

John William "Bill" Wetzel

June 15, 1941 - September 26, 2021

Tom Bean, TX- John William Wetzel, known as Bill to his friends and family as Bill, was born Sunday, June 15, 1941 in Sherman, Texas to J.C. Wetzel and Vera Marie (Smith) Wetzel and passed from this life on Sunday, September 26, 2021 from his home in Calera, Oklahoma.

John was a 1959 graduate of Whitewright High School. After high school, Bill served with the United States Army for two years and was a proud Vietnam Veteran. Bill was a Specialist 4th Class, Expert Marksman, and member of the Engineering Corps. After being discharged from the Army, Bill got his associates degree in Applied Science from Grayson County College.

He was a hard-working man and worked many manufacturing jobs before finding his home at Texas Instruments- where he met his wife Jane Brown who he married April 1st, 1987 in Bokchito, Oklahoma. He retired from Texas Instruments after 27 years.

Bill was a man who never met a stranger. It didn't matter if he knew you for 5 minutes, 5 years, or his entire life, he was there to lend a helping hand. He loved children and old cars. He loved to spend time teaching kids to work on bicycles or cars. He loved teaching folks to swim. He could talk a person through about any project and if he couldn't, he'd figure it out with you.

Bill was a member of the Texoma Vintage/Classic Car Club and a Master Mason with the Whitewright Masonic Lodge.

John was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Margaret Ann Reed; son-in-law, Lenual Greenhaw; and bonus son, John Squires.

He is survived by his wife, Jane, of the Calera home; son, Harold Edgar Townley of Calera, OK; daughter, Carla Greenhaw of Calera, OK; daughter, Seletia Towns and husband, Casey, of Blanchard, OK; son, John Brandon Wetzel and wife, Sarah, of Telephone, TX; daughter, LeAndra Townley and husband, Jeremy Kennedy, of Calera, OK; son, Jason Drew Wetzel of Bokchito, OK; daughter, Heather (Wetzel) Baker and husband, Wren, of Argyle, TX; bonus son, Gregory Underwood of Calera, OK; and bonus daughter, Lanee Carlisle also of Calera.

He is also survived by his 14 grandchildren- Luke Hale, Kemari Hale, Brannan Love, Jace Love, Erika Greenhaw, Jonathan Greenhaw, Miranda Tijburg, Logan Tijburg, Ember Underwood, Isaac Wetzel, James Wetzel, Mary Heather Townley, Addisyn Baker, and Reagan Baker. Along with seven great-grandchildren, including one on the way and numerous "adopted" grandchildren near and far who grew up knowing him only as Papaw Bill.

Funeral services to celebrate Mr. Wetzel's life will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, Sept. 29th, at Bethel Baptist Church in Whitewright, Texas with Bro. Eric Elliott officiating. Interment will follow at Cedar Cemetery in Luella with Jeff McKnight, Kelly McKnight, Brent McKnight, Keith Rowland, Craig Brantley and Kent Rowland serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Gregg Underwood and Ronal Brown.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at Brown's Funeral Service in Durant.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at brownsfs@sbcglobal.net.
<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/MY496458M2X9R38P>

Previous Events

Visitation

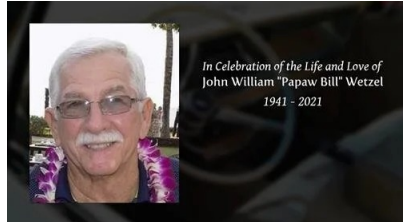
SEP **28.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701
(580) 920-0393
info@brownsfuneralservice.com
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of John William "Bill" Wetzel*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - September 28, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *John William "Bill" Wetzel*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *A very touching tribute to the life of Bill. So sorry for the family's loss.*

Mary Ann Starnes - September 29, 2021 at 12:08 PM



So sorry to hear that Bill passed. He sure was a great man! Never saw him without a smile on his face. Prayers for his family.

Arty Page - September 29, 2021 at 06:03 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of John William "Bill" Wetzel.



September 29, 2021 at 12:44 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John William "Bill" Wetzel.



September 28, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ David and Brenda Wetzel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John William "Bill" Wetzel.



David and Brenda Wetzel - September 28, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John William "Bill" Wetzel.



September 28, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of John William "Bill" Wetzel.



September 28, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath* was purchased for the family of John William "Bill" Wetzel.



September 28, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Purity and Peace Casket Spray* was purchased for the family of John William "Bill" Wetzel.



September 28, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John William "Bill" Wetzel.



September 28, 2021 at 10:48 AM

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“ *Patrice Wells purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of John William "Bill" Wetzel.*



Patrice Wells - September 28, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John William "Bill" Wetzel.*



September 28, 2021 at 09:37 AM

JE

“ *We enjoyed our time with Bill and Jane at the TVCCC activities. We will certainly miss him!*

James & Kay England - September 27, 2021 at 08:31 PM

JP

Bill graduate one year before I did In WHITEWRIGHT /We were good friends & school mates. Bill was a happy person & could always make Me laugh. As our school had School reunions Bill always came & He was always welcome to Our class reunions that I had here at My House. He was a wonderful Friend. My Sympathy is with all His Families. Bill will be missed by Many. RIP Bill.

June Gail Purdom - September 29, 2021 at 05:10 PM

JP

Bill was a Friend. He graduated from ISD in 1959. He was one year older than Me. He was always kind & happy. I have had many Class Reunions at my house. Bill always was there & loved the togethers. So glad he was my Friend.. My Sympathy to All His Families. Give Ann a Hug from Me. Rip BILL.

June Gail Purdom - September 29, 2021 at 05:21 PM