



William "Bill" Oliver

July 19, 1946 - June 21, 2024

William "Bill" L. Oliver, 77, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Friday, June 21, 2024 at the Lutheran Home.

Bill was born in July 15, 1946 in Chaffee, Missouri to Lawrence and Alma Kiehlhofner Oliver.

At 8 years old, Bill moved to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and attended St. Mary's grade school. It was there where he met JoAnn Fornkohl. Bill & JoAnn became sweethearts in 6th grade and eventually married in 1972. Over the next 53 years, their lives were filled with love, travel, friends, and the birth of their son, Brad Oliver.

After attending high school at Cape Notre Dame, Bill continued his education at Southeast Missouri College, where he attained a business degree. Bill & JoAnn moved to Baltimore, Maryland, to start his career in the insurance business. Later, they moved to St. Louis, Missouri, and finally, settled in Carbondale, Illinois, where they lived until 2019.

Bill started his own successful insurance agency in 1980, called Oliver & Associates. He was known for his honesty, intelligence, wit, and trust by his customers & friends. He was involved in the community as the President of the Chamber of Commerce, President of Rotary, President of the Carbondale

Business Development Corporation, & President of Southern Illinois Independent Agents Group.

Bill was an avid golfer, lover of dogs (Molly), and family man. You could find Bill and JoAnn with their large group of friends traveling, having fun, and making lifelong memories. Bill was also well-known for his karaoke renditions of Elvis Presley.

Bill & JoAnn enjoyed going to their vacation home in Gulf Shores, Alabama, making it a 2nd home. Friends & family will remember Bill as giving, funny and "full of life."

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Oliver of Cape Girardeau; a son, Brad Oliver of Gilbert, Arizona; two sisters, Mary DeHaan of Memphis, Tennessee and Carolyn Ronza of Houston, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul Oliver.

Visitation will be 9:00 AM to 10:30 am Saturday, July 13, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM, Saturday, July 13, 2024 at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating.

Private entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Mass

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral
615 William St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Joann and Brad - so sorry for your loss. We have such great memories of Bill going back to over 45 years ago. His wit and sense of humor were priceless! RIP Bill 🙏

Don & Teresa Hancock - July 18, 2024 at 06:28 PM

SS

“ JoAnn and Brad,
We are heartsick hearing of Bill's passing...Jan and I are in California visiting Emily and the grandkids and are really sorry that we can't make it to the service...We have so many great memories of Bill... what a great wit and sense of humor! Always thought he could have been a writer on Saturday Night Live! He was also one of the most naturally gifted sports guys I ever knew...Softball (our adept 3rd baseman), golf, tennis, fisherman... seemed like whatever he did he was just good at it....Bill also cared for us for over 30 years with all of our insurance needs... always the best service.... Also. a very respected community leader... Sorry for your loss, JoAnn and Brad... We will miss our friend❤️ Jan, Steve, Emily Schauwecker

Stephen Schauwecker - July 13, 2024 at 12:36 PM

PF

“ The world is immediately and forever a less “funny” place. Bill never failed to bring a smile to my face. I am very grateful for the many good times I enjoyed with him.

Phil Frazier - July 12, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Oliver.*



July 11, 2024 at 10:17 PM



“ *TJ & Theresa purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of William "Bill" Oliver.*



TJ & Theresa - July 11, 2024 at 08:58 PM



“ *Your Collaboration SMB Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Bill" Oliver.*



Your Collaboration SMB Family - July 11, 2024 at 08:25 PM



“ *John, Nikki, and Cal Miller purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Bill" Oliver.*



John, Nikki, and Cal Miller - July 11, 2024 at 12:32 PM

JM

“ John, Nikki, and Cal Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Oliver.

John, Nikki, and Cal Miller - July 11, 2024 at 12:32 PM

WM

“ With love, Dick and Madeline Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Oliver.

With love, Dick and Madeline Miller - July 11, 2024 at 10:35 AM

WM

“ With love, Dick and Madeline Miller purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Oliver.



With love, Dick and Madeline Miller - July 11, 2024 at 10:35 AM

ZB

“ Zo and Brittany purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Oliver.



Zo and Brittany - July 11, 2024 at 10:17 AM

RI

“ We lived next door to Bill and his family in the 50's. His Mother known to us was Almy C. Alma Oliver. She was a hoot. There's a Halloween story I can't repeat. I'll never forget her. Mary Margaret his sister and I were pretty good friends. My husband knew Paul from his work. I'm sure sorry for your loss. Ricki (Ann) Griffaw Ing

Ricki A. Ing - July 11, 2024 at 07:45 AM

RB

“ Robert B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Oliver.

Robert B. - July 11, 2024 at 01:35 AM

BE

“ So sorry for your loss. May all the wonderful memories comfort you. Thoughts and prayers

Barbara Eagle - July 11, 2024 at 12:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Oliver.



July 09, 2024 at 11:04 AM