



William John Herrmann

February 25, 1955 - June 1, 2019

William “Bill” John Herrmann, 64, of Jonesborough, passed away surrounded by loving family on June 1, 2019 at Johnson City Medical Center, Ballad Health, following complications after an elective surgery.

The son of the late John and Jeanne Herrmann, Bill was born in Illinois but moved to TN with his parents when he was 9. He lived in several states and traveled to many countries but always called TN and the mountains home.

He quit school to join the Air Force in 1972 where he worked Law enforcement and handled bomb dogs. He spent 278 days in Korea as well as being stationed in other foreign countries and locations in the US. He was honorable discharged in 1976. He continued his education and had several college credits. He also had vast knowledge learned through the life of hard knocks.

He held many jobs during his life but enjoyed being an entrepreneur the most. He was an owner operator in the 1980’s; Bill worked with his wife in the motorcycle rally circuit in the early 1990’s; He worked for the USPS, worked in a call center, worked for a property management company, owned his own furniture assembly company, and most recently worked for a sub-contractor delivering for Fed Ex.

He was a strong Christian who loved to share his love of God with others. It didn’t take much to see how his faith kept him going. He loved his family and his country and would defend them both to the end. He would give the shirt off his back if someone needed it. He would take time to talk with anyone who needed someone to talk with even in the middle of the night. He was there for them. In the end he was able to help over 50 people with the donation of many of his tissues.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jeanne Herrmann, and his sister, Betty Carlson. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Phyllis Dewey of Jonesborough, TN; Sister and brother-in-law, David and Dessa Mathis of Medina, TN; His children: Adam (Kristina) Herrmann of Sulphur Springs, TX; Christy Herrmann McLaughlin (Randy Nunemacher), of Hamburg, PA and Rusty Trump (Andy Tran) of Portland, OR, Step children he called his own: Katrina (Brad) Robinson, Telford, TN, Jeremy Shobe, Morehead City, NC; and several grandchildren. In addition he leaves behind several cousins, aunts, nieces, nephews, and many very close friends. He also leaves behind his

loving dog Abby, who will now find her home with his grandson.

The family will hold a celebration of life memorial service on June 8, 2019 at the University Parkway Baptist Church, 219 University Parkway, Johnson City, TN 37604, with visitation 2:00 – 3:00 PM and service starting at 3:00 P.M.

The family suggests that donations be made to the Washington County Animal Shelter, 3411 N Roan St, Johnson City, TN 37601 or your favorite charity.

Cards, condolences and shared memories can be sent to the family to Phyllis Dewey, P.O. Box 702, Jonesborough, TN 37659.

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.tetrickfuneralhome.com. Tetrick Funeral Services 3001 Peoples Street Johnson City, TN 37604 (423-610-7171) is honored to serve the Herrmann family.

This obituary was lovingly written by the Herrmann Family.

Comments



“ Please accept my family’s sincere condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mr. Herrmann. May you find comfort in fond memories of him, and hope in God’s assured promise to shortly awaken those asleep in death to perfect health and conditions under his new earthly government.

Greene Family - June 10 at 11:16 AM



“ Although neither Jack nor I knew Bill very well he always had a smile and was very kind to me when I was working in the office at TN Office Supply. We are so sorry for your and we are praying for you, Phyllis, and the family. May you have the peace that passes all understanding! God Bless!



Cheryl Jordan - June 08 at 11:52 AM



“ Traveling to a motorcycle rally in PA on a very hot day, and my blower in my van stopped working, Note I was a vendor and alone and could not leave my booth. Bill came up to me and asked for my keys. A few hours later he returned ,and said your blower was the problem and is now fixed. I paid him for the new blower, That is just the kind of things Bill would always do out of the kindness of his heart. There were many others. Kerry

Kerry Evans - June 07 at 01:21 PM



“ Marsye Wray lit a candle in memory of William John Herrmann



Marsye Wray - June 06 at 08:24 PM



“ Jackie Vines lit a candle in memory of William John Herrmann



Jackie Vines - June 06 at 02:37 PM



“ I have never met Phyllis or Bill only through conversations with Phyllis about quilting. Sending several quilts to Phyllis for her to do beautiful long arm quilting for me. Replying to Facebook messages that always are so uplifting everyday and to Bills messages at times also. So i will say i know from those things you are fine people. Pictures and stories of sweet A.J. And pictures of Abby. I have grown to feel a part of a wonderful Family. Love and continued prayers to you all.
Shirley Thomas

Shirley Thomas - June 05 at 08:24 PM



“ So sorry Phyllis, I KNOW your pain, I'm glad you all came to Dennis's visiting hours and I hugged both of you then. Memories of Bill at the Pig roasts we had helping my dad and Dennis I will never forget. My church is honoring Dennis with the car show on June 8th and I won't be able to make it. However my heart, prayers and hugs are with you. Love Your sister in Christ, Carolyn Ledford

Carolyn Ledford - June 05 at 07:56 PM



“ Bill and Phyllis opened the home to me after the first prison outreach I participated in after moving to TN. They were so very kind and I've never forgotten it. Never had a conversation with Bill I didn't enjoy! Looking forward to seeing him again!

willie - June 05 at 03:26 PM



“ Louvella lit a candle in memory of William John Herrmann



louvella - June 05 at 10:14 AM



“ I will always remember how kind you were to my family many years ago Bill. You were a heavenly angel that walked among us, always with a helpful hand, caring heart and words of wisdom. Over the years we grew to know each other and became friends, but, you were more than that to me. You were someone that I could talk with, pray with, turn to in my times of need and despair. We shared some of the same health issues, unfortunately, but, we could relate and understand each other's pain. As time passed I realized that you were filling some shoes that had been empty for awhile... you became my surrogate father. You had so many of his traits, his beliefs, his heart and his belief in God. I believe that you came into my life for a reason. And I have enjoyed being a part of your life. I can't believe that we have to say good bye so soon to someone that has touched so many lives in so many positive ways. But, those of us that knew you or knew of you were very blessed to have had the opportunity to know that God does work through others. You have blessed many of us here on earth Bill. Now it's time for you to rest, your job is done, fly high and be at peace. You are with my daddy now, and together the two of you can do anything. Be free my friend. God Bless you and your family always. My heart and prayers are with them all.

louvella - June 05 at 10:09 AM