



Bill J. Goodwin

December 4, 1947 - August 10, 2024

Bill J. Goodwin, 76, of Wynne, died on Saturday, August 10, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Bill was born on December 4, 1947, in Wynne, to the late William and Agnes Martin Goodwin. He was a 1966 graduate of Wynne High School and attended college in Walnut Ridge. Bill married Marjorie Winkler on June 25, 1969, they had four children, Angie, Vicky, Lane and Leigh Ann. He was a devoted longtime member of McElroy Methodist. He always made sure to pass his love and knowledge of his faith to his family. Bill enjoyed model trains, all types of music, “oldies” music, Elvis, talk radio, and had a wide variety collection of albums. Bill could often be found in the evening times with a good cup of coffee, listening to a vintage vinyl in his studio or watching a good western or old movie.

Bill worked hard to provide for his family. He worked for KWYN from 1974-1979 as a licensed radio announcer, which fueled his love for music and collecting radio equipment. He also worked for Kernodle Funeral Home. Bill was the backbone of Kernodle Funeral Home for over 45 years. He was a licensed funeral director, emergency ambulance driver, and the “Kernodle Jack of all Trades”. Over the years he served so many friends and families in Cross County. He loved to grab a cup of coffee and talk politics with friends that stopped by. Bill retired from the funeral business in June of 2013, leaving

“big shoes” to be filled. His work ethic, humor, and spirit were irreplaceable. Kernodle Funeral Home will forever be grateful for his dedication, wisdom, humor, practical jokes, and love for his community. We couldn't have done it without you, Bill.

Bill is survived by his sweet wife of 55 years, Marjorie Ann Winkler Goodwin of the home, son, Lane Goodwin and wife Candy of Wynne, daughters, Angie Lewallen and partner Scottie Nettles of Paragould, Vicky Goodwin of Jonesboro, Leigh Ann Goodwin of Wynne, grandchildren, Lauren Brooke Vest and partner Matthew McPherson, Brandon, Paige and Maddy Goodwin and great grandchild, Landon “Lovey” Tucker. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William and Agnes Goodwin, sister, Connie Goodwin and son-in-law, Jerry Lewallen.

Bill requested that funeral services be held privately.

In lieu of flowers you may send memorials to McElroy United Methodist Church, c/o Connie Mitchell, 52 Southridge, Wynne, Arkansas, 72396 or Hello Church 515 Falls Blvd N, Wynne, Arkansas 72396 in memory of Bill.

Cemetery Details

Cogbill Cemetery

Wynne, AR

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Deborah Schweitzer lit a candle in memory of Bill Goodwin*



Deborah Schweitzer - August 13, 2024 at 04:28 PM

DS

“ *Pops will be so missed! The memories I have of him giving my sweet Matt a hard time, always saying "you better behave yourself" and Matt telling him "don't make me come down there" my Matt loved giving Pops a hard time too! This whole family is very special to us* ❤️

Deborah Schweitzer - August 13, 2024 at 04:28 PM

JD

“ *Bill was a genuine, kind, and compassionate man; always friendly to everyone. He will truly be missed. Praying for comfort and peace for his family. Jenny Douglas*



jenny douglas - August 13, 2024 at 02:12 PM

PG

“ *WHS Class of '66 has lost a valued member of our group. You will be missed, Bill. - Paula (Harrell) Gardner*

Paula Gardner - August 13, 2024 at 11:40 AM

TB

“ As a classmate of Bill we'd always enjoy visiting when we ran into each other usually at Kernodle's attending a funeral. My father didn't want a funeral service but Bill wanted to acknowledge his military service in WWII by making sure Taps were played at his graveside. Those are the things that made Bill special to so many. May God give Bill's family & friends comfort & peace.

Tanya Kinman Baldwin - August 13, 2024 at 10:14 AM

DD

“ I remember Billy from my youth. Always the nicest of guys. Even in our later years if Roy and I were in town, Billy would always give me a big hug. Marjorie, Roy and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers for peace go to the Heavenly Father for you and your family. Roy and Donna Doherty.

Donna Doherty - August 13, 2024 at 08:52 AM

SH

“ Steve Hathcock lit a candle in memory of Bill Goodwin



Steve Hathcock - August 12, 2024 at 07:17 PM

RK

“ Bill was a great friend to me and my family. Especially at our time of need with the passing of any of our family members. But the one thing that I will never forget and laugh at it every time I think of it. he said to me “Vanetta” one day you're going to keep calling that hot line number and hear your name. After a couple seconds he realized what he had said and the both of us busted out laughing. As I answered “ I sure hope you are right! My condolences to his sweet wife and family.

Robert & Vanetta Karnes - August 12, 2024 at 06:06 PM

AL

This is WONDERFUL ! I can hear my Daddy saying this to you ! He was a character for sure ! Thank you !

Angie Lewallen - August 14, 2024 at 01:56 AM

GV

Marjorie And Family:
My Sincere Condolences on the loss of Bill. We went all the way back to working at Krogers together when we were both still in High School. It was always a Joy to run into Bill and Visit for a few minutes. I know I speak for many when I say how Grateful we are for his many years of Service to our Community. He had an important job and did it well. May God's Love bring Peace and Strenght to all members of the Family. We will all see Bill again someday as we have our Lord's Word on that.
George Vance

George Vance - August 14, 2024 at 10:12 AM