



William Price Little

August 20, 1944 - July 4, 2020

William “Bill” Price Little, of Decatur, died Saturday July 4th at Aperion Care in Jacksonville, Illinois. He was 75.

Bill is survived by his wife, Kristina Edgett-Petty, his sweetheart of almost 17 years. He is also survived by two step children- Ashley Petty (Nathan Anastas), and Donovan Petty (Amber Hacker), both of Decatur. His “step dog”, Huck, was also a frequent visitor.

He is also survived by his brother, Thomas Little (Cheri) of Decatur, and his sister, Josephine Mesa (Juan) of Punta Gorda, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Henry Little and Betty June Miller.

Bill married the love of his life after an extensive courtship, thinking they would have many more years together. Their first date was at the Coles County Dragway in 1990. Together, they traveled to many races in many different counties and states, and their love only grew. They also were on several bowling teams together, even winning a few tournaments. Bill loved taking long rides in his many cars and visiting gambling boats to play craps with his very own “lucky charm”. Bill leaves behind many friends. He had many hobbies where he met these incredible friends, including NHRA Super Pro drag racing, bowling, golfing, tennis, and billiards. He had a passion for games and playing like there was no tomorrow.

Bill was just a kid at Macon High School when the country went to war. After high school, he was an avid tennis player, and a good one. He hitchhiked all around the country in order to attend tennis tournaments. He also loved golf, and played every day for years.

He attended Lincoln Junior College and Millikin University, and a few years later joined the US Air Force as an electronics fire control technician. Like so many other Vietnam veterans, doing his part and serving his country were some of his proudest moments.

Upon returning home from the war, he was the Regional Sales Manager for Elaine Powers

Figure Salon with territories from Idaho Falls to West Palm Beach, Florida. With his savvy salesmanship, he went on to own and operate a number of Tami Reni Figure Salons and was a successful businessman. He also went on to own his own company, Litter Gitters, established in 1973, and was the owner/operator of My Sisters Night Club, as well as Vice President and partner of Astrographics Inc. Bill proved himself to be a worthy entrepreneur and believed in giving back to his community. He donated the services of his street sweeping company to the Decatur Celebration and Gusmacker tournaments for years, and also sponsored Junior Dragsters. He donated to the NHRA, YMCA, Ursula Beck Pro Tennis Classic, and local food banks. He helped with many fundraisers, as well as always lending a helping hand to friends.

Bill was a man of faith and a member of the Garver Brick United Methodist Church. He made it a point to attend church as often as he could, even when his health was starting to decline.

Bill had a captivating voice, and used it to tell incredible stories and many jokes. If you knew Bill, you know his sense of humor was one of a kind and he could always make you laugh. Bill led a very fun filled, and fulfilling, life and made friends wherever he went. He will be missed by many.

Services will be held at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 14th at 11:00 with burial at Camp Butler in Springfield on Wednesday, July 15th at 11:00. Military honors will be conducted by the Sangamon County Inter-Veteran's Detail Squad. CDC guidelines will be followed, with social distancing and requirement of masks to be worn. Services will be video streamed at funeralvue.com/login#!; user id 33000. Password is Little. Please view Bill's obituary, and share condolences and memories at www.moranandgoebel.com

Cemetery

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL, 62707

Events

JUL **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation
Services

2801 N. Monroe, Decatur, IL, US, 62526

Comments



“ I met Billy when we were students at Macon High School. We rode the same bus. He was always the life of the party and fun to be with. We went to drag races in Indianapolis, played pool (billiards) at the old St. Nicholas Hotel and hit golf balls at the driving range. We hung around together until I left Decatur for the Army in 1965. I saw him one time after that, at the old Macon High School class reunion in 1978. He telephoned me a few years back and we had a nice chat. It was great to hear from him. I will always have fond memories of Billy.

Dennis Jewell - July 15, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ I've known Bill pretty much my entire life as he was buddies with my dad (Bob Nelson). I remember him being in Fairview with his dogs and them chasing our radio controlled cars, and I just grabbed up his dog from chasing the cars... he couldn't believe I wasn't scared of them. Then he'd come down to my husbands shop, Decatur Detail and sit and visit with CJ and I while getting his cars done. He was always a bright light in a world that needs more people like him!! Bill you will be truly missed! Love you!! Kris Nelson- Jones

Kristine NelsonJones - July 13, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of William Price Little.



July 13, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Billy's passing. Sending condolences to his family & friends. Tommy, your in my thoughts & prayers. RIP BILLY. 🙏 🙏

ConnieDee Matherly - July 13, 2020 at 05:12 AM



“ I called Billy and told him I needed a wing polished because what we had been using just wasn't getting it done. When he got done you could see yourself in it ! He was that
Kinda guy and oh the stories. Miss ya Buddy. Dan Rees

Dan Rees - July 12, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ I was sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a big supporter of tennis and sponsored the USTA/Ursula Beck Pro Tennis Classic for many years. I always enjoyed sitting with him during the tournament and listening to his stories of years past. It seemed he drove a different car to the tournament everyday....I loved it! I will miss his great personality and the stories we shared. He was one of a kind.

Chuck Kuhle

Chuck Kuhle - July 12, 2020 at 07:40 AM



“ One of my fondest memories of Bill was when he turned 50...we bought him a cake and had the decorator put a different name on it. We told him that the guy did not show up to pick up his cake and they gave us a discount on it. We raced with Bill.. Deleene and Judi Newlin and John and Judy Newlin.

Judy Newlin - July 11, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ I met Bill while I was working for Howard Buoy at ADM. He was a great guy and if I needed any thing he was right there to help. He will be missed by a lot of people who called him friend. He was Big Bill to me and will miss him.

God bless
Dee King

Dale (Dee) King - July 08, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ We're going to miss you Billy. You were larger than life and so much fun to be around. So sorry your last few years were difficult. Until we meet again!

Kelli Minor - July 06, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ So very sorry to hear Bill passed away. He was a great friend that will be missed.



Ron and Annette Sutton - July 06, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Billy was a wonderful big brother. He was 8 years older so he was off to the Air Force while I was still in middle school. He was always bigger than life conquering everything he attempted and I know Mom, Aunt Nancy, Nana and so many others greeted you in heaven on your arrival. You're in a better place. Rest in peace Billy.

Josie - July 06, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ Hi, Josie. So sorry to read of Bill's passing. I certainly remember what a neat big brother he was.

- Jerri Jewell Henschen.

Jerri Jewell Henschen - July 19, 2020 at 03:03 PM