



William M. Cronkhite

November 15, 1934 - November 1, 2021

William M. Cronkhite of Cadillac passed away Monday, November 1, 2021 at Autumnwood of McBain. He was 86. Bill was born on November 15, 1934 in Cadillac to Samuel H. & Claudia B. (Houghton) Cronkhite and they preceded him in death. In November of 1977 at the First Baptist Church in Tustin he married the former Sharon L. Thompson and she preceded him in death on September 19, 2021.

Bill has lived all his life in the Cadillac and graduated from Cadillac High School. Over the years he worked with his family in the Cronkhite Brothers Trash Removal Company, and was employed at Kysor for 39 years retiring in the late 1990's. Bill also worked at Keith Earl's Bicycle Shop part time while working at Kysor so that he could help get his children bikes.

Mr. Cronkhite enjoyed sailing, fishing, ski jumping at Briar Hill, was an avid reader, and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle right up until about 6 years ago. In his younger years he also enjoyed deer hunting. Bill was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tustin for many years.

Survivors include his children: Teri Nelson (Joe Frederick), Kevin Cronkhite all of Cadillac, Dean (Shari) Cronkhite of Portland, TN, Shawn Cronkhite (Janine Denzel) of Cadillac, Richard (Mary) Slocum of Virginia; step children: Teresa (Cecil) Shipton of LeRoy, Lisa (Richard) Paquette of Alden, Kimberly Gage of

Cadillac, Mark (Stephanie) Gage and Kenneth (Brenda) Gage all of Avondale, AZ; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; Bill's siblings: Bob Cronkhite of Kingsley, Gary Cronkhite of Cadillac, Pat (Julie) Cronkhite of Murfreesboro, TN, Jean Tupis and Linda Cronkhite both of Cadillac; his sister-in-law, Sue Cronkhite of Cadillac; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and his wife he was preceded in death by a son, Brent Cronkhite; two grandchildren, Kristin Cronkhite and Michael Cronkhite; a great grandson, Rodney Nederhood two brothers: Donald and Richard "Dick" Cronkhite, a sister, Beverly Miltibarger and a brother-in-law, David Tupis.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with Pastor Mike Leydet officiating. Friends may meet the family Friday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial will be at Sherman Township Cemetery Township Cemetery in Osceola County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church in Tustin. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you for teaching me how to be a great and caring man. I will remember everything you taught me growing up and cherish all the memories. I will miss watching the 3 stooges with you, but you have probably met them all by now.

Love and miss you terribly.

Ken and Brenda

Bernice, Daryl, Brena and Star

Ken & Brenda - November 10, 2021 at 07:25 PM

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What can you say about Bill, smart, witty and just a nice guy. I'm sad about his passing but now he's with Sharon. God Speed Bill"

Mark Ingram - November 06, 2021 at 07:46 AM

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“ Amazing man and Grandpa. Loved by so many. Our hearts are broken, but know you are at peace and with your love. Going to miss our iced coffee trips, your laughter with that little giggle at the end and most of all your heart you had for your great grandsons. They loved you so much papa.

Rachel Shipton - November 05, 2021 at 01:02 AM

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“ Sending prayers and love to the family.
Jim and Brenda Thompson

Brenda Thompson - November 02, 2021 at 02:03 PM