



Bill Black

July 21, 1930 - April 19, 2017

Bill (known to many as “Blackie”) was born in Oklahoma City on July 21, 1930, to Landis and Ruth Black. He enlisted in the Navy as a young man, later becoming an officer. Bill served on both the USS Wasp and USS Morton, and was a proud and patriotic sailor.

After leaving the service, he lived in Northern California for many years. However, he always dreamed of someday having some land in the Ozarks. His dream came true when, 11 years ago, he moved to a beautiful property in Bolivar, Missouri. When asked how he found Bolivar, he would reply that actually Bolivar found him.

Bill enjoyed life and had many interests. He loved working in his workshop, and could build anything. He loved working in his yard or on his property, and always made everything look beautiful. He would always rather “play outside” than be in the house. And he loved feeding all of the squirrels, birds, turkeys, deer and other critters out in his park-like backyard.

Bill enjoyed traveling -- trips to the Holy Land, Russia and Thailand were highlights -- and he loved going to Hawaii. He also loved researching his genealogy, and has accumulated the names of thousands of ancestors, going back to the 1500’s.

Bill loved his family and loved his church – but most of all, he loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He greatly impacted so many people, and will be sorely missed.

Bill is survived by his Wife, Alanna, of Bolivar; Children Sherri (Black) Emitte (husband Mike), Brenda Black, Rick Black, and Robert Black (wife Jennifer), all of Oklahoma City; and his amazing neighbor who was like a son, James Taylor (wife Debbie), of Bolivar; Brother, Ken Black (wife Shirley) of Bolivar, and Sister Helen Strickland of Whitesboro TX; 9 Grandchildren: Scott Olson (wife Meredith), Matt Olson, Brian Fink (wife Tonia), Keli (Fink) Percy (husband Clyde), Daniel Fink (wife Lisa), Rachel (Black) Rutherford (husband Travis), Elijah Black, Ryan Novak (wife Courtney), and Hallie Black; 10 Great Grandchildren (and 2 on the way); and several loving nieces and nephews.

Services for Bill will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Brighton Highway Assembly of God Church. A visitation will be held Wednesday, April 26, 2017 from 5-7 PM at the Butler Funeral Home, Bolivar, MO. Burial will take place in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield, MO

If you would like to share any memories of Bill, or what he meant to you, please send them to blackiejul30apr17@gmail.com, where they will be published on a special website.

And, if you wish, contributions in his memory may be made to the “Bill Black Memorial Fund” at Brighton Highway Assembly of God, 5403 Highway F, Brighton MO 65617.

Services under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

5201 S. Southwood
Springfield, MO 65804

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Black*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Bill Black*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *It's amazing how many people you remember from Tracy Defense Depot, Bill & Alanna are remembered by me. I knew him as Lt. Black, USN. He was always upbeat, professional, friendly and one could not help but like him. I can still see him fit & trim in his uniform walking throughout the office. Condolences to Alanna & the family. Smooth sailing sailor.*



Glenda McDaniel - June 02, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Bill Black.*



April 26, 2017 at 11:45 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bill Black.*



April 26, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bill Black.*



April 26, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Bill Black.*



April 25, 2017 at 02:49 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Bob Burmester - April 25, 2017 at 03:00 AM



“ I met Billy, along with @25 others, on our first day at Corn Products, Int. on 1-5-81, in Stockton, CA.. I didn't know it then, but we would become a family over the next 30 years, or so. We spent more time with each other, than with our own families. Between learning to run a brand new, highly automated factory, eventful startups, and shut downs, and the cast of characters working together for the common cause, there was never a dull moment. We learned so much about each other over the years, and I respect Blackie for his Naval service. Now Bill always had a story, sometimes becoming quite animated while telling it. His sincere smile and infectious laugh always brought me out of a bad mood. He was one of the hardest working men I've known. Bill was of high ethics, morals, faith, character and compassion, and I feel I am a blessed man to have had Bill Black in my life. Now I don't say this about just anyone, but I love Bill and Alanna. They are the role models that all couples should look up to. I will fill the hole left in my heart, with memories and the knowledge that Bill will be watching over his family, and I pray that includes mine. ❤️🙏🌹🇺🇸



Bob Burmester - April 25, 2017 at 02:59 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Bill Black.



April 24, 2017 at 09:21 PM

GJ

“ *Giordano Family (Joseph, Jerry, Ben and Jessica) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bill Black.*



Giordano Family (Joseph, Jerry, Ben and Jessica) - April 24, 2017 at 08:15 PM



“ *We will cherish our memories of Cousin Blackie. He was always so easy to talk to, had great stories and such a Strong down to earth Christian Man! Logan will always cherish our visit to Bolivar and Blackie taking the time to share his tractor. Have a great party in Heaven and we will join you when it is our time. We LOVE you SO much, Ronald, Shellie & Logan - your California Cousins...*

Shellie Carr - April 24, 2017 at 12:34 PM

GL

“ *I have some wonderful memories of being a neighbor in Stockton, Ca. Blackie always had great smile and loved to talk. I was so glad I was able to visit them in Mo. I could have stayed forever and talk to Blackie. Blackie will be missed.*



Gail Larson - April 23, 2017 at 01:12 PM

DH

“ *Dennis Highfill lit a candle in memory of Bill Black*



Dennis Highfill - April 23, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Black.*



April 23, 2017 at 03:08 AM

GA

“ *Gayle Allen & Taylor Allen purchased the Loved One Vertical Blanket for the family of Bill Black.*



Gayle Allen & Taylor Allen - April 22, 2017 at 10:44 PM



“ *We will always remember the years of our mutual love of all things Disney, that's how we met. But mostly we remember what a kind hearted man Blackie was. He was fun and friendly and always had a smile on his face! See you at the Big House!*

Dale & Shelly Heikkinen

Shirley Heikkinen - April 22, 2017 at 10:27 PM