



Bill Goettl

December 18, 1945 - November 9, 2019

Bill Goettl of Heber, Arizona passed away at Tucson Medical Center on November 9, 2019 at the age of 73. He was born in Phoenix on December 18, 1945 to William Harold Goettl and Juanita Louella (Nosker) Goettl. Bill worked as a draftsman for Goettl Brothers Air Conditioning for which his father was one of the owners. Bill eventually went to work for the Arizona Department of Public Safety and retired with them. He was a life time member of the NRA and enjoyed the outdoors to include fishing and hunting. He is survived by his daughters Mary Denise Bell of Austin, Texas and Shelley (Mark) Michaels of Bonita and his grandchildren; Karlee Bell, Jaynee Bell, Madison Michaels and Maycee Michaels. Also surviving are his sisters; Dixie Huemoeller and Sheryl Blanton both of Scottsdale. Preceding him in death was his sister Linda Kitchen. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 pm on Friday, November 15, 2019 at Westlawn Chapel. Funeral Services will be 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Bonita School with burial to follow in the Bonita Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the St. Judes Children Hospital. You may express condolences at www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

Cemetery Details

Bonita Cemetery

Bonita, AZ 85643

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.
105 S Arizona Avenue
Willcox, AZ 85643
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westwx@vtc.net
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

Funeral

NOV **16**. 3:00 PM (MT)

Bonita School
18008 S. Fort Grant Road
Bonita, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Goettl*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM

JR

“ Bill and I were close friends at Scottsdale High 1960 to 64. We were wrestlers, hunted, fished, restored cars, and most important water skiing at Saguaro Lake. In the early years before we had drivers licenses, Bill's dad would drop Bill, Richard Franklin and I off with the boat and pick us up two days later. Bill's dad realized we would need to accept responsibility at an early age....and it was successful...the boat was always in one piece and so were we. The family will remember that I was in their home a lot and I always felt welcome. I remember going to their cabin in Bear Flat with the family. Bill's dad would feed the skunks that came right up to the door! I mean the skunks would take the food right out of his hand! By the way, Bill's little sister was the only person to catch a fish on that trip just to be truthful about this story.

Bill, Richard and I wrestled on the Varsity team. Bill wrestled in the higher weights and he was a very good, powerful wrestler. When those of us at the lower weights lost a match we could always depend on Bill winning and somehow that would restore some of our lost pride.

We had a mutual interest in cars, we both had jeeps at some point and later I restored a 1958 Austin Healey. Bill had a 1928 Chevy Coup.....beautiful. The point was to attract girls. I think that worked better for Bill than it did for me. Richard on the other hand was busy becoming the Student Body President. Bill and I did our best to get the students to vote for him especially the freshman and sophomores who we convinced a few of them that Richard was related to Benjamin Franklin himself! (He probably was come to think of it.)

One of the things I remember about Bill was how well he could handle a car at any speed or in any situation. When he decided to join the Arizona Highway Patrol I remember thinking that was a great choice. He drove patrol cars, motorcycles, and flew airplanes in some of the most dangerous undercover work he could find. The people of Arizona owe Bill a great deal of gratitude for the work he did to make this state a safer place!

Bill told me one time that he had read the book *Adventures In Paradise*. It must have made a great impression on him because

the goal of sailing to the South Pacific was something he mentioned to me several times. Well I learned a few years ago that Bill had accomplished that goal....even crossing the Pacific alone once. What a man Bill was and is. It was an honor to have known him and I am grateful for his friendship. Sail on Bill! Sail on!

*Friends Always,
Jim Richardson*

JAMES E RICHARDSON - September 17, 2020 at 10:43 PM

DB

Jim, thank you for sharing your memories of my dad. I have read it over many times and it means a lot that you have taken the time to write this. I remember him talking about all the things you've mentioned here. He was quite a guy and definitely the best father a girl could have.

Denise Goettl Bell

Denise Goettl Bell - January 09, 2022 at 02:18 PM

RF

“ I just found out. My name is Richard Franklin. I was a school mate and graduated with Bill from Scottsdale High School in 1964. I last saw Bill at our 50th reunion and we sat together and had a wonderful time with our old pal Jim Richardson. I sincerely express my deepest sympathy to his family. I have my wonderful memories of our adventures together and the wonderful friendship that we shared.

RICHARD FRANKLIN - September 09, 2020 at 07:18 PM

DB

Richard,

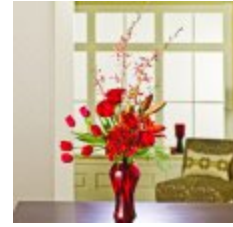
I remember my dad talking about you and Jim. He told me stories of his school days (I'm sure not all haha). Thank you for your kind words.

Denise Goettl Bell

Denise Goettl Bell - January 09, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *In Remembrance was purchased for the family of Bill Goettl.*



November 15, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Goettl.*



November 14, 2019 at 04:48 PM

RH

“ *I'm sending my deepest sympathy, prayers for peace and healing and big hugs to Denise, Karlee, Jaynee and the entire Goettl family*
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Randee Hainline - November 13, 2019 at 02:51 PM

HF

“ *Condolences Shelley & Mark.*

Hector Figueroa - November 12, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Goettl.*



November 11, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ *AMANDA BENNETT purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Bill Goettl.*



AMANDA BENNETT - November 11, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ *White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Bill Goettl.*



November 11, 2019 at 01:37 PM