



William T. Church

July 7, 1947 - November 3, 2019

William Thomas Church

William (Bill) Thomas Church, age 72, entered his Lord's presence on Sunday, November 3, 2019. He was born on July 7, 1947, to Harriet and Harold Church, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

In 1969, Bill married his childhood sweetheart, Karen Holmes (Scranton, PA). As teenagers they met at Pocono Mountain Bible Camp and fell in love. They had four children and raised their family in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. Bill was a devoted husband and father and worked tirelessly as a dockworker for Roadway Trucking for 32 years. He was a Cub Scout leader and a baseball coach & manager from T-ball all the way through teenage leagues. He treasured his family and left his imprint on all of our hearts.

Bill was a man who loved studying and sharing God's word, and most importantly, he had an unshakable faith in his Savior, Jesus Christ. Bill was a true servant of God and his passion was helping people. He always had a smile, was gentle in heart, and was always the first to lend a hand to anyone in need.

Bill was a mentor to many young people. He loved being a Sunday school

teacher and singing in the church choir. Bill and Karen shared God's Word and sang hymns in nursing homes for 20 years. Bill also was an encouraging companion to many elderly people at Home Instead Senior Care. Bill and Karen made many close friends during the two years they lived in Conway, SC.

Bill spent his free time enjoying fishing and gardening, and his unique sense of humor and generous personality made him the object of everyone's affection – to know him was to love him. His selfless love for his family and friends was ever shining and he will be deeply missed.

Bill is survived by Karen, his loving and devoted wife of 50 years; sons Bill (Tamara) of Arlington, TX and Steven (Laura) of Hudson, OH; daughter Kelly (Harry) of Fort Collins, CO; sister Bonnie of Kingston, PA; and their families. He leaves a legacy of love for his nine cherished grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his precious son, Christopher.

A celebration of life service will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 12 pm at Timberline Church, 2908 S Timberline Rd, Fort Collins, CO 80525. A luncheon will immediately follow.

Memorial gifts may be directed to Samaritan's Purse, the Alzheimer's Association, or 180 Ministries Teen Challenge at 333 S. Bannock Street, Ste. 700, Englewood, CO 80110.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Timberline Church
2908 Timberline Rd.
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Reception

NOV 12. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ *There will never be another Bill. If one could pick a brother, father, neighbor, best friend, they would all be Bill. Park Lane has some big shoes to fill. We all mourn the loss of this wonderful man. My most sincere condolences, Karen, Kelly, and family.*

Carol Cowan

Carol Cowan - November 22, 2019 at 01:14 PM

JS

“ *Bill and I were friends and spiritual accountability partners at Grace Bible Church in Dunmore PA. Shared many long walks and deep conversations around nearby Lake Scranton. A man of strong faith. Shocked and saddened by his passing. I'm very sorry for your loss, Karen.*

Jim Sovaiko

Jim Sovaiko - November 17, 2019 at 07:27 PM

DW

“ *Bill left us too soon. I remember checking his paint job in the North Guest Apartment and so many walls as he was turning the North Tower into a beautiful place. His quiet grin when told how much nicer the walls were with new paint!*

Bill's sparkling eyes and friendly smile will be sorely missed every day at PLT.

Rest in Peace.

Dolores Williams

Dolores Williams - November 13, 2019 at 11:11 PM

SH

“ Steve, Al, and all your friends at the Moot House purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William T. Church.



Steve, Al, and all your friends at the Moot House - November 11, 2019 at 05:40 PM

LE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lexi - November 11, 2019 at 05:13 PM

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Lexi - November 11, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William T. Church.



November 11, 2019 at 05:02 PM

TB

“ Karen - what a shock! We're in AZ & just received notice of Bill's passing. Last we saw him, he was mowing the PLT lawn with a big smile & good words to say.
You & your family are in our prayers.
Love Tom & Judy

tom & judy beshaw - November 11, 2019 at 01:12 PM

EF

“ Edwina Neary and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William T. Church.



Edwina Neary and Family - November 11, 2019 at 09:29 AM

GL

“ Karen,
Carol and I are so sad to learn that your wonderful mate Bill has been called home by his Lord and Savior. It has been a special joy knowing Bill. His wonderful, very special personality, full of warmth and joy made it special to know him. You and the family are in our prayers. George and Carol Landsverk

George , Carol Landsverk - November 10, 2019 at 07:10 PM

MK

“ *Karen and Family,*

I am saddened to read of Bill's passing. Bill was a caregiver for my husband Ralph. Bill was a compassionate, warm, firm and loving person. We always looked forward to seeing his smiling, happy face each day. He immediately became our friend. Bill and Ralph talked, laughed, and reminisced about their life experiences. Bill had a special way of relating to people.

Ralph and I were saddened, for our loss, when Bill and Karen moved to South Carolina. It was a happy day, I'm sure, for Kelly and family when they returned to Fort Collins.

My family and I send our love and sincere sympathies to Karen and Family.

Marilyn Kotich

Marilyn Kotich - November 10, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William T. Church.*



November 10, 2019 at 07:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William T. Church.*



November 09, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



bchurchpt@gmail.com - November 09, 2019 at 08:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William T. Church.*



November 09, 2019 at 08:30 AM

LC

“ I had Bill & Karen over for dinner in April. Bill was kind and gentle man. It was a pleasure knowing him and his wonderful family. Heaven has another angel.



Leonora Colavito-Williams - November 09, 2019 at 12:43 AM