



William R. "Bill" Cameron

January 24, 1942 - March 19, 2019

William R. "Bill" Cameron, 77, of Bloomington, Indiana peacefully passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at the Golden Living Center. He was born on January 24, 1942, in Bedford, Indiana the son of Norman and Frances Capitola (McDonald) Cameron. His father died shortly after Bill was born leaving his mother with two sons during the Great Depression. Bill's grandparents were instrumental in his care and raising. Bill was a 1960 graduate of Bedford High School. He was drawn by his cousins Fred and Chee Chee to California where he immediately enlisted into the US Navy. Using the GI bill to attend and graduate from Indiana State University with a bachelors degree in education.

Bill was what is called a "Mustang" in the military. He started as an enlisted E1 and worked himself up in 25 years through the officer ranks to O5. A radioman during Vietnam, he ended his Naval career as a Commander in the US Navy. Bill used his degree to teach math at Bedford North Lawrence High School for a short time. His professional career was in insurance running the Cameron Agency and retiring from the Prudential Insurance Company.

Bill was a member of the Kiwanis Club in Bloomington and the Bloomington Country Club where he loved to golf and play a mean game of gin rummy with the guys. Some of his happiest memories were made around the card table. Anyone that knew Bill knew that he loved Cardinal baseball and was an avid fan who never missed a broadcast. He took annual trips with his kids to Busch Stadium and instilled a love for the game in many.

Bill is survived by his wife; Paula Gayle (Fiscus) Cameron of Bedford, Children Malissa D. (Jason) Waterford of Bloomington, Walter Eric (Izze) Cameron of Evansville, six grandchildren John Cameron, Jessica (Jesse) Singleton, James Cameron, Lauren Waterford, Adrianna Waterford, Ella Grace Waterford, one great-granddaughter Mya Singleton, a brother Richard "Dick" (Betty) Cameron of Bedford.

He was preceded in death by his father and cherished mother, two daughters Trina Cameron and Cathy Cameron.

Please join us for an informal Celebration of Life service that will be held at 12:30 pm Saturday, March 30, 2019, at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington. Casual attire is preferred. Lunch will be provided for family and friends

following the service to allow time to visit and reminisce. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

We are requesting that no flowers be sent. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Global Minded Project www.globalmindedproject.com. Bill supported GMP for years as they work to serve local youth and Native American youth providing avenues of confidence and opportunity for growth, mentorship, and education.

We invite you to share a memory, sign the guest book, or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 30. 12:30 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Celebration of Life Gathering

MAR 30. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ I’m so sorry to read this about Bill. I’ve known Paula & Bill for about 15-20 years but have recently lost touch, sadly. May peace be with you Paula & the kids after the grieving. Bill & I loved to argue, then stubbornly let it pass! Makes me smile to have good memories. Blessings to the family 😊



Sheryl Wythe - April 01, 2019 at 05:43 PM

RC

“ Richard Cameron lit a candle in memory of William R. "Bill" Cameron



Richard Cameron - March 29, 2019 at 01:06 PM

RC

“ RICHARD M CAMERON lit a candle in memory of William R. "Bill" Cameron



RICHARD M CAMERON - March 29, 2019 at 10:06 AM

RC

“ *RICHARD M CAMERON sent a virtual gift in memory of William R. "Bill" Cameron*



RICHARD M CAMERON - March 29, 2019 at 09:58 AM

RC

My deepest sympathy and prayers for the Cameron and Waterford families. May God comfort you all and bless each and every one. My brother will be greatly missed.

RICHARD M CAMERON - March 29, 2019 at 10:04 AM

RC

I offer prayers and deepest sympathy to the Cameron and Waterford families. My brother will be greatly missed. God bless you all.

Richard Cameron - March 29, 2019 at 01:05 PM

JA

“ My deepest sympathy to all the family of Bill Cameron.
When in elementary school, I would most mornings stop by to see my grandma who I fondly called Mama. Often I was given the assignment to wake up my cousin Bill so he wouldn't be late for school. He was hard to awaken early in the morning, believe me! Also, Bill and I often played basketball at the Madden Elementary School. The competition was fierce, but always departed as friends. Another fond memory was in 1981 after IU won the national basketball championship. Bill got my son Steve and myself tickets to the IU Awards Banquet for the team. We got to meet all the players. What a treat!
Also, in visiting his home, was very impressed with the autographed paintings of Red Skelton, a great comedian of our times. Bill always had a sense of humor. Never without a joke!
I identify much with your grief. We just lost our son Tony to cancer a month ago. May God's comfort and peace be with us all in our time of grieving.
Blessings and prayers, Cousin Joe Arena

Joe Arena - March 26, 2019 at 04:00 PM

SF

“ Always remember him as Billy Bob raised a block south of us. He lived on the corner of 8th & J, we lived at 7th & I St. Lots of time playing hide and seek with the neighborhood kids.



Sheila Farrell-Brown - March 25, 2019 at 01:35 PM

BK

“ We miss those all-night Canasta card games with hot fudge sundaes for breakfast at Steak'n Shake. Then there's a trip to Marco Island....

*A final salute!
Bill and Dorothea King*

Bill King - March 25, 2019 at 12:04 PM

EE

“ I remember when I was helping with Aunt Frances he called every night. No matter what plans or events he always called his Mom every night. Too many good memories to write here. He will always be Billy Bob 💕 Love you all!!

Elaine Elliott - March 24, 2019 at 02:57 PM

DD

“ Bill was a man to make you smile. Always there for his friends to lend a hand or just to give comfort. He will be missed and always loved. Peace and comfort to his family. I love you all very much.

Donna Dazey - March 23, 2019 at 09:23 AM

PL

“ For me he was “Billy Bob”. He was 10 years older than me so when he came to California to join the Navy my mom Chee Chee and my Dad Fred welcomed our home for him to live. That was a nightmare for a 10 year old girl because Billy Bob LOVED to tease me. He went so far to buy all my boxes of Girl Scout cookies just so I would give him a kiss. Well he bought the cookies but never got the kiss. Lol. He was a young sailer and loved the girls. Deep down inside I loved him and was so glad he lived with us for awhile but I would never had admitted it to anyone. May you Rest In Peace Cuz.

Pam Lively - March 22, 2019 at 06:51 PM