



William Bruce Kumlien

March 19, 1940 - April 8, 2017

William Kumlien, of Y-City, AR passed from this life, Saturday, April 8, 2017 in Y-City, AR, surrounded by his beloved family. William was born March 19, 1940 to Elwin Hall Kumlien and Ruth Robbins Kumlien, in Janesville, WI. He was 77 years old.

Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. He married his wife, Virginia, and they shared 39 wonderful years together. He worked the majority of his career in the Oil Field Industry and traveled from Montana to Texas on various job sites. He worked his way up from the bottom position of "worm" to being a consultant when he retired.

His focus was always on his family, from providing for his wife and children to always being available for his grandchildren-in any capacity. Having a great sense of humor does not begin to describe his engaging personality. He had a ready smile and could crack a joke on a dime, bringing laughter to everyone.

He never met a stranger and would talk to anyone. He had a wide variety of friends and enjoyed entertaining. He was a self proclaimed chef and liked to cook, especially grilling! He had a special formula for grilling his steaks and he learned to cook on a disk over a propane burner making his burritos and homemade tortilla chips.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, of Y-City, AR; four sons: David (Rhonda) Kumlien, of Morenci, AZ; Bill (Marsha) Kumlien, of Morenci, AZ; Joe (Joyce) Kumlien, of Smyrna, TN; Charlie Kumlien, of Waldron, AR; and two daughters: Lori (Richard) Hinkel, of Lucedale, MS; and Jackie (Matt) Riedel. He was adored by his 12 grandchildren: Kayla, Kevin, Michael, Rian, Stefan, Destynee, Joseph, Bryce, Katie, Jayden, Justin and Nathan, as well as 4 Great-Grandchildren: Jason, Kevin, Corey, Kayleigh. He is also survived by one brother, Richard (Sue) Kumlien, Janesville, WI and one sister, Shirley Kumlien of Las Vegas, NV. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Elwin and Ruth Kumlien; two sisters: Elaine Slowey and Laura Kergar and one brother, Jack Kumlien.

William's memorial life celebration will be 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Waldron, AR. Arrangements and cremation are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Waldron, AR.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Chapel
1879 West 6th Street
Post Office Box 358
Waldron, AR 72958

Tribute Wall



“ *Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of William Bruce Kumlien*



Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory - April 12, 2017 at 08:34 AM

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“ *William Kumlien lit a candle in memory of William Bruce Kumlien*



william kumlien - April 12, 2017 at 09:44 AM



I love you forever. Love your wife Dawn

Virginia Kumlien - April 12, 2017 at 09:45 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of William Bruce Kumlien.*



April 12, 2017 at 08:59 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Bruce Kumlien.*



April 11, 2017 at 05:39 PM



“ *Aunt Dawn and Family, I just want you to know how blessed I have been to have Uncle Bill and you in our lives It has truly been an adventure what FUN we all had living up in Lundean's in Midway who would have know all the memories we made so long ago would be so present in my mind today. WE sure did have a good-time back in the Day. Love you
Your Niece Carrie*

Carrie Yates - April 11, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ *Michael & Pam Kiser purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Bruce Kumlien.*



Michael & Pam Kiser - April 10, 2017 at 11:28 PM



“ *Carey, & Carrie, Carolee & James, Cally & Tony, purchased the Starbucks Condolences Basket for the family of William Bruce Kumlien.*



Carey, & Carrie, Carolee & James, Cally & Tony, - April 10, 2017 at 12:54 PM

CB

“ Carey & Carrie , Georgene & Arnie, Robin & Bill purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of William Bruce Kumlien.



Carey & Carrie , Georgene & Arnie, Robin & Bill - April 10, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Bruce Kumlien.



April 10, 2017 at 08:42 AM

GR

“ Grandkids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Bruce Kumlien.



Grandkids - April 09, 2017 at 07:22 PM

TK

“ Grandpa Bill had so much character and he always knew how to make you feel like family. I am married to Rian, his grandson, and nothing felt better than to feel as though I have been apart of the family for years before Grandpa Bill and I even met. He has such a genuine heart and great sense of humor. I am thankful that he was and will continue to be apart of our family's life. His memories will live on and I look forward to hearing more stories about the hardworking legendary William Kumlien.

Tamara Kumlien - April 09, 2017 at 10:08 AM