



William "Bill" Francis Cholley

October 25, 1958 - February 4, 2024

William "Bill" Francis Cholley, age 65, of Pierce City, MO passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, MO. He was born in Torrance, CA on Saturday, October 25, 1958; son of Russell and Elizabeth (Brewer) Cholley. Bill was a 1976 graduate of Torrance High School. He married Deborah "Debbie" Shock on January 18, 1981, in Las Vegas. Bill worked as a machinist for 47 years, first working on F-18s and B2 bombers for Northrop Corporation and then spending the last 30 years with Leggett and Platt's machine products division. He enjoyed fishing, riding his Harley and spending time with his family. Bill doted on his grandchildren who affectionately referred to him as "Grumpy".

Surviving are the following: his wife, Debbie of Pierce City, MO; daughter, Sara Cholley of Pierce City, MO; son, David (Chelsea) Cholley of Carthage, MO; daughter-in-law, Lisa Cholley of St. Louis, MO; four grandchildren, Carleigh, Greyson, Millie, and Harper; two brothers, Larry Cholley of Phoenix, AZ and Tim Cholley of Phoenix, AZ; one sister, Rose Witt of Palm Springs, CA; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Elizabeth; three siblings, James Cholley, Sandra Cholley, and Ronnie Cholley; and a son, Christopher Cholley.

A Celebration of Life will be at Carthage Memorial Hall in Carthage, MO on Friday, February 9, 2024, from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Tribute Wall

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“ Many years ago, on a brisk Saturday morning Bill and Deb asked my wife and I if we'd like to go house hunting in the Antelope Valley of California. Bill asked what we were doing, I told him I was going to watch some football. He said "You don't even like football, why don't you drive out with us?"

That was around 1988-89. We took the drive. Simply stated, it changed the trajectory of our lives. We still live in the Antelope Valley, our son was raised there, our grandchildren attend school there. It became our home. Had it not been for Billy's quick retort, we might never have made what has turned out to be such a wonderful life here.

Billy was the kindest, most hospitable guy anybody could ever imagine meeting. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. I wish so profoundly that it wasn't so.

Ray Castillo - February 14, 2024 at 04:51 PM

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“ Sandy and Chuck Elkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Francis Cholley.

Sandy and Chuck Elkins - February 08, 2024 at 11:34 AM

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“ Sandy and Chuck Elkins purchased the Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate for the family of William "Bill" Francis Cholley.



Sandy and Chuck Elkins - February 08, 2024 at 11:34 AM

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“ I am sharing a picture of a very special memory of my Uncle Bill. He surprised me by showing up to my wedding in Texas in 2008. Drove his motorcycle across the country to be there! Uncle Bill was the first contact I had with any Cholley relatives since I was a kid. I will forever be grateful that he found me and my sister Amber on the internet!



Kimberly Lineberry - February 07, 2024 at 05:36 PM

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“ Sending out prayers of peace and comfort. Bill was always such a welcoming guy. Spent a lot of fun nights at the Cholley's house growing up through high school and college. He will missed. Gave me hard time just like he would his own kids.

Audrey W - February 06, 2024 at 05:10 PM

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“ I remember when Billy was just a sweet kid! And then later, he reconnected with my family here in Texas. He came to my daughter Kim's wedding in 2008. He was my brother-in-law, and Kim and Amber's uncle. Condolences to all the family and all the people whose lives he touched.

Sandra Edholm Cholley Elkins - February 06, 2024 at 11:21 AM

DA

“ *My heart is heavy due to the passing of my precious sweet cousin. My prayers are that our Heavenly Father will comfort the family during this time of less. Love to all.*

Doug & Marlene Adams - February 06, 2024 at 09:35 AM