



William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell

May 9, 1955 - July 2, 2020

William Herbert Caldwell, 65, passed away Thursday July 2, 2020.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday July 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Clement Catholic Church with Fr. Henry Ussher officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the church.

Bill was born May 9, 1955 in Louisiana, Missouri to Charles Herbert and Melba (Graves) Caldwell. He was united in marriage to Janet Elaine Orf on September 30, 1978 at St. Clement Catholic Church. She survives.

Also surviving are children, Tara (Ben) Seedorf of Kirksville and their children Ella (13), Nora (10), Addie (8), and Nina (6) Seedorf; Tamara (Travis) Scherder of Frankford and their children Sawyer (8), Blake (6), and Callie (5) Scherder; Caleb Caldwell of Moscow Mills; sisters, Donna Grote, Gail Branstetter, and Linda (Jim) Tepen; along with numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Phil Caldwell and Kevin Caldwell; and brothers-in-law Darrell Grote and Chick Branstetter.

Bill grew up in Middletown and graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1973. He spent 3 years in the Army as a communications M.O.S. He was stationed in Alaska. He could still use Morse code and told many stories about his time spent in a tent. After Bill and Jan married, they lived in Bowling Green until relocating to the house they built in Frankford 8 years ago. Being in the country strengthened his love of nature; there isn't a bird or Missouri tree that he couldn't name. He worked as a plant operator at Louis Marsch Inc. in Troy

for most of his career. After their closing, he worked at LaCrosse Lumber in Bowling Green until 2017, when he retired.

Bill frequently found things that piqued his interest and sparked short-term passions, some of which turned lifelong: history, specifically World War II, politics, astronomy, classic movies, and nature.

He was first to listen and then to talk. It wasn't unusual for him to slip away from gatherings to collect his thoughts before returning with his opinion. He was passionate about politics and loved a good debate. During the last years of his life, he grew to follow and love the stock market, trading options until the day he passed away.

Bill and Jan loved to travel together. Some of their fondest memories were in New Orleans, Gulf Shores, Myrtle Beach, Gatlinburg, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, and the Dominican Republic. His family coined him as "Vacation Bill" and he enthusiastically lived up to that title. Bill and Jan had a "bucket list" trip planned in September, to the Red Wood Forest, in California, to celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary.

From the day, Ella, his oldest grandchild was born, his passion became loving them. He showed his love for them by teaching them about the solar system, cartoons from his childhood, and good music. Those closest to him will never forget the way his face lit up when he saw any of his 7 grandchildren. He didn't need to say a word, and typically didn't; but the way his eyes smiled when he was near them is something they will cherish forever.

Memorials may be made to the St. Clement Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Clement Cemetery

St. Clement, MO

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Clement Catholic Church
21509 Hwy 161
Bowling Green, MO 63334
<http://www.stclementmo.org>

Memorial Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.*



July 09, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ *Jan and family,
Cathy and I were sad to hear of Bill's death. We have a lot of fond memories of you all as our boys grew up together. May God continue to comfort and strengthen you all. John and Cathy Veach*

John Veach - July 08, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.*



July 07, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.*



July 07, 2020 at 10:27 PM

DH

“ Marilyn and I wish to express our sympathies to the entire family He was always a good man.

don hamilton - July 07, 2020 at 10:24 PM

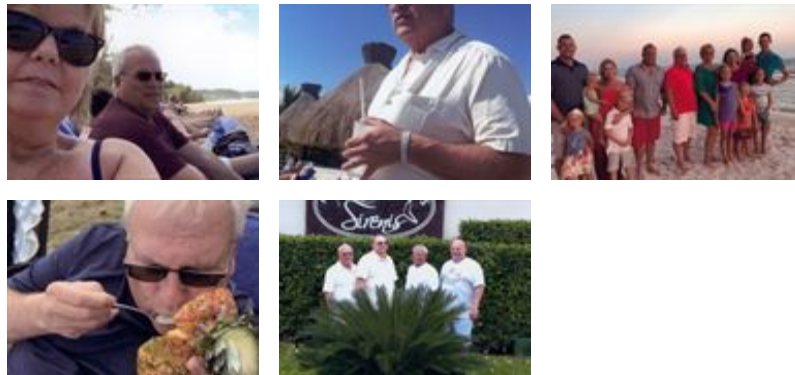
PM

“ Jan, I'm so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

P. D. Mynatt - July 07, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ 108 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - July 07, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.



