



## William Joe Durham

August 28, 1946 - June 5, 2012

William Joe Durham was called to Heaven on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at his home, with his daughters and son-in-law by his side.

William was born on August 28, 1946, to William Mitchell Durham and Mary John Foster Durham. He graduated from Fair Play High School in 1964. He was drafted into the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War.

William married Betty Combs in 1968, and to their union two daughters were born, Christie and Misty. He loved his daughters and grandchildren. He was a constant source of encouragement and support in their lives. He loved his family and his friends, and would help others without hesitation. He volunteered at the Salvation Army for several years and cherished the friendships he made there.

William loved to fish with his friends and family. You could count on him for a good fish story. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and

loved getting calls to go out for a meal, play cards, or watch a sporting event.

William loved the Lord. He attended Harvest Assembly of God Church in Fair Play. Many knew him as a mighty prayer warrior. His faith in God saw him through many challenges in his life. He loved attending many prayer groups, and always prayed for those who needed God's help. His life is a walking testimony to the power of prayer and faith in the Father.

William was preceded in death by his mother, Mary John Thompson; his father, William Mitchell Durham; and two brothers, John Durham, and Randy Cook.

He is survived by his daughters, Christie Evans of Bolivar, Misty Stortz and husband Paul, also of Bolivar; three grandchildren, Trevor and Jessica Evans, and Kaitlyn Stortz; four brothers: Billy Durham and wife Sharon, Blue Springs; Leonard Durham and wife Connie, Blue Springs; Dennis Dill and wife Betty, Independence; Jerry Wayne Durham and wife Susan, Independence; two sisters: Janie Fabian, Independence; Betty King and husband Danny, Blue Springs. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a multitude of friends.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 10, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

A celebration of William's life will be held on Monday, June 11, 2012, at 10 a.m., at Harvest Assembly of God Church in Fair Play, with Brother Norman Culbertson officiating under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar, Missouri.

Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery, Bolivar.

In lieu of flowers, William requested donations be made to the Salvation Army chapter in Bolivar.

Friends and family may sign the guestbook or leave private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William Joe Durham*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *William Joe Durham*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Girls, please know that your father was a very great man, when we attended church at Harvest Assembly we would see him, and then when we started going to Country Side Assembly, he would come by once in a while and have breakfast before going on to Fair Play, One thing we all know that he has reached the destination that we are all striving for....*

**Ray & Donna Choate** - June 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will miss you uncle William, all the times we went fishing and talking about the things that ment the most in our lives. From a marine to a soldier, save a place for my foot locker next to yours and lace those boots up tight. Tell grandma and uncle john and every body else up there i said hello and miss them dearly. Love always*

**Leonard Izera Durham jr.** - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Christie I waited on your dad at the bank (MMB)and he was such a sweet man. I don't care what kind of day he was having, you would never have been able to tell it, because he always had a smile and a kind word. He was a very special man!*

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**Melissa Crites** - June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Thinking of you at this time.*  
*Diane*

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**Diane Walker** - June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *We loved Willie at Harvest Assembly. My daughter, Bree, always loved teasing him about his Mickey Mouse watch. We're going to miss Willie but we know he has received his Heavenly reward.*

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**Dean and Patty Shaulis** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Dear Christie and Misty,*

*My sincere condolences on the loss of your Dad. I have some good memories of your Dad, especially times when he made me laugh. I know you have cherished memories of him, too, and that these will be a source of comfort for you in the days to come. Take good care of each other now, as he would want you to do.*

*Rest in peace, Uncle William.*

*Love,  
Deb*

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**Debra Durham** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *What a man. He helped Rick and I put siding on homes. He was always happy. Lord bless him.*

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**Nancy (Hendrickson) Wait** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *So sorry for your loss. I know he will always live in your hearts.*

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**Marta Hines** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *A great man that always had a handshake, smile and encouraging word for me that will be dearly missed.....*

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**Eddie England family** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Christy and Misty,*

*My sympathy to all of you.*

*Kathy Drake*

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**Kathy Drake** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too, know the pain of losing someone you love. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and certainly wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!*

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**K. Jackson** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Hi Girls,

*What a bittersweet time.*

*I am thinking of the absolute JOY your Dad is experiencing right now. I'm sure he can't wait for you to join him and see it for yourselves.*

*I hope you will be able to keep that image in your minds as you go through this next while of sadness and loss.*

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**Sue Wood** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM