



William P. Merrick

April 30, 1948 - August 29, 2015

William P. Merrick of Cadillac passed away August 29, 2015 at his home. He was 67.

Bill was born April 30, 1948 in Muskegon, Michigan to William R. and Evelyn P. (Catlin) Merrick and they preceded him in death.

Bill was a Vietnam Veteran and worked at UPS until he decided to start Northern Michigan Classic Parts specializing in muscle cars. He had a real love for GTO's. He was self taught and very accomplished at anything electrical, mechanical, carpentry or anything else he set his mind to fix or remodel. He was a true adventurer with a deep love and appreciation for music, a unique soul who lived and died on his own terms. He was an amazing man and will be deeply missed by many.

He leaves behind his three amazing children from his marriage to Roseanne (Dale) Jurik: William J. \"Billy\" Merrick, Whitney Merrick, Weston (Karen) Merrick; grandchildren he adored: Caleb, Colton, Connor, Domonic, Damian, Jaylyn, Donovan, and little Wes; brother, Tim (Karen) Merrick; sisters, Michelle \"Micky\" (Ray) Waid and Sandra (Clark) Lang; brother in law, Nick Silvis; many nieces and nephews that he loved very much; special friends: Andy Willis, Ken Allison, Gilbert Hall, Al Weintraub, Steve Whitaker, Kelly Klein, Wayne Fultz, Tim Birtles and Mark Stanton.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his father in law \"Red\" and wife Margene Phelps that he cared very deeply for.

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM Friday, September 4, 2015 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. His final resting place will be Fort Custer National Cemetery.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Bill and I had a lot of deep conversations on the phone and some funny ones too. He did a fantastic job rewiring my house. I miss and love you Bill. Cindy Weintraub

Cindy Weintraub - September 12, 2015 at 02:12 PM

PW

“ We're very sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Pat and Frank Weiss - September 08, 2015 at 09:28 PM

CS

“ I have known Bill for over 30 years, He was a real gift to the classic car business. His knowledge and love for cars was hard to find. We went on several road trips tighter and had the time of our lives. I talked to bill on a daily basis, and will miss him dearly. Bill and I helped each other threw some pretty hard times, But Bill always had a positive attitude, He always found the upside to any situation. Bill was on a uphill fight for some time, He never led on to any problems. As much as a shock his passing was, may his family and friends know he is in a better place. My dear friend Bildo, till we meet again, Chasbo

Chuck Schuster - September 08, 2015 at 04:03 AM

TF

“ My heart is with all the family.

Teresa Fisher - September 05, 2015 at 01:22 PM

JM

“ *Very sad to hear about Bill. He worked on several radios for me and was even working on one of mine now, what a talent. I will miss our long talks about cars and other topics. Bill will be missed by many.*

Jim Moldaschel, North Mankato, MN - September 04, 2015 at 03:49 PM

RW

“ *For all the good times,talks,hangovers from Cactus Juice,and great stories we hold in our hearts. We are feeling lucky to of had you " one of a kind" in our lives. Love you,Razor n Micky*

Ray & Micky Waid - September 04, 2015 at 11:44 AM

JJ

“ *Always saw Bill when he came into the Post Office. He always made us laugh and left you having a better day. Thanks for his service to this country and peace to his family. He will be missed!!*

Julie Janik - September 04, 2015 at 08:08 AM

AW

“ *In the past Bill liked to be referred to as Chester Honeyhugger. Bill always had a story to tell, and was always good for the humor he would find in it.He defiantly was a outstanding character,and will be missed.My sympathy goes out to his family,and to all that Bill shared with fun times.*

Art Wilson - September 04, 2015 at 06:46 AM

DS

“ *I can hear you singing "
I lost my thrill on Blueberry Hill"
. And that smile!*

Debby Merrick Snyder - September 03, 2015 at 09:52 PM