July 06, 2020 at 11:11 PM

DO

“ To the Caldwell family, my deepest condolences to all of you. From the visits to the house on 16th Street as a kid to the many events put on by CC entertainment Bill was always making me laugh with his comments on an array of topics, never was there an interaction with Bill that I didn't leave smiling and laughing. My heart is heavy for you all much love and God Bless!

Drew Orf - July 06, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.



July 06, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.



July 06, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.



July 06, 2020 at 09:22 PM

CM

“ *Carla Mills lit a candle in memory of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell*



Carla Mills - July 06, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.*



July 06, 2020 at 07:35 PM

BM

“ *Brandon, Heather and Samantha Molle purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.*



Brandon, Heather and Samantha Molle - July 06, 2020 at 02:35 PM

JT

“ *John and Julie Bleiker, Jayton Tx purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.*



John and Julie Bleiker, Jayton Tx - July 06, 2020 at 01:14 PM

JB

“ *Janice Baze purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.*



Janice Baze - July 06, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.*



July 06, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.*



July 06, 2020 at 11:15 AM

VK

“ *Stan and I are so sorry to hear the news about Bill. When we think of him, we remember his warm smile and heartfelt laugh. He was such a wonderful friend. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathies to Jan and the entire family.*

Vickie King - July 06, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.*



July 06, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers*

Margie Jamieson - July 06, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *So sorry for your family's loss, Jan. Bill will be missed by his community also. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends.*

Leon and Kay Holcumbrink - July 05, 2020 at 11:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.*



July 05, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell.



July 05, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ Bill is a friend and business partner. We are so sad to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jan and the family. Ricky and Kathy Walls, Murray, KY

Kathy&Ricky Walls - July 05, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ JanHume lit a candle in memory of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell



JanHume - July 05, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ Bill loved life and his family. He like to laugh and entertain. So so sorry for this loss

JanHume - July 05, 2020 at 04:08 PM



And Ty too

JanHume - July 05, 2020 at 04:10 PM

LT

“ Prayers and many (((hugs))) from your Orf (Vic) cousins and families. Cherish your many memories. Love you, Janice, MaryVic, Debbie and Lori.



Lori Trueblood - July 05, 2020 at 04:06 PM

DT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. -- Chuck, Debbie & Jen

Debbie Tophinke - July 05, 2020 at 03:49 PM

LM

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss, Jan. Prayers for you and your family.

Lisa Mccluer - July 05, 2020 at 03:12 PM

KH

“ Deepest sympathy, Jan and family. Prayers and hugs to you all.

Kent & Peggy Hufty - July 05, 2020 at 02:53 PM

JS

“ Jackie Stockamp lit a candle in memory of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell



Jackie stockamp - July 05, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ *Our very deepest sympathies to you and your family, Jan!
Dave & Jerri*



Jerri Harrelson - July 05, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Always thought a lot of the Caldwell family.*

Linda Gray Leopold - July 05, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *Prayers for Bill's Family.. He was a good guy.
He will be missed.*



Janet Lovell - July 05, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *Our condolences Jan and families. God's Blessings to help you through this terrible time.
Walter and Shelba Northcutt*

Shelba Northcutt - July 05, 2020 at 01:51 PM

TD

“ *Tom-jean Dempsey sent a virtual gift in memory of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell*



tom-jean dempsey - July 05, 2020 at 01:32 PM

AB

“ *Jan-- so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Annette (Fisher) Burdett*

Annette Burdett - July 05, 2020 at 01:29 PM

PP

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family. Bill will be missed by many.*



Peggy Perkins - July 05, 2020 at 01:19 PM

CB

“ *Cathy Bibb sent a virtual gift in memory of William Herbert "Bill" Caldwell*



Cathy Bibb - July 05, 2020 at 12:47 PM