



Mr. William "Bill" McAllister

June 29, 1942 - February 1, 2017

Hawthorn Funeral Home announces the passing of William Charles "Bill" McAllister. Bill passed away February 1, 2017 in Longview, Texas. His death was caused from the effects of several strokes that he suffered over the past seven years.

Bill was born June 29, 1942 to Charles A. McAllister and Virginia A. Williams McAllister (Vernor) in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Bill graduated from Portage High School in 1960. He attended Culver Stockton College, located in Canton, MO. As a young man, he had a love of all sports, but especially basketball and a passion for the Boy Scouts of America. He loved camping, hunting, fishing and anything outdoors.

In 1961, he married Jane Leslie Mahoney and together they had three children; Sarah Ann Shelton (1962), Amy Claire Drillette (1968), Charles David "Chip" McAllister Abernathy (1969). During his adult life he had an extensive career in Sales and Marketing working for various companies including Kalamazoo Food Service, Keebler, Latshaw Tool and Bevis Rope. In 1980, Bill married Diane Elizabeth Schelling in Evergreen, Colorado. Together, they had two children; Bradley Jay "BJ" McAllister (1981) and Jodi Lynn McAllister (1985). Their years of marriage were happily spent living in "God's Country" (Colorado) and Weston, Missouri. Later in his life, Bill moved to Texas to be closer to his older children. He spent several years in Tyler before moving to Longview where he spent the last years of his life at Treviso Transitional Care Facility. It was there that he met his very special companion,

JoAnn Hendrix. Together they merged their families for a short time prior to her death in 2016.

Bill is preceded in death by his father, Charles A. McAllister, his mother and step-father, Richard E. and Virginia A. Vernor, his Sister-In-Law, Pam McIntyre McAllister and granddaughter, Mary Jane Drillette.

Bill is survived by his brothers Thomas (Roberta) McAllister and David (Alice) McAllister.

Also surviving are his five children; Sarah (Chris) Shelton; Amy (Scott) Drillette; Chip (Jacque) Abernathy; BJ (Carly) McAllister; and Jodi McAllister. Nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Numerous nieces and nephews as well.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Greater Longview United Way for: Boy Scouts of America - ET Chapter, PO Box 411, Longview TX 75606 or The Hospice of East Texas, 411 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701. An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Sarah, B.J., Jodi, Amy, & Chip, I just felt like you guys might need a hug... Also wanted all of you to know I am thinking about you.



Susan Bingham - February 07, 2017 at 10:30 PM

TH

“ Sarah, our prayers are with you and your family. If you need anything please don't hesitate to call night or day.



Tim & Vanessa Hendrix - February 06, 2017 at 07:31 PM

SB

“ Bill (PopPop) brought a great deal of love and laughter into my mothers life. They didn't get to have a lifetime together but the short time they were together was absolutely amazing ! He will be missed beyond words can say. RIP my sweet PopPop. I love you.



Susan Bingham - February 06, 2017 at 07:22 PM

GG

“ *The family is my thoughts and prayers.*



Glenda Chambers Grimes - February 06, 2017 at 03:19 PM

PM

“ *It is with great sadness that I learned of "Mr. Bill's" death. We met while I was visiting my brother at Treviso during 2015 and 2016. Bill and Joann made a point of checking on him and coming by his room every day during the last days of my brother's life. They were both very loving and caring people who brought joy to me every time I saw them. Bill and I shared a love of football and compared games every Sunday after our college teams, Michigan and Arkansas, had played on Saturday. He was a good man who had the capacity to love everyone and shared that love every day. I will truly miss him and feel blessed that I knew him for at least a short time. Pat Mattingly*

Pat Mattingly - February 04, 2017 at 04:06 PM

NB

“ *Many wonderful memories growing up and spending time with Bill and our families. Rest in peace.*
Nancy "Page" Bare-Thompson

Nancy "Page" Bare-Thompson - February 04, 2017 at 07:21 AM

PB

“ PAUL & SUSAN BINGHAM lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" McAllister



PAUL & SUSAN BINGHAM - February 03, 2017 at 10:44 PM

JW

“ I had lots of fun times and memories as a result of knowing your mother and father. My condolences to you and your family.

jeff weisman - February 02, 2017 at 07:03 PM

JD

“ James R. Dean
Portage High School, Class of 1959
Schoolcraft, Mi 49087

James R. Dean - February 02, 2017 at 04:26 PM