



Mr. William "Bill" Tillman

April 3, 1957 - June 6, 2020

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William "Bill" Howard Tillman (born April 3, 1957) passed away, while listening to his favorite music, at 3 A.M. on June 6, 2020, after a long fight with prostate cancer and congestive heart failure. He was surrounded by his 3 favorite people: his wife, Debra, and two daughters, Sarah and Stephanie.

He is also survived by his siblings, Vickie (Bennie), Tommy (Libby), James, Bobby, and Richard (George) Tillman; his parents, Howard and Elizabeth Tillman; aunts, Peggy Fite and Carolyn Woods; uncle, Jimmy Holley; nieces, Heather Tillman and Brandi (Josh) Murray; grand-nieces and grand-nephews, Hailee and Hayden Tillman, J.J. Fleming, and Raelyn and Jackson Murray.

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me,
'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"
—Fred Rogers

This was a man of profound character. He was also a character himself, but what stands out most about him was the sheer selflessness he exuded every day of his life. With every breath he took, he was thinking about other people and how to help them.

Wherever he went, he made friends. He had a truly unique ability to discern who needed his help. Even on a Disney bus at midnight after a long day at the parks, he would still offer lengthy advice to anyone he thought might need it, whether it be about theme parks or general ways to make their lives easier. It didn't matter if he didn't even know their name.

He had a comforting spirit and always knew exactly what to say. Often, he didn't have to

say anything at all. He showed his love in everything he did.

Bill loved the simple things, like doing laundry and going grocery-shopping. When he was happy and relaxed, he'd be watching one of his many, many favorite Western shows, like Lawman or The Virginian. He had an enthusiasm for anything involving space or Westerns, so, of course, Star Wars was a natural fit for him.

In 2005, he splurged on a Darth Vader costume. But it wasn't entirely for himself. In the years that followed, he made countless visits to movie theatres, charities, children with terminal illnesses, birthday parties, and even a wedding, where the bride fought him with a cake knife at the reception.

As if he weren't already remarkable enough, he had a stunning capacity for remembering information about movies, including the names of actors in films he hadn't watched in decades. He could recognize countless actors' voices without even seeing their faces. And for movies he hadn't seen yet, he could even guess upcoming dialogue.

But his amazing memory still wasn't just for himself: he knew people's birthdays and favorite things and even phone numbers. He lived and breathed love.

After one of his brothers had a stroke, he visited him nearly every day at the hospital and brought him food and other comforts.

Debra, his beloved wife, had a few family members who felt out of place at family gatherings. Bill would always go out of his way to talk to them and make them feel welcome.

He had a great fondness for music and would often have days where YouTube would be running for hours, playing his favorite songs, of which there were many. If you need to feel his spirit with you, take the time to listen to happy or funky music. Listen to something that uplifts you, and he will be there.

Through all his health problems these past few years, Bill maintained an upbeat, optimistic attitude.

He was a wonderful, selfless man who spent so much time making the world a better place for so many people.

Anyone who ever met him knows that he was a beacon of light and hope and, most

importantly, love.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, Alive Hospice, the American Heart Association, or Give Kids the World.

Cemetery

Spring Hill Cemetery

5110 Gallatin Pike S
Nashville, TN, 37216

Events

JUN 11 Visitation 12:00PM - 02:00PM

Spring Hill Funeral Home
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville, TN, US, 37216

JUN 11 Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony 02:00PM

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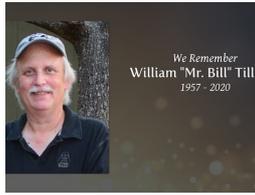
JUN 11 Burial 03:00PM

Spring Hill Cemetery
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville, TN, US, 37216

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - June 11, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Vickie Tillman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Tillman



Vickie Tillman - February 06 at 01:02 PM



“ Thinking about you today on the 8th month anniversary of your death, Bill.

Vickie - February 06 at 01:04 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Bill & Debra



Vickie Tillman - January 12 at 10:55 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Family



Vickie Tillman - January 12 at 10:54 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Some of Stephanie's Faves



Stephanie Tillman - December 09, 2020 at 06:03 AM



“ Vickie Tillman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Tillman



Vickie Tillman - November 24, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ Sixteen weeks since you left us. I miss you, little Bubba.



Vickie Tillman - September 26, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Vickie Tillman - September 18, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ Twelve weeks since you died, brother Bill. I think about you every day. I miss you, your loving seestor.



Vickie Tillman - August 29, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ It's been 11 weeks since you left us, brother Bill. We miss you!



Vickie Tillman - August 22, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ Vickie Tillman lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Tillman



Vickie Tillman - August 15, 2020 at 10:04 PM



“ Vickie Tillman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Tillman



Vickie Tillman - August 06, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ It's been two months since you died, little brother. I miss you.

Vickie - August 06, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ It's been 8 weeks since you left us. I miss you, Bill.



Vickie Tillman - August 01, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ Vickie Tillman lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Tillman



Vickie Tillman - August 01, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ Vickie Tillman lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Tillman



Vickie Tillman - July 18, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Vickie Tillman lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Tillman



Vickie Tillman - July 16, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ Vickie Tillman lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Tillman



Vickie Tillman - June 13, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ 62 files added to the album Vickie's pictures



Vickie Tillman - June 12, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ 62 files added to the album Vickie's pictures



Vickie - June 12, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ What a full life he had with his family. Loved the pictures and seeing a few of the happy moments. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Sandra Casto Barry
(Tillman family cousin)

Sandra Barry - June 12, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Bill, the early years



Stephanie - June 12, 2020 at 03:00 AM



“ 56 files added to the album Tribute Slideshow



Stephanie - June 11, 2020 at 11:26 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Bill and I started UPS on the same date. Bill was a good man and friend. I never heard him say a bad thing about anyone. Always positive and upbeat and loved his family. I will miss him.

Dan Fuller
fellow UPS driver

Cindy Fuller - June 11, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ Dan, thank you for your kind words.

vickie tillman - June 12, 2020 at 12:16 AM



“ 9 files added to the album Some of Stephanie's Faves



Stephanie Tillman - June 11, 2020 at 03:55 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Tillman.



June 10, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ Loving sister, Vickie Tillman and Bennie Wheeler purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Tillman.



Vickie L Tillman - June 10, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Tillman.



June 09, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Bill, the early years



Vickie Tillman - June 06, 2020 at 10:52 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Bill, the early years



Vickie Tillman - June 06, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ I am proud to be Bill's "favorite" sister. Of course, I am his only sister. I am glad I was able to tell Bill before he passed that I was proud of the fine man he grew up to be. He was a wonderful brother and son; and loving husband and father. When he went on days and drove to St. Louis, he would sometimes call me and we would talk on his way back. He was still cutting up with us on our last visit this week. I will miss him and his humor and our talks. Rest in peace, brother Bill.



Vickie Tillman - June 06, 2020 at 09:36 PM