



William Joseph Golden, Jr.

August 21, 1959 - April 9, 2015

William Joseph Golden, Jr., 55, of Englewood passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Lee Memorial Hospital, after being involved in a auto accident on Easter Sunday.

Born on August 21, 1959 in San Antonio, Texas to William Joseph Golden, Sr. and Sharon Kalkhoff, he served in the U.S. Army from 1977 until 1981. Bill has been a world traveler most of his life and as a resident of Englewood for the last ten years, he was the owner of the Savannah Cat Charters. For a time, Bill was a driver for the All American Transportation in Punta Gorda.

Bill was a frequent caller on WENG-1530 and 1580 - Ken Lovejoy in Punta Gorda, and was affectionately known as Militia Bill.

He is survived by his father and step mother: W. Joseph (Ann) Golden of Key West, FL; and his loving and devoted companion of fifteen years: Kyna Denny of Englewood, FL; and many family and friends worldwide.

As per Bill's wishes, his ashes will be laid to rest at sea.

You may share a memory at <http://www.inglewoodfh.com>

Englewood community Funeral Home with Private Crematory has been selected to handle arrangements.

Let the memory of Militia Bill live on in the hearts and minds of all his dear friends and family.

Comments



“ Lars Fuhre is following this tribute.

Lars Fuhre - September 27, 2021 at 05:57 AM



“ 8 files added to the album New Album Name



Rosalyn Duke - August 28, 2015 at 09:30 AM



“ Billy,
I just heard of your passing. I always looked forward to your postcards from around the world. You were bigger than life to me. I was proud to call you my cousin. You were always on the move and I could no long track were you you were at, but I never stopped thinking about you. I wish we had time to catch up. Life has been good to me. Though right now I feel cheated we never had time to talk. You will be missed.

Your cousin

Ben Zagorski

ben zagorski - July 01, 2015 at 05:47 PM



“ I sit out here in the cab line everyday thinking I'm going to see Bill show up and he never shows up he will be truly missed and I miss talking to him we used to talk everyday

kristine palisano - May 02, 2015 at 10:55 AM



“ My name is Chris, I host a weekly radio program on 1530 WENG for the past 10 years. I just learned while on the air this morning of Bill's passing. Bill would call in regularly giving his opinion, sharing stories and experiences and talking about his gardens including his bees. Sometimes we didn't see eye to eye but I always enjoyed the lively conversations we had. I'm sorry to say I never had the privilege to meet him in person but I did respect him for his opinions and his need to share. He will be missed, I am so sorry to all of his family and loved ones. He was a bright light in the dark days bringing a new perspective from his view. Rest In Peace Bill, I'm sorry we won't get to hear your take on the next crazy thing that happens here on earth. We will celebrate your life at Earth Day, reminding us that life is very fragile and you need to count your blessings and those around you more often. Thank you for the opportunity to share <3

Chris Phelps - April 25, 2015 at 09:42 AM



“ Hi Chris, This is Bill's sister. Do you happen to have any archives of his calls into your show?

Rosalyn - November 15, 2016 at 09:41 AM



“ Rosalyn, I have many videos (including his wedding in Germany). Email me at davidkaptein@gmail.com. I would love to talk to you.

david kaptein - April 14, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ This is his wife, Kyna
He would love all the messages that have been shared and hope that everyone is coping in their own way.
I'm just a small cog in the wheel that was Bill, and he surrounds me.

Kyna - April 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ My heart is broken. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please call me. 2142235464

Rosalyn - July 01, 2015 at 08:53 AM



“ Bill, my nephew,
Wow, I can't believe you're not here. I have many memories of the times together, from when you're Dad would bring you to our mom's, Grandma Connie, house in San Antonio in diapers while he was roofing, to when I was living in Key West in 1974, to live with Joe and Ann, as a teenager. When I was not fishing with Joe, you and I built a big cage to raise a raccoon, painting a trailer house with racing stripes, to tooling around in an old Ford pick-up. The most important one of when we were talking about the Lord Christ, we both felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and later accepted Him as our Lord and Savior. Even thou I came back to San Antonio, your grandma, uncle Marvin and I would enjoy receiving your letters and pictures of your world travels. It was just so darn hard to read your handwriting...
It was double hard to hear of your passing because my wife, Jodi lost her father the same day. I wish we could have spent more time together, but I know you are with our Lord Christ, Connie and Marvin. You will always be in our hearts!
I love you Bill
Your uncle, Robert

Robert L. Carpenter II, Uncle - April 16, 2015 at 02:20 PM



“ Share a memory of William Joseph Golden, Jr. or send condolences to the family.

Robert L. Carpenter II, Uncle - April 16, 2015 at 01:25 PM



“ Bill was full of life. Who will forget his beautiful smile and infectious laughter. One night the family went to a mini concert herein Key West at the Naval Air Base and as the singers came up there was one young lady who could not sing but was with all of her heart. Bill was trying so hard not to laugh that's literally ducking his head under the table to keep from laughing but needless to say we had to leave to compose ourselves. He just had that way of affecting those around him. He was fun. As a teenager he loved to write short stories that would keep us captivated for hours and make us laugh till we couldn't stand it. We all couldn't wait for the next one. There was no one more thrilled with moms cooking than Bill. His favorite holiday was Thanksgiving and couldn't wait for it to come around. There are so many memories and stories with Bill that each one of us has that we will cherish. Bill moved away from the keys several years ago so didn't get to see as often as we wouldn't love to. But all of us looked so forward when he would call. He was my brother and my friend loved him dearly. Bill did not know that was his day with us as none of us are promised a tomorrow. To anyone reading this love your family and friends and show them you love them. We all wish we had one more Thanksgiving dinner together and more night of reminiscing just to hug him and his bigger than life smile and laughter that could fill the room and captivate us all. Bill took life by the horns and ran with it and there was no looking back. There will never be another Bill Golden. God made him special and what a privilege God gave him to us to love as a son, brother, sister, uncle, life long companion and friend who filled our lives with laughter, wonder and life. WE will miss you Bill and love you dearly. Love Dad, Mom, Catherine and Randy, Sarah and Paul with Sam, Avery and Ellie, John, Summer and Bubba, Lisa, Katelyn and Erin, Emily and Chase and baby Tristan who will be born in a few months and will certainly be captivated by the stories of his Uncle Bill.

