



Billy Allen Rich

July 17, 1929 - May 30, 2017

Billy Allen Rich, 87, of Hot Springs Village, AR passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at his home. A memorial service at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines is planned for Friday, June 9 at 1 p.m.

Bill was born July 17, 1929 to John and Lela Rich. On September 23, 1951 he married his high school sweetheart, the former JoAnne Branson. Bill was employed 22 years by the McDonough County Sheriff's Department (Macomb, IL), serving as Sheriff for 4 years.

Bill is survived by his wife of 65 years, two daughters: Mary Jo Heidenreich (Mike), Roxanne Jones (Jim Ledbetter), five grandchildren: Brian Jones, Andy Jones, Allison Talley, Christopher Heidenreich, Adam Heidenreich, nine great grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Clarice Raymond and Betty Hilton.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Mr Bill was a wonderful and trusted neighbor - always there with a willing heart and big smile. No one watched over their neighborhood quite like him. His first words to me over 12 years ago when our family with three young boys moved in down the street were, "Yay!! We'll have trick or treaters again!" He will be greatly missed.*

Shannon Combs - June 29, 2017 at 08:24 PM

LL

“ UNCLE BILL

*I'm just sitting here to write down my thoughts
Tears in my eyes and a heavy heart
My brother called with some bad news
Uncle Bill passed peacefully in his sleep*

*My first thought is when I was eleven
Uncle Bill married my sweet Aunt JoAnne
His brand new Chevy all painted and tied up with tin cans
All done by older cousins with delight*

*His first born was my cousin Mary Jo
With dark eyes and dark curly hair
Then came Roxie a red headed baby
Both girls loved and adored their Daddy*

*My Uncle Bill was always kind and quick with a smile
He would take the time to talk with me and my brother
We would talk about our jobs as Sheriff Deputies
We would talk about current events or politics*

*My Uncle Bill loved golf almost as much as his family
He loved his Country a strong Republican
He loved warm summer and short winter
He loved playing 18*

*We are all sadden for our loss of Uncle Bill
The man we respected the man we all loved
He is now playing 18 on the grand course in heaven
We all will miss you Uncle Bill*

Dear JoAnne, Mary Jo, Roxie and all your families

*My thoughts, prayer and my love is with you all. Uncle Bill will be missed. Wish I could be with you today for his Celebration of Life.
Love LaMar*

LaMar E Lucas - June 09, 2017 at 08:14 AM

RJ

Thank you for such kind words. My Dad was extraordinary for sure. He is going to be missed greatly.

Roxie Jones - June 18, 2017 at 12:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Billy Allen Rich.*



June 08, 2017 at 03:31 PM

BQ

“ Uncle Bill, with a bit of an eye twinkle and that chuckle you could make most all situations into something good. In our big family there were people of all sort and personalities. You stood out in the crowd, always kind and helpful.

You might not have known that even though we lived miles away - you were my own super hero at times. When the kids around got going and were not following the rules or being mean... I would step in with great confidence and authority and mention that "My Uncle Bill is Deputy or Sherriff and he most certainly can take care of this situation. So you had better... knock it off." It was that simple and I believed it to be true!

Thanks Uncle Bill for your kindness. I hope they gave you the shiniest badge in heaven.

BettyAnn

BettyAnn Quigley - June 08, 2017 at 02:18 PM

CB

“ JoAnn

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing, he was such a great person to know and a devoted husband and father. So glad I was able to make those two collages of gold jewelry for you both, most of which was his law enforcement memorabilia, for your 50th anniversary. Seems like only yesterday, but according to the dates in the funeral announcement, it was 15 years ago! Sorry Ed and I can't be at the funeral service, have a medical appointment in Little Rock that can't be changed. Our condolences to you and your extended family.

Cloe and Ed Bayer

Cloe Bayer - June 07, 2017 at 03:29 PM

LM

“ *Mary Jo and family. So very sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*
Scott & Linda (Bland) Mahan

Linda (Bland) Mahan - June 06, 2017 at 09:48 PM

RE

“ *We are saddened to hear of Uncle Bill's passing. Under normal circumstances, we would be bringing Pat down to the service, but she just had carpal tunnel release surgery today and her other wrist is causing a lot of pain while waiting for the same procedure. We aren't seeing what has been selected as a memorial. Can you tell us what it is?*
Sending heartfelt sympathies,
Pat Elam, Jeff and Rose Elam

Rose and Jeff Elam - June 06, 2017 at 08:34 PM

RJ

“ *Loved playing golf with him and afterword having a beer and eating oysters on crackers! He was the best father in law ever!*

rob jones - June 05, 2017 at 08:38 PM

RJ

Thank you. He loved you dearly.

Roxie Jones - June 18, 2017 at 12:15 PM

LQ

“ *My heart goes out to you all. Uncle Bill was always smiling and kind with a good sense of humor. I'm keeping you in my prayers and sending love your way.*
With sorrow, Linda Quigley

Linda Quigley - June 05, 2017 at 07:18 PM

BB

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Bill and Sharon Butcher

Bill & Sharon Butcher - June 05, 2017 at 02:57 PM

NR

“ Mary Jo and Family! So sorry to hear of your Father's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincerely, Nancy Rutledge

Nancy Rutledge - June 04, 2017 at 09:43 PM

SS

“ Uncle Bill is my last Uncle on either side of my family. I remember learning to ride a bike at his home in Bushnell, IL. A lot of fun times when we were young with my cousins, Aunts and Uncles. I am happy that he is in Heaven looking down with my parents and our family members. God bless.



Sherrie Stark - June 04, 2017 at 03:37 PM

RJ

“ My precious Dad was and always will be my hero. He was the best Dad any girl could ask for. My heart is aching with his absence but I'm at peace knowing he is reunited with family, and friends and with Jesus now. No pain, sickness or suffering. I will see you again all in God's timing. I love you Dad (PaPa). ❤️

Roxanne Jones - June 04, 2017 at 01:52 PM

JO

I'm so sorry for your loss Roxie

Joyce - June 05, 2017 at 09:06 AM

LS

So sorry for your loss Roxanne. Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Laura Raymond Spangler

Laura Spangler - June 05, 2017 at 01:46 PM

RM

Rip Bill you were one great man.

Richard McCann - June 06, 2017 at 02:18 PM

WS

To all of Bill's family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Keeping you all close in thought and prayer.

Wanda Shannon - June 07, 2017 at 12:15 AM