



# William S. Cothren

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**D**ecatur-William S. Cothren, 73, of Decatur, passed away Saturday, November 29, 2014 at Decatur Memorial Hospital with his family by his side.

Bill was born May 23, 1941 in Belvidere, Illinois, the son of Benny and Helen (Beasley) Cothren. He grew up in Iuka, Illinois, where he worked in the oil fields. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1960 at nineteen years old and proudly served his country for three years. After his military service Bill relocated to central Illinois where he was a liquor salesman and avid flat track motorcyclist. He married Teresa Hansen August 23, 1980. They were partners in their landscape business for thirty-four years starting with Bill's Greenhouse and Garden Center, evolving into Tropical Interiors, and finally Custom Landscapes. He was a member of Saints James & Patrick Parish and was involved in coaching with the Decatur Flames and Summer Hockey League. Bill was an avid fan of the Cubs, Bears, and Illini. He loved people and he never forgot a face.

Bill leaves behind his wife Teresa, children W. Justin Cothren, Jared Cothren and fianc e Paige Harris, Josh Cothren and wife Kristin, Jessica Cothren, and Emily Cothren and boyfriend Nathan Eason, sisters Stella Duncan and husband Paul and Sue Champ and husband Don, grandchildren Oliver Eason and Kohen Cothren, brother-in-law Gary Mowry, and nephews Steve Wilson, Tony Duncan, Rick Duncan and wife Kim, and Doug Duncan and wife Tiffany.

Bill was reunited in Heaven with his parents and sister Betty Mowry.

Bill was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend that will be greatly missed but live on in our hearts forever.

The family would like to give a special thanks to all of Bill's caregivers for all of their compassionate care and support.

Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Bill's life will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 407 E. Eldorado, Decatur. Visitation will be from



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5-7 p.m. Monday December 1, 2014 at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lester Barnett Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association. The family of William S. Cothren is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. View the online obituary, share memories, and send condolences to the family at [www.moranandgoebel.com](http://www.moranandgoebel.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Carol Beasley Groff** posted:

I'm sorry this is late but just reading the paper and saw where Billy passed away. So sorry for your loss I know what and how you are feeling since losing Phil 4 yrs ago. Things get easier each yr but he is still with me in mind and spirit and always will be and they can't take away your memory. Teresa if you want to talk call me any time my new number 618 780 5557 or 618 918 3462 and address is 11 Heritage Circle Centralia IL 62801. I don't know if Stella or Sue has it. I have a lot of good old memories of us all when we were kids that can never be taken away. My love to you and the kids  
Carol Beasley Groff

December 4 at 8:19 AM

YS

**Yvonne Stroud** posted:

Such a loving family...peace to you all. Yvonne Stroud RN DMH

December 1 at 8:50 AM

BH

**Beth Hughes** posted:

So Very, Very Sorry to hear of Bill's passing and so sorry it had to happen at Thanksgiving. He was a great man and you took such great care of him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers Teresa. Beth Hughes

December 1 at 7:15 AM

DF

**Diane Fruchtl** posted:

We express our sympathy to your family for your loss. Jim and Peggy Larson and Diane Fruchtl

December 1 at 5:57 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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