



Charles A. "Bill" Lawrence

October 21, 1934 - November 11, 2022

To join the livestream of the funeral service for Bill, please select the link below. The livestream will automatically begin at 12:50 PM Wednesday, November 16, 2022. The service will also be archived and can be viewed by selecting this link at a later time.

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Charles Albert "Bill" Lawrence, age 88 years, a resident of rural Ozark, passed away Friday evening, November 11, 2022, at 10:12 PM at his home.

Bill, as he was known to family and friends, was born October 21, 1934 in the Glendale community in Pope County Illinois. He was the son of Loren and Rettie (Aly) Lawrence.

On January 21, 1966, Bill was united in marriage to Carolyn S. Brown in Ozark, Illinois. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by: his children – Donald Charles (Janet) Lawrence, Daniel Lee Lawrence, and Sue Ellen Lawrence all of Ozark; 2 grandchildren – Lori Ann Lawrence and Justin Lane Lawrence both of Ozark; a sister – Shirley (Chester "Chig") Phillips of Fairfield; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by: a brother – Russell Lawrence and a sister – Fern Lee.

Bill was a member of the Vienna High School graduating class of 1952. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served from 1957 until his honorable discharge in 1959 with the rank of Private First Class. During his military service, Bill was stationed in Germany.

Following his discharge from the Army, Bill was employed as a machinist by Caterpillar, Inc in Peoria, Illinois. Following his return to Southern Illinois, Bill first worked at the Johnson County Highway Department. He then was employed in the design and stencil department of J.W. Reynolds Monument Company until his retirement in December 1995.

In his youth, Bill enjoyed horses and horseback riding. He and Carolyn also enjoyed motorcycling.

Bill was a faithful and devout Christian. He and Carolyn worshipped at the Tunnel Hill Pentecostal Church. Bill had served as a Deacon, Bible study leader and had taught in both the youth and adult Sunday School departments.

A service honoring the life of Bill Lawrence will be conducted Wednesday afternoon, November 16, 2022, at 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Burial will be in the Wise-Robinson Cemetery, north of Ozark. Military graveside honors will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222 and the Illinois National Guard Burial Honors Detail.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2022, from 11 AM until 1 PM

at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Tunnel Hill Pentecostal Church and left in care of Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, IL 62995.

Cemetery Details

Wise-Robinson Cemetery

US Rt 45 North
Ozark, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
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Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles A. "Bill" Lawrence



Bailey Funeral Home - November 28, 2022 at 05:02 PM



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“ Charles A. "Bill" Lawrence

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Condolences to the family. Jerry & Margaret Mathis

Margaret Mathis - November 14, 2022 at 06:52 PM

DR

“ *Debbie And Bill Rigsby lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Bill" Lawrence*



Debbie and Bill Rigsby - November 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM

SG

“ *Caroline & family I'm sorry for your loss. I know God will be with you.*



Sondra Goins - November 13, 2022 at 07:31 PM

EH

“ *Ellen And David Hill lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Bill" Lawrence*



Ellen and David Hill - November 13, 2022 at 07:15 PM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Bill" Lawrence*



John Slack - November 13, 2022 at 05:30 PM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Bill" Lawrence



Teresa Richerson - November 13, 2022 at 05:18 PM

LB

“ Carolyn and family, Sorry for your loss, have memories of you and Bill and time spent at your house while visiting Connie! Please accept my sympathy!



Linda McCuan Biethman - November 13, 2022 at 12:56 PM

JJ

“ I remember Bill maintaining our road now known as Jackson Road. He was an excellent grader operator and friendly to me as I watched his craftsmanship. He later worked with my brother Stanley at JW Reynolds. God has called him home after a blessed life and a blessing to others

Jerry K Jackson - November 13, 2022 at 12:17 PM

RJ

“ Don, thoughts and prayers are with you and all your Family, first time I Remember your father was running the old D 8 the co had I was 5 worked with him at J W Reynolds later always had positive outlook, very good man he will be missed, Randy and Patty Jackson

Randy Jackson - November 13, 2022 at 11:39 AM

DW

“ Deborah Jane Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles A. "Bill" Lawrence



Deborah Jane Wright - November 13, 2022 at 11:19 AM

DW

Bro Bill and his family are dear friends. We worship with them at Tunnel Hill Church. We will miss him singing "I Have Hope". He would have wanted all to have hope by giving their life to God. Sis Carolyn, Sis Sue Ellen, Bro Don, and family we love you all and send our love and prayers. Clearon and Jane

Deborah Jane Wright - November 13, 2022 at 11:26 AM

JM

“ We are so sorry for your family's loss. Sending love and prayers.



JD and Tammy Mathis - November 13, 2022 at 01:37 AM

BE

“ Beth And Mark Elliott lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Bill" Lawrence



Beth and Mark Elliott - November 12, 2022 at 09:52 PM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGo;; lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Bill" Lawrence



Larry and Carolyn McGo;; - November 12, 2022 at 08:01 PM

LM

Larry and Cariyn McGill

Larry and Carolyn McGo;; - November 12, 2022 at 08:03 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My family and I are praying for peace of the Lord to comfort you during this time.



Christina Slivinski - November 12, 2022 at 05:36 PM

BT

“ Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Bill" Lawrence



Becky Turley - November 12, 2022 at 01:54 PM