



Billy Roy Bland

July 25, 1943 - September 29, 2019

Memorial Service with Military Honors will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Pilgrims Rest Cemetery with dinner to follow at the Timber Lodge. All arrangements are under the direction and care of Wilson Mortuary.

Billy Roy Bland was born on July 25, 1943 in Rector, Missouri to Noel and Mildred (Patterson) Bland and passed away September 29, 2019 at the age of seventy-six years.

Billy entered the United States Army and honorably served from April 1965 to March 1967. He then entered the United States Air Force and honorably served his country for four years. During his service, Billy earned the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Sharpshooter (Rifle) and Driver and Mechanic Badge.

Billy for several years was employed with Akers Ferry Canoe Rental and also worked as a bus mechanic for the local school district. Billy was known for being "a jack of all trades"; he could fix anything with a motor, whether it was a small weed eater or a large tractor. Billy for many years was a member of the Eagles Club and enjoyed his time spent with the other members. But above all Billy was proud that he was able to raise his nephew, "Stimey".

Billy enjoyed being outdoors; whether it was hunting, fishing, riding his four-wheeler or running his dogs. He also enjoyed time on the river gigging in his Jon Boat. But most important to Billy was his family and his community. He will always be remembered as the man with a big heart who never met a stranger.

Preceding him in death, his parents: Noel and Mildred Bland and brother: Johnny Bland.

Billy is survived by his one brother: Kenneth Bland and his wife Gaye of Timber, MO; two sisters: Connie McClain of Florida and Eula Blake of Salem, MO; special nephew: Chris "Stimey" Bland; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 5. 1:00 PM.

Pilgrims Rest

Tribute Wall

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“ Rest in Peace my Sweet Friend 💔 Mr. Bill was the first person that made me feel welcome, when I started working on the river💔 This man would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it!! And if you were wrong about something,, he would point blank tell you :) That's why I loved him so much💖😞 I'll miss you Billy

Ida Terrill - October 01, 2019 at 09:56 PM

JY

“ I hot to know Bill when my dad Gordon Warren drove a bus for Eminence school. Then when i worked at the restaurant in Eminence he would come in visit and grab a bite to eat. He was a kind man, always had a good story to tell. Always a smile on his face!

Julie Yarber - October 01, 2019 at 07:22 PM

JH

“ Bill has been a dear friend and neighbor who will be deeply missed.

Judy Hamilton - October 01, 2019 at 05:47 PM

BW

“ One of the best

Bruce Weston - October 01, 2019 at 04:31 PM

BB

“ Billy was a good friend and neighbour, he will be dearly missed... :(

Bus Bob - October 01, 2019 at 03:55 PM

CL

“ *Carol Ellerman Lacy sent a virtual gift in
memory of Billy Roy Bland*



Carol Ellerman Lacy - September 30, 2019 at 09:59 PM