



## Willy Bach

December 15, 1964 - November 27, 2021

William J. “Willy” Bach, age 56 years, a resident of New Burnside, Illinois, passed away Saturday morning, November 27, 2021, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

Willy was born December 15, 1964 in Belleville, Illinois. He was the son of Elmer and Patricia (Harmann) Bach.

Willy is survived by: his lifelong companion – Barbara Nance of New Burnside; children – Jessica (Michael) Cardinal of New Burnside, Justin Nance of New Burnside, Jacob (Hannah Green) Bach of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, James Bach of New Burnside, Michael (Heather) Sims of Metropolis, and Shawn (Ashley) Nance of Gilbertsville, Kentucky; 15 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; a brother – Anthony “Tony” (Denise) Bach of Waterloo, a sister-in-law – Tracy Bach of Waterloo, as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many friends. Willy also leaves his beloved dog “Ellie Mae.”

In addition to his parents, Willy was preceded in death by a brother, Elmer “E.J.” Bach, Jr.

Willy was a graduate of Belleville East High School. He was a member of the Floor Layers Union # 1310 in St. Louis, Missouri. Willy also worked as an automotive mechanic. He had formerly been employed by Cagle Tire and

Wheel in Vienna as well as operating his own auto mechanic shop, Next Door Auto, in New Burnside.

Willy was honored to serve as a volunteer for the Johnson Co. E.S.D.A. (Emergency Services Disaster Agency).

Willy was of the Catholic faith.

In his spare time, Willy enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and mushroom hunting. He also had raced stock cars.

A service honoring the life of Willy Bach will be conducted Saturday afternoon, December 4, 2021, at 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Bill Schell will officiate. Burial will be in the Wise-Robinson Cemetery, north of Ozark.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 3, 2021, from 4 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Johnson County E.S.D.A., c/o the Johnson Co. Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 38, Vienna, IL 62995. Please memo "Willy Bach memorial" on your donation check.

# Cemetery Details

## Wise-Robinson Cemetery

US Rt 45 North  
Ozark, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Service

DEC 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Willy Bach*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Willy was one of my brother Craig's faithful and caring best friend. I got to know Willy many years ago at many events, work and at the Shady Lane Farm where my parents and Craig's homes are. I loved Willy's laugh. He was always so upbeat and joking around. I got to meet Jake a few times when he was with Cordell (sorry for your loss). Willy was so good with my Dad J. B. Bundren. We were honored to have him as one of Dad's pallbearers. I will greatly miss Willy because I enjoyed all the times we worked on farm equipment and cars. I count him as a wonderful friend and will keep the family in my prayers.*

**Joy Bundren** - December 03, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willy Bach.*



December 03, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ I met Willy a few times at the Zoetvelt farm where his hard work guaranteed that our Troop and families had great outings. He was a friendly person with great stories and will be missed. That last few visits I made sure to leave a jar of pickled herring in his hunting refrigerator on Zoetvel's Farm. RIP Willy!



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**Robert Koch** - December 03, 2021 at 10:34 AM

RM

“ I am an EMT at Johnson Co Ambulance service and met Willy one day while he was at the Johnson Co E.S.D.A. office. I called him "Woody" at first because I thought that's what his name was. I found out it was actually Willy, but it was too late. The name Woody remained and that is what I always called him. He was so funny and kind. We always had good conversations and lots of laughs every time we got to see each other. Keeping "Woody's" family and friends in my thoughts and prayers. Praying for peace and comfort. RIP my friend. Until we meet again ❤️

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**Robin McFarlin** - December 01, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ My condolences to the Bach family. I only met Willie once at the Zoetvelt farm, but it was memorable and I could tell he was a great person and friend. May he rest in peace.

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**Dan Dion** - November 30, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willy Bach.*



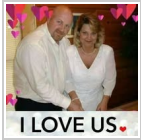
November 30, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Willy Bach.*



November 29, 2021 at 10:59 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy 🙏  
Lee and Carolyn Woolverton*



**Carolyn Woolverton** - November 29, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willy Bach.*



November 29, 2021 at 11:31 AM

WB

“ *Wm&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Willy Bach*



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**Wm&Nancy Belford** - November 29, 2021 at 09:03 AM

HE

“ *Hailey Elliott lit a candle in memory of Willy Bach*



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**Hailey Elliott** - November 28, 2021 at 09:11 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Willy Bach*



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**Dorothy Bacon** - November 28, 2021 at 03:35 PM