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Billy Shanks Obituary

Services honoring and remembering the life of Bill Shanks will be held at 2 PM Friday, September 4, 2020, at the First Baptist Church in Glenpool. Masks will be required and provided by Bixby Funeral Service. Interment will follow in the Bixby Cemetery. Bill will lie in state for viewing from 9 AM – 5 PM Thursday at the RiverCrest Chapel in Bixby. Bill passed away Monday afternoon, August 31, 2020, at Saint Francis Hospital. He was 81.

Bill was born on January 30, 1939, near Bixby, the son of Orven and Ina (Ramey) Shanks. He was the third of five children and attended school in Glenpool. Bill was a great basketball player. He would eventually become a referee for the junior high school games. He graduated from Glenpool High School in 1957.

Following high school, Bill met Myrna Watson through mutual friends while out on a Sunday drive. Myrna remembered his striking good looks from meeting him just a few days earlier at a party. The couple began dating just before her 17th birthday and married January 14, 1960, in Sapulpa. Bill and Myrna just celebrated 60 wonderful years together.

Bill worked hard his entire life right up until the day he became ill on July 22, 2020. Early in his career, Bill worked nights on a drilling rig while Myrna stayed home with their newborn baby. A welder by trade, he obtained employment with better pay and hours at Miller Sand Pump. Bill spent over 30 years with IMCO (International Metal Recycling), where he retired as a maintenance supervisor. He installed furnaces that melted aluminum metal in facilities all over the United States and Mexico. Since 1985, Bill operated Central Machine and Metals, offering repair work to many independent oilfield operators in the area. Bill could fix anything and everything you brought his way!



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An outdoorsman at heart, Bill spent many long days on Ft. Gibson Lake fishing for spoonbill with his family. His art of snagging spoonbill from the bank will not soon be forgotten. Bill taught his grandsons, Clayton and Adam, to become quite the fisherman. He also loved deer hunting, taking numerous trips throughout the years to Colorado, Wyoming, and even hunting trips abroad to Canada.

Bill was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Cox, his son, Billy Wayne Shanks, his brother, Alva Ray Shanks, and his sister, Wanda Lee Fulps.

Surviving family members include his wife, Myrna; his daughter, Dana Marshall, and husband, Rich; six grandchildren: Tyler Cox, Tanner Shanks, Hunter Shanks, Ashley Rutter and husband Brett, Clayton Marshall and wife Samantha, and Adam Marshall; his great-grandchildren: Brett, Brady, Barrett, Abby, and a great-granddaughter on the way; his brother, Sam Shanks, his sister, Doris Shanks; and his sister in law, Christine Shanks.

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Bixby Funeral Service shared a **Video**.



April 22 at 7:41 AM



Jolene Olson posted:

Bill was always a quiet man but get him started talking about his trips to Canada he would light up. I can picture him and my dad visiting during our trips to Tulsa. He loved his family deeply and he will be missed greatly. Rest in peace uncle Bill. Give Dad, Mom and Mitchell a big hug for me.

September 4 at 4:36 PM



Sandra Oberhausen posted:

Myrna and family, Bill was a true treasure. I met Bill through work at IMCO-Morgantown back in 1989. He was always so kind to me, and I was honored to know him. I am so very sorry for your loss. All my love and prayers to you.

September 4 at 12:51 PM



Ashley Rutter posted:

Papa, I really don't even know where to start. I've thought for days what I would say if I had a chance. I wrote something for you for Elbert to read at your service. My heart hurts and I wish I could have 5 more minutes, but I know it wouldn't be enough even so. No more suffering, no more pain, and no more hurt. You are perfect now and without a doubt would've taken your place if given the option. So many memories, so many laughs, and so much love we have for you. Send lots of love to Mema she misses you more than you could ever know. Thank you for all you gave us, taught us, and everything you did for us. We are so proud to call you Papa. I will miss you forever. Love Always as you called me, Sadie.

September 3 at 4:17 PM



Rebecca McDonald posted:

Our hearts go out to the family of Bill. Every time you all came up to Canada (Diesel's Owl Hoot) it was always wonderful times. We will never forget our visits and cherish them always. All our prayers and love as you continue in this life till we all meet again in our heavenly home. William, Rebecca (Diesel) McDonald

September 3 at 4:49 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Billy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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