



## Mr. William Gene Ritter

September 3, 1953 - October 14, 2019

Hawthorn Funeral Home announces the passing of Mr. William G. Ritter, 66, of DeBerry, Texas. Mr. William Gene Ritter was born September 3, 1953 in Rockford, Illinois and passed this life October 14, 2019 at his DeBerry home. William was one of four children born to the marriage of Hugh Lee and Velma Waulene Dickson Ritter. He was raised and completed schools in Rockford, Illinois.

Mr. Ritter worked in construction on the railroad bridge crew of BNSF. He loved the outdoors, hunting, and fishing, and collecting guns and knives. He is preceded in death by his parents, and brother, John Ritter.

Mr. Ritter is survived by his wife, Karen Ritter of DeBerry; son, William Ritter of Lewisville, IL; daughter, Laura King of Lewisville, IL; step sons, Danny White of Bradenton, FL, Rueben McClanahan and husband Elvis Stelly McClanahan of W. Monroe, LA, Derek McClanahan and wife Brittany of Mt. Dora, FL; brother, Harvey Ritter of DeBerry; sister, Vadie Wilson and husband Stephen of Shreveport, LA; granddaughter, Katelyn King and one great granddaughter, Emma King; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We were both 17 when we got married. Then we had two beautiful children together (Laura & William). One time he asked for my opinion: Which job he should take: the painting job(which was hit & miss) or the Railroad job. I told him that he should try getting the Railroad job; And that's what he did.

We just ended up growing apart (to put it mildly); And I eventually left to be with my family; And I got our divorce! ---Theresa

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**Theresa** - November 16, 2019 at 12:03 AM



“ He Loved Halloween and dressing up in costumes. He love All holidays. He will be missed very much. I Love You Uncle Bill!!!

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**Johnna Ritter** - October 18, 2019 at 06:45 PM