Catherine Nix - April 15, 2015 at 02:25 PM



“ I was one of his co workers when he worked for U&I transportation. He was a very nice guy. I will miss him because we used to talk all the time at the airport while sitting in the taxi line waiting on runs. You will truly be missed.

Kristine - April 16, 2015 at 03:35 PM



“ I did not know Bill for more than a few hours a couple of days but he has made a lasting impression on me that will stay with me the rest of my life. Bill let me understand that there is no reason to get upset at the unrest of others. I revisit the accident everyday. I would like to be there when Bill is put to rest at sea as he has made an impression on me. please Kyna let me know. Frank Dalen 563-210-1136

fdalen - April 14, 2015 at 08:02 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words about my brother. Bill left lasting impression on whomever he met. We treasure each memory. God Bless you so very much. His sister Catherine

Catherine Nix (sister) - April 23, 2015 at 09:25 AM



“ Today we learned "Militia Bill" died. It is a sad day for talk radio, and even more tragic for his family. God speed you, Bill. You were a great caller to our local stations, 1530 and 1580, and you were a person who we as listeners thought of, especially when the DC baloney got too thick. The stay-at-home warriors identified with you vicariously, because it was a comfort or a reassurance to us, that there was a MAN, ready to pick up whatever was at hand, mostly a telephone, but by God, he made his points clear. He believed in our great nation and was ready, willing and able to fight for our beliefs. Let's honor Bill by taking up arms, in any way we can: phone calls to our laughable government, letters, signs, posters! I wish we could have a "Salute Militia Bill" day! Bill might be comforted in Heaven, knowing that a few of us could be inspired to take up his baton. Would a Legion Post host something? I'm willing to contribute.

Kyna, I am so sorry for your loss. I posted this on my FaceBook. I thought the world of your man, and his guts and vigor. I admire people like him. Most people are sheep who follow, others struggle in silent frustration, and then there are our Bills, and we listen, identify, and hopefully become inspired. He inspired me! It seems like a ray of sun has set, but there will be a sun rise coming soon for more patriots, and I bet Bill will be watching. I know this is my second post, but I was very grieved today by the news. My prayers for you and your family.

Again, Natalie - April 14, 2015 at 08:01 PM



“ Kyna prayers being sent out to your family and his family. He talked about you all the time. If you need anything please call 7275658817, or just need someone to talk too. So sorry about your loss.

Kristine - April 16, 2015 at 03:39 PM



“ I was on I-75 in my car watching as Bill was pulled from his car. The accident made me so sick. I wished upon every star that he would survive. I called the hospital every day to check on him and was so saddened to hear he passed. I wish for heavenly peace for him and sending a big hug for all his loved ones.
Angie, Westerville, OH

Angie Lee - April 14, 2015 at 06:45 PM



“ Thank you for checking up on my brother every day like that. There are not a lot of people that would have done that. God bless you and your family Angie .

Catherine Nix (sister) - April 22, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ Hello everyone,
This Kyna, Bill's wife, I truly feel the world has lost a spark, a true depth of knowledge, and he was mine, mostly to me, but he belonged to us all,
And for that please, play music have fun and laugh, he would only want that kind of send off,
No flowers please, he already planted me an acre size botanical garden, and we always loved life, not cut flowers that will die,
Take care dear soldiers, taps

Kyna - April 14, 2015 at 01:18 PM



“ Kyna,
I know I'm very late to respond, but I just happened upon this news via a FB thread. Words can't describe how saddened I am to hear about Bill. We were very close friends in our days throughout Europe and I regret losing track of him since his days in NY. I have so many crazy pictures and videos with Bill & never laughed more than with Bill. He organized my bachelor party....what a great time and such a giving person. He gave me a ton of furniture when he moved from NYC. My wife Lena and I will always have him in our hearts. Please call me at 973-857-2661. David Kaptein

David Kaptein - April 14, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ The radio airwaves will certainly miss Bill; his calls were most times right on the money. In the car, when I'd hear his voice, I turn up the volume and say to my friends, listen to this guy, he is a riot! Sometimes it was even said, in our household, "Militia Bill wouldn't like that baloney". Yep, a household word. I never knew you personally, Bill, but I figured me and mine would run into you at a rally or something, so I could shake your hand or buy you a beer. Guess that will come one day in a different world, now. God speed you to your reward and bless your friends and family in this difficult time.

Natalie - April 14, 2015 at 01:08 PM



“ Thank you. Bill was so energetic that when he walked in a room their just an excitement that filled the air. We all miss him more than words can say. Catherine sister

Catherine Nix (sister) - April 25, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ he was the cab driver for the other company that I work for he will be missed my deepest sympathies go out to his girl and the family condolences to the whole family



kristine palisano - April 13, 2015 at 08:00 PM



“ I heard Bill almost daily on the radio. He always started his comments to the host with a compliment. He will be missed.

Jenna Newland - April 14, 2015 at 12:34 PM



“ Thank you Kristine
I appreciate that

Kyna - April 14, 2015 at 04:14 PM