



William J. Stewart

October 22, 1944 - April 18, 2010

William Joseph Stewart, 65, Bolivar, died Sunday, April 18, 2010 at Citizens Memorial Hospital. The son of Orlin B. and Loretta (Morgan) Stewart, he was born October 22, 1944 in Bolivar. Bill was a graduate of Bolivar High School. He graduated from Southwest Baptist College in 1964 and from the University of Missouri in 1966. He taught high school and coached for two years at Ellsworth, Kansas until being drafted into the U. S. Army for two years, serving a year in Viet Nam. Following his release from the Army, he attended the University of Missouri Law School graduating in 1973. Bill and Ann Whitney were married in August 1966 and were the parents of 2 children, Morgan and Kasey. Bill served as assistant Public Administrator in Kansas City for 5 years before returning to Bolivar. In addition to maintaining a legal practice in Bolivar, Bill was a former Polk County Prosecuting Attorney, served as public defender in the 30th Judicial Circuit consisting of Polk, Dallas, Hickory, Benton and Webster counties. He was a former member of the board of directors of Legal Aid of Southwest Missouri and worked with the local drug court. Bill was an avid fan of Bolivar High School and Southwest Baptist University sports. He operated the scoreboard clock at Bolivar High School football games for 30 years and operated the scoreboard clock at Southwest Baptist University football games since the inception of the program. He was the third generation of his family to serve as president of the Mount Olive Cemetery Association board of directors. His parents and son, Morgan, preceded him in death. Surviving is his wife, Ann, of the home; daughter, Kasey Sallee, Bolivar; two

granddaughters, Jaden Roark and Kylin Sallee; 1 brother, Dr. Bob Stewart, Columbia; and 1 sister, Rita Smith, Bolivar. No services are planned. Cremation is under the direction of Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar.

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Tribute Wall



“ *William J. Stewart*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *William J. Stewart*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Bob & Rita -- Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Orlin's & Loretta's children and the three of H.A. Paden's and Hetty Marie's kids sure played/had fun on the old campus....Pike Auditorium...Christmas faculty parties and the big box of candy.*

Charles Paden - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry, but I know he was suffering. He will be greatly missed. Whenever I think of you [both], I remember all the good times we've had, discussing and commiserating on tons of issues. Again, I'm sorry for your loss, and I'm feeling it also.*

Claudia Underwood - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ann, my heart aches when I think of your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you, your daughter and granddaughters. Rebecca Leenerts*

Rebecca Leenerts - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I will miss you my friend. You will always be in my heart.

Cheryl Wilson - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Goodnight my friend

Pat Mooney - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Dear Ann, So sorry for your loss. Bill will be missed by all who knew him. I have had the pleasure of knowing him on both a personal and professional level and I have never known a more caring, giving individual. We will miss him and Polk County has lost a wonderful citizen and human being. We offer our heartfelt sympathy and warm wishes in your time of loss. Paul and Barbara Davolt

Paul and Barbara Davolt - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Bill was an old time gentleman. I enjoyed practicing with him for 13 years. He protected the children involved in the legal process. What an honorable practice. He was a truly great man. He will be missed.

Jeff Anderson - April 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ It is so sad to here the news of Bill's passing. I'm sorry to say we had lost touch over the years, and that really gives you something to reflect on. Bill was a true friend to me and I'm very sorry that I did not get the chance to tell him how much those years of friendship meant to me.

Trent and Diane Webb - April 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's death. He was a wonderful guy in high school and I know he was forever. God Blessings on you all as you go through this time.

Karen Webb Searcy - April 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ ann and family, i am so sorry to hear about bill, over the years of working with him i have grown to admire him as a brilliant man and love him as a dear friend, i will miss him dearly but am comforted knowing he is in wonderful hands. you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

candy yeargain - April 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Ann and Kasey, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I have very fond memories of playing with Kasey at your house when growing up. Bill always had a smile on his face. That is what I remember most about Bill, his kind smile that had a way of putting you at ease. My thoughts are with you both during this difficult time.

Jan (Hartley) Bertsch - April 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Bill was a wonderful person who was always there to help others. We will always remember Bill for his kindness, intelligence, and quiet sense of humor. Doran and Karen Woods

Doran & Karen Woods - April 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Rita, Bob and Bill's family: I was very saddened to read of Bill's death. I know he had battled health problems for the past year or more. He and I were close in high school and at SBU, both running track for Bill's dad, Coach Stu. Bill was a wonderful friend. May God bless all of you during this time. My prayers are with you. Pastor Ron McIntire

Dr. Ron McIntire - April 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Bill will live on in our hearts and minds each day. The fun things he said and the wisdom he shared. Our thoughts and our hearts go out to each of you, please accept our sympathies during this time of loss.

Patricia & Chris Schneider - April 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM