



William Robert Carlin

April 20, 1954 - February 23, 2022

William Robert Carlin, 67, of Havana, FL, passed away at home on February 23rd, 2022 after a determined fight against an aggressive cancer.

William (known as Bill) was born on April 20th, 1954, in Sarasota, Florida, to the late Hubert and Margaret (Gurnee) Carlin. He was a member of the International Holiness Pentecostal Church.

Bill was always a hard worker and a get-it done sort of guy. He earned “Sharpshooter” and “Marksman – First Class” qualifications while still in high school and started his first business as a window washer at age 16. He was a dirt bike racer and enjoyed riding his horse, but his first love was always photography and anything to do with flying. When Bill graduated from Sarasota High School, he joined the Sarasota Fire Department where he was a fireman for 13 years working his way up to lieutenant. Two of those years he served an EMT with the department.

In 1977, he met Becky and her 8-year-old son, David and in 1978, they married and moved to Flagstaff, Arizona. In Flagstaff, the family had their first opportunity to act in community theater. Bill greatly enjoyed watching as a helicopter film crew hovered over the Grand Canyon to film David in a Bell and Howell commercial. Bill went on to be in several community theater plays over the years as he really enjoyed acting.

It was in Flagstaff that Bill developed a great love of the west. He revisited Arizona in the last few years to take some amazing photographs of the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, and other sites. As a Florida native, he was delighted when it snowed the last time he was there.

Bill is survived by his wife, Becky; stepson David John Potts (Pam) and grandson, Jake Asher Potts; son William Robert Carlin II; daughter Cheryl Belleau; daughter Shelby Marie Carlin and granddaughter, Bella Marie Herring. As well as Thomas Veal (Jing), a nephew that was like a son to him, and his sister's sons Russell and Daryl (Julia) Presgraves.

Bill was predeceased in death by his sister, Ann Presgraves.

The family would like to thank Altrua Global Solutions - Melode and Skip Smelko, Bill's employer, for their amazing care and support. They and all of Bill's co-workers, with their continuing prayers, have comforted us more than they can know.

Per Bill's wishes, there will be a private family gathering later. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Leon County Humane Society, an organization Bill cared greatly about and adopted three rescue dogs from.

The family is being assisted by James Sircy and Jackie Fulford of Young Fulford Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Robert Carlin*

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *William Robert Carlin*

October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *William Robert Carlin*

September 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Several years ago, we took Brian's dad to the Tallahassee airport to take a helicopter flight for his birthday (80th), which neither he nor Brian had ever done. The next Sunday, Bill presented us with a CD and when we got home to watch it, we discovered that Bill had taken priceless photos of the entire event! Such a wonderful surprise and act of kindness, which he must have done on a regular basis. Truly, a wonderful man. ❤️*

Myra Richards - March 15, 2022 at 07:30 PM

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“ Bill was a great friend to me. Always there to listen or give advice. I am so thankful that I was able to talk him into being the photographer at my wedding. He stuck it out even with the pouring rain. He was funny, kind and the list goes on. It breaks my heart but I am so happy he is not suffering anymore. Prayers to his family. May God bless you and give you strength during this difficult time. I will never forget you, Bill!!

Karen - March 03, 2022 at 10:21 AM

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“ Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 12:20 PM
Subject: A note from KT

Hi Bill,

I have put Becky on this note in the event she needs to read it to you. I understand some days you just need a little help. Well, unfortunately life has taught me to say what needs to be said when you have the chance because we are not promised tomorrow and unfortunately no truer words than now. To just say how much your friendship has meant to me is an understatement. I always enjoyed our talks and discussions and some really good laughs....whether it was about God, marriage, growing up, kids, politics, flying, traveling, pictures, health and COVID and of course our animals...the dogs. I will forever think of you when I see a fighter jet fly through the sky. I know you are enjoying your time at home these days to spend with all those you love most. We should all be so fortunate to have the love of family and friends by our side at all stages in life but certainly at this time when it means the most.

You are truly loved Bill and your friendship is missed.

Kristina - March 03, 2022 at 10:10 AM



“ 14 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Young ~ Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory - March 02, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Bill and I worked together for a short time before he got sick, but it felt like years. He was a kind man and a friend. I am heartsick about his passing. He is pain free now and with our Lord. Rest in peace Bill. I'll never forget our chats about our parrots. I'll miss you always.*

Lisa Spena - February 27, 2022 at 04:11 PM