



William Leon Willard

March 20, 1948 - August 18, 2025

William L Willard 77 years old, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on August 18 2025.

He retired after 30 years working for Caterpillar Joliet 1996.

William is survived by his wife of 58 years, Janet (Walsh) Willard. His daughter Brenda (Michael Hathaway) of Hawaii. His son Jeffrey (Rebecca Schmidt) of IL. His son William (Shelley Arvik) of IL. 10 grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sister-in-law's Patricia Werner of Allen Texas (Michael Deceased) Beverley (Nick Whittier) of New Lenox IL Shirley (Daniel Sullivan) of Aurora, Indiana. Many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his mother Ruby Jean and Stepfather Jess Heath. His grandparents, Peter and Florence Blasio.

There will be no visitations or memorial service. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by Evergreen Cremations in Kankakee.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember asking Bill to dance during our "lunch" period in the then new lunch room under the new gym at Oak View school in 1962. The song was Big Bad John and not really easy to dance to but we gave it a whirl. Bill always had the most sunny smile and twinkle in his eyes and was just the nicest kid. I loved the plaid shirts he wore...just like my dad's. Great memory, great kid. I see that smile and the twinkle in his eyes still there in the picture you put on this site. Lucky you for having him all these years. Sallie Bell Force

Sallie Bell Force - September 02, 2025 at 04:28 PM

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“ Bill was always there for family and friends when we moved to New Lenox from the Navy Bill was right there at our new house changing all the locks on our door as we were moving in. Enjoy pain free now Bill and the life we will go to one day

Bev whittier - August 20, 2025 at 09:37 AM



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Jeff Willard - August 19, 2025 at 11:51 AM