bivens, Sr.

December 16, 1942 - November 26, 2019

William J. Bivens, Sr., 76, of Centralia, passed away Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

He was born in Comstock, Nebraska, son of Garland Bivens and Anna (Land) Bivens. He married Karen Aldrich on March 12, 1983 and she survives in Centralia.

In addition to his wife of 36 years, Karen Bivens of Centralia, he is also survived by his nine children: Billy Bivens, Jr. and wife Linda of Odin, Tom Bivens and Carolyn Looman of Salem, Kevin Bivens of Centralia, David Bivens and wife Debbie of Odin, Yvette Peters and husband Kevin of Linn, Kansas, Richard Schroder of Odin, Les Schroder and wife Sherry of Odin, Michelle Baker of Woodlawn, and James Bivens and wife Stephanie of Centralia; 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; a mother-in-law: Dortha Schiller of Centralia and a niece: Shirley Burson-Wood and husband Len of Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister: Mary Golden, a father-in-law: Bert Schiller, and a son-in-law: Jerry Staats.

William worked for Burlington Northern Railroad for 49 years until his retirement. He was of the Baptist Faith. He was a member of the Freemasons, Shriners, Scottish Rite and York Rite, he was also a Past Master of Carlyle Scott Lodge 79. William enjoyed tinkering on different vehicles and lawnmowers. He also enjoyed collecting cars and traveling. Most of all William cherished the time he spent with his family and friends.

A Memorial Service for William J. Bivens, Sr. will be held Friday, November 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. Visitation will be held Friday afternoon from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the funeral home. Masonic Rites will be accorded Friday evening at 5:30 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Bivens Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Celebration of Life

NOV **29**. 6:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Williams Bivens, Sr.*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - November 29, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ *David Bivens lit a candle in memory of Williams Bivens, Sr.*



David Bivens - December 02, 2019 at 06:44 PM

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“ *Grandpa always made sure us grandkids have memories to remember each year when we came to visit him. To the amazing balloon fest, down to slip in slides in the yard. His favorite was to take us on a ride on his precious motorcycle. We love you grandpa, we may shed many years but the memories of you are always here to stay. Until we meet again!!!!*

Tiffanie Ney - November 29, 2019 at 01:46 PM

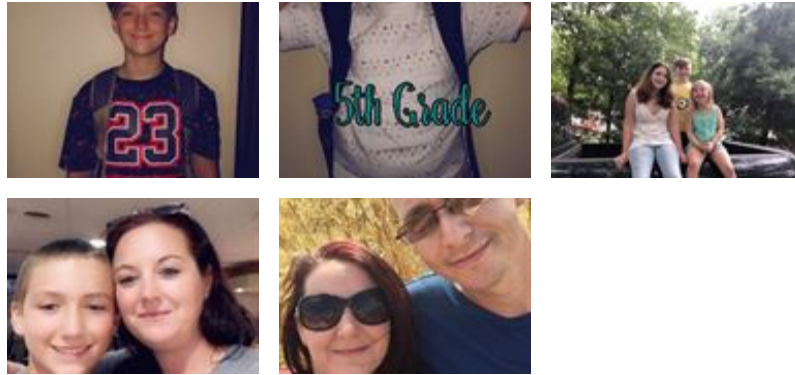
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“ Had a lot of fun when I was down visiting with you grandpa I love you and will miss you dearly rest in peace grandpa I love you

Brandon Achtemeier - November 29, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - November 29, 2019 at 11:57 AM

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“ I have a picture of you and me from when I was a little girl!! Your walking out the door and I'm watching you like why can't I go too!! That picture is haunting me right now. You went out that door and left me behind!!
When I went to live with Grandpa and Grandma I was raised as your little sister. So it's difficult for me to be called just your niece!! I will let you go out that door now and will see you on the other side down the road!! Love you

Shirley Wood - November 28, 2019 at 12:57 AM



“ You will be missed grandpa Bivens. Thank you for the great laughs and humor that you brought to everyone. Love ya your grandson TJ



Travis Bivens - November 27, 2019 at 09:29 PM