



Billy H. Grace

September 24, 1923 - March 24, 2011

Bill was born and raised in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He had one sibling, a sister named Kathryn Bisenius. Bill graduated from Fort Smith High School and then joined the U.S. Navy. He was a crew-member on the USS Buoyant, a minesweeper and the USS Jarvis, a destroyer. Bill married the love of his life, Lila on April 21, 1946. They had five children, Gary, Steve, Nancy, Judy and Gayle. Bill was employed in the automotive industry as a service manager and body shop manager. Bill and Lila tragically lost their youngest daughter Gayle in September 1984 to a unknown heart condition. They had 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren who all loved their "Grandpa Bill" dearly. He always greeted them with open arms and a big smile. Bill and Lila had been married for 58 years before Lila passed away December 2004. He missed his dear wife so much, as did the rest of the family. Bill belonged to a men's group known as the ROMEO CLUB, (Retired Old Men Eating Out) They met every Thursday morning for breakfast and a few laughs. Bill loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing at the cabin at Crescent Lake. He also enjoyed playing golf, continuing to play into his eighties. He leaves behind a legacy of love for his family, who were always his first priority. He will be so greatly missed.

"Glad you got to see me !"

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billy H. Grace*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Hi Dad, missing you and Mom so much. The garden is just not the same without your expertise. Actually, nothing is the same any more. Love you so much, Judy*

Judy - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hey dad, it is fathers day, I had a great one with Airica & Dottie! Thought of you a lot today. I want you to know I drew a cow tag. Sumpter area Oct 15- Dec 31. Wish I could give you some elk meat.*

Steve - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sure miss you alot Grandpa, I am so happy to have Oscar, he is so much fun and such a good dog! Just really wish you were here and I could come visit you but I know your here with us even if we cant physically see you. Love you sooo much!*

Airica Grace - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Happy Anniversary Grandpa and Grandma! I miss you both so much, but am happy you are together again! Your love for each other is an inspiration to us all!*

Jaimie - April 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ HEY DAD HOOK UP WITH MY BUDDY SAM NOVIKOFF, HE WENT 3 WEEKS BEHIND YOU. NOW I MISS YA BOTH WAY TOO MUCH. "IT ISN'T ALWAYS EASY YOU USED TO TELL ME". THAT IS FOR SURE.

Steve - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Dad, I am really missing you today. Seems like everywhere I turn reminds me of you. Things are just not the same.

Judy - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Dad, I hope that we honored you as much as you deserve. You were the best dad ever, thank you for all the life lessons you continue to teach me. I love you so.

Judy - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Dad, I miss you soo much. I am joyious you are my dad. I will never forget you. Every time I am hunting or fishing you will be with me. Thank you for the wonderful memories. See you at the cabin dad(even if it is gone)

Steve Grace - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ "What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." ~ Helen Keller

Love and miss you so much!!!

Melissa Straub - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ Thank you Grandpa for always giving me someone to look up to and learn from. I will cherish our memories forever.

Shawn Young - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I want to thank Dad for being my hunting, fishing and golf partner, also for just being my Dad. You will be missed. We had a great time.
Love, Gary

Gary - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Hey Grandpa, I miss you alot and will miss having you at my baseball games. Thank you for helping me to hit a homerun tonight. It was for you. Love you always, Cory

Cory - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ Gramps- You are a true family 'MAN' and I hope one day I will be as good of provider as you have been to all of us. I look up to you and always will. Love you.
Scott & Shastina

Scott & Shastina Young - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Grandpa, I love you so much. You're in my dreams. I love you so much, I can't think of anything else. I am so proud you are in heaven having so much fun. I love you, Dakota

Dakota Larrison - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I am a very close friend of Bill's son Steve and wife Dottie. When I first met Bill I was just starting to get serious about life and Bill co-signed for my first loan. He was a caring, loving man loaded with integrity. He made a difference in my life and will be missed.a

Paul Carney - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Judy & family -
So sorry to hear the news about your father's passing. May the many good memories support you during this time.
Lovingly,

The Reece's

Cheryl Reece & family - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I met Billy Grace in the 70's where I was just starting out in the Automotive Industry. He was a great mentor all my life and I never knew a kinder, better, wiser man. I will always be grateful for having the blessing of knowing him and all the other ROMEO'S who were so important to him.

Mary Ann Collins - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I miss my grandpa very much, but I am grateful that I got to be with him his last few days, and I am glad he is now with grandma, and his daughter again. Love and miss you gramps!
Anna

Anna Straub - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ To the Grace Family;

Thank you for being so generous in sharing your wonderful father with the rest of us.

Bill had a way about him of always making me feel so "important" by showing interest in my work and my daily life.

We shared many family times together, filled with warm conversation. Bill had such interesting and history filled stories to tell.

Thank you Bill~

God Bless

Melissa Knorr-Armstrong - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ *Dad you know how I feel about you! Having tough time but I will see you, mom and our little Gayle Billy again. I LOVE YOU DADDY. Peace Out!*

Nancy - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *Missing you already Dad, you and Mom made me who I am today, and I am so thankful of that. You truly are my hero. I know you are dancing around heaven to The Big Bands with Mom. I love you both so much.a*

Judy - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Oh Grandpa, how I miss you sooo much already. You were such a special part of my life and I will celebrate you forever. Thanks for always being there for me. I love you!

Jaimie

Jaimie Larrison - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Uncle Bill was a good man, a good uncle. I have many sweet memories of him, I remember his chuckle, his smile, his love of life. He had a big heart and he shared it with so many. I am blessed, we are all blessed, to have been a part of his life.

Janet Avery - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ You were there for me when my own father wasn't - walked me down the aisle, took me to the father/daughter banquet, & much more. I will truly miss you, but know I will see you again.

Glenda Hammond - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Wow, just seeing that buck on the sign in page brought back wonderful memories of Bill and reminded me of what a great man he was. He will surely be missed.

Angie Meres - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ hi,grandpa this is ashley i just wanted to say that i love you and i miss you and you will always be a good grandpa! I really really really want to see you because i really miss you alot! What is your favorite season? what were your last words because i really want to know? oh! and i hope you know you are a really good and nice grandpa. love ashley.

Ashley Frink - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ To my Grandpa Bill, who is shining up above, I love you with all of my heart. I miss you and remember every moment we spent together. Thank you for accepting me into your life and your family. I look forward to the day when I get to see you again and you can say,"Glad you got to see me." Thank you for all you have given and all you have shared in this world. Thank you for the memories. I love you Grandpa!

Arianna Frink - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Theres a new star up in heaven, when we look up to the sky, I can almost feel him with me, I dont have to say goodbye!! Grandpa your legacy will live on in me forever. I was truly blessed to be apart of the Grace family. I will take good care of your best bud Oscar I promise. Miss you so much and one day I will see you and Grandma again.Love you Grandpa So So Much!!!!

Airica Grace - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I was blessed to marry into Bills family,inherit the Grace name and Bill for a father-in-law. He was loved by all. An ethical man who lived by the truth; one of the great ones.

Dottie Grace - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Our father is in heaven with mom and gayle.
Greatest man I ever met, we were all blessed to know him.*

Thanks R.O.M.E.O. you made a difference in his life.

Steve Grace - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM