



William "Bill" R. Berndt

May 29, 1943 - December 17, 2021

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

William R. "Bill" Berndt, age 78, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away Friday, December 17, 2021, in Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Bill was born in Chicago, Illinois, on May 29, 1943 to Raymond and Elaine (Morweiser) Berndt. He married Donna Kolata on September 25, 1965.

He was an E5 with the Illinois National Guard for 30 years in Riverside, Illinois. He worked an additional 10 years for RELCO Locomotives, Inc. in Minooka, Illinois, rebuilding locomotive engines

He enjoyed woodworking and was very talented in mechanics, as he was a heavy equipment operator most of his life, and loved to tinker with many projects involving mechanics.

Surviving are his wife Donna Berndt, Jasper, IN, two children, Robert (Kerri) Berndt, Iron Mountain, MI, and Jennifer (Greg) Begle, Jasper, IN, seven grandchildren, Laine and Tyler Berndt, Riley and Hannah Fleetwood, Austin Begle, Kelcy Pate, and Amber Begle, 5 great grandchildren, and one sister, Phyllis (Dennis) Jesse, Merrimac, WI,

Preceding him in death is one son-in-law, Wes Fleetwood.

A funeral service for William R. Berndt will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper, Indiana. Pastor Tim Holt will officiate. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. service time at the church on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

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

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
556 West Haysville Rd.
Haysville, IN

Service

DEC 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" R. Berndt*

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“ *Lianne and I send our deepest sympathy to Donna, Bobby and Jenny. Our prayers are with you. May he rest in peace.*

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“ *Bill was a wonderful brother-in-law with a kind, generous, selfless, and caring nature about him. He was proud of his family and seldom missed an opportunity to show everyone the latest pictures of his children or grandchildren. He was a mechanical wizard with dogged determination to repair or modify any item that needed attention. He was quick to offer his expertise and assistance to his family and friends. His thoughtfulness, kindness and empathy will long be remembered.*

Dennis Kolata - December 19, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ *Bill was one of the kindest, most loving men I knew. Though I've not seen him for many years, I have thought of him with the fondest of memories. He will be greatly missed.*

Amy (Helmick) Schultz - December 19, 2021 at 11:37 AM

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“ I soldiered with Master Sergeant Bill at the 233rd Engineer Company at both Joliet and later at Marseilles IL. Bill was a top notch Motor Sergeant and Soldier. He would always take the necessary time to teach and mentor the younger soldiers and mechanics. He was extremely liked and respected by his peers, juniors, and superiors alike. As a Commander, I came to Bill often for advice and suggestions, knowing I would get the straight answer whether I wanted it or not. In the several years we served together, Bill became a trusted advisor and friend. 233rd Engineer Co. would not have been the first rate unit it was without him. I am glad to have served with him.

Gary Hamilton Major (Ret) - December 19, 2021 at 08:16 AM