



## William "Bill" E. Birge

July 14, 1942 - July 3, 2015

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

William E. "Bill" Birge, age 72, of Avon, Indiana, formerly of Jasper, passed away at 7:50 p.m. on Friday (July 3, 2015) at St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bill was born in Jasper, Indiana on July 14, 1942 to Cyril And Antoinette (Kunkel) Birge.

Bill was a 20-year U.S. Navy Veteran stationed on San Salvador Island, Bermuda, and San Diego, California, among others. He lived in San Diego before moving back to Jasper in 1991, where he became co-owner and operator of The Gallery framing studio for almost 20 years. He was a professional, published artist and contributed murals to the Dubois County Museum and 10th Street Elementary School.

He had a longtime interest in computers and taught basic computer classes to the elderly. He had a love for animals, especially dogs, and for a time was active in K-9 search and rescue. He had a passion for astronomy and was a volunteer for the SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) Institute.

He enjoyed fishing, NASCAR, and football, especially the San Diego

Chargers.

Surviving,

One son,

Monty Birge, and his wife Rachael (Keller), Avon, IN

Two grandsons,

Eric and Zachary Birge

Four sisters,

Judy Calley, and her husband, Bob, Sebastian, FL

Jane Birge, Beaumont, TX

Betty Anderson, and her husband, Rick, Muncie, IN

Kathy Eckerle, Jasper, IN

Four brothers,

Jerry Birge, and his wife, Mag, Jasper, IN

John Birge, and his wife, Lisa, Jasper, IN

Jim Birge, and his wife, Donna, Long Beach, CA

Bob Birge, and his wife, Barb, Indianapolis, IN

Several nieces and nephews

Preceding him in death besides his parents, is one son, Erik, who died in infancy.

Friends may call from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday (July 10, 2015) at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper.

Private services were held at Becher-Kluesner Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dementia Society of America or to ASPCA.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown  
214 East 7th Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
email@becherkluesner.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" E. Birge*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" E. Birge*



**Julie** - February 12, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *I thank's God to have putted you on my way in a bad period of my life and i will always keep you in my heart and my memory, Thank's for all the happiness we had shared and my thoughts are with your nice family too*

*Nicky. ( Nicole Provost)*

**Nicole Provost** - August 02, 2015 at 05:36 PM



“ *Our Condolences to the entire Birge Family, Bill will be missed. He was born just two days after me, and I remember the fun started shortly after that. And I will always remember the friendship we shared. My first best friend.*

*J.W. and Donna Barnett*

**J.W. Barnett** - July 11, 2015 at 07:25 PM

BA

“ Prayers for the Birge family. May he rest in peace with the loved ones who have gone before him.

Bev Alles - July 10, 2015 at 10:29 AM

MC

“ My Uncle Bill was such a talented free spirit. I have so many wonderful memories of him. Our condolences go out to my father, Jerry, and all my aunts and uncles; Judy, Jane, Jim, Betty, John, Bob and Kathy. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers on Friday. RIP, Uncle Bill. We love you!

Marlene & Alan Cocchetto - July 08, 2015 at 06:07 PM



“ My condolences to the entire Birge family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mike Keller - July 07, 2015 at 02:58 PM

DC

“ The McCloskey family want to give our condolences to all of the Birge family. Although we didn't get to see much of Bill, we always enjoyed seeing him and the other cousins at the reunions and other visits.

Donna Clements - July 07, 2015 at 02:43 PM

TN

“ My sincere and deepest sympathy to the entire Birge family.

Tom "Nick" Nicholson

Tom Nicholson - July 07, 2015 at 11:07 AM

DO

“ Rest in love dear Bill. ❤️ I will treasure the sweet memories I have of him. I extend my deepest sympathy to all the Birges, especially Monty. Your father adored you and was proud to have such a fine son. ❤️

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**Donna** - July 07, 2015 at 10:21 AM

SH

“ Birge Family, I'm sorry to read of Bill's passing. Prayers and sympathy, Sarah Berger Humphrey Muncie IN



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**Sarah Berger Humphrey** - July 06, 2015 at 09:37 PM

BL

“ Rest In Peace Bill. Your warmth, personality and talent will be very missed!  
To the Birge's, my condolences. Barbara Lemme

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**Barbara Lemme** - July 06, 2015 at 06:23 PM

BM

“ To the Birge family, My sincere condolences. Bill was a really nice person. He will certainly be missed.  
Sincerely, Bill Mosley

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**Bill Mosley** - July 06, 2015 at 04:58 PM

PH

“ Bill was an interesting, talented & friendly person. He & Gerry LaMastus always took great care of us when we did business with them. I always enjoyed talking to both of them. Our sympathies to his family. Paul, Sue, Thomas & Olivia Habig

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**Paul Habig** - July 06, 2015 at 04:41 PM

CA

“ Was thinking of Bill last week along with the planning of our 55th class reunion. It had been ages since I had seen him but I remember him being a very talented artist from a very young age. He would get in trouble in class as he was always drawing comical characters.  
Bill, Rest in Peace and I will always think of you with a smile on my face.

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**Connie M Adams** - July 06, 2015 at 03:25 PM

JB

“ So glad you're finally at peace, Bill.

Thank you for giving us Monty, Zach and Eric, all living on through you. And thanks for being such a great brother.

Hi to Mom, Dad and Nick, okay?

Love you... Jim

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**Jim Birge** - July 06, 2015 at 12:04 PM

CR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all!  
Hugs,  
~Christine Rue

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**Christine Rue** - July 06, 2015 at 10:49 AM