



William "Bill" Kachlic

August 25, 1942 - August 27, 2012

William "Bill" Kachlic, 70, and known to some as Chicago Bill, Motorcycle Bill, Post Office Bill and the Cowboy Fiddler, was born to William and Irmgard Newmann Kachlic on August 25, 1942 in Melrose Park, Illinois. He attended St. Paul Lutheran schools and graduated from Proviso East High School. He studied music and bass fiddle at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, Illinois and played with the Milwaukee Symphony prior to serving in the Army during the Vietnam Era. In 1977, he graduated from Triton College with a degree in Nuclear Medicine.

During the 1980's, Bill played with the East Texas Symphony and two seasons with the Longview Symphony. In December of 1990, he graduated from Kilgore College Police Academy. He served a number of years as a Tyler Police Reserve Officer and Deputy in Arp, TX. In the late 1990's, he studied journalism at The University of Texas at Tyler and was inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society, and later wrote for the Dallas Morning News. He retired from the United States Post Office after serving more than 31 years in Illinois and Texas. Bill believed his greatest accomplishment and blessing was being the father of his daughters.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Donna M. Kachlic – Lindale, TX; daughters: Colleen Kachlic of Hurst, TX; Drs. Lara and Ken Treviño of Rochester, NY and Irving, TX; brothers: Timothy Newmann of Naples, FL; Ted and wife Jean Kachlic of Brookfield, IL; Phillip and wife Elsa Kachlic of Forest Park, IL; numerous nieces and nephews; and his boxer, Duchess.

The family will receive visitors Wednesday, August 29 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm with the Rosary beginning at 6:30 pm at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, August 30 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 16292 FM 849, in Lindale.

Memorials may be made to The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Rosary

AUG **29**. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
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Church Service

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
16292 FM 849
Lindale, TX 75771

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Kachlic*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *William "Bill" Kachlic*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Donna --*

It has been a number of years, but I have not forgotten. I was greatly saddened to learn of Bill's passing -- he was truly one of the "good guys" and far more accomplished than I realized. Bill will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,

John Sims

John M. Sims - August 30, 2012 at 12:37 PM



He certain was as a great proponent fo education and a strong advocate for the disenfranchised.

Donna Kachlic - September 14, 2012 at 08:59 AM



“ *Exotic Grace was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kachlic.*



August 29, 2012 at 11:23 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kachlic.*



August 28, 2012 at 01:25 PM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with your family at this difficult time. Ann*

Ann - August 28, 2012 at 12:52 PM



“ *Judging by the love Lara has for you, you must have been a wonderful man. The world will miss you.*

Joe Roscoe



Joe Roscoe - August 28, 2012 at 11:50 AM

LJ

“ *Many prayers and condolences to the Kachlic family. Colleen, you'll be in my prayers.*

Lisa Trevino Jenkins - August 28, 2012 at 08:42 AM

RD

“ *Donna, our prayers and sincerest condolences go out to you and your dear family. Mr. Kachlic was always a very nice person to us and I know you will miss him greatly.*

Blessings, Regina Douglas, City of Lindale



Regina Douglas - August 28, 2012 at 08:31 AM



Thank you for your kind words and we do miss him greatly.

Donna Kachlic - September 14, 2012 at 09:06 AM