



## James William Morris "Wild Bill"

August 1, 1937 - November 28, 2014

James William Morris

"Wild Bill"

A devoted son, father, brother, grandfather and friend, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away at his home, surrounded by his loved ones on Friday, November 28, 2014 at the age of 77. Wild Bill was born the son of Ernest Eugene and Nora Ellen (Bell) Mace on August 1, 1937 in the Rosedale community of Kansas City, KS. He was a man of many accomplishments and numerous hobbies during his life. He had served his country proudly in the United States Army and had achieved many accolades during this time. Wild Bill retired as Sergeant First Class Morris from the Army. He was a part of the 82nd Air Borne out of Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He had served three overseas tours and was stationed at the Dominican Republic, Vietnam and Germany and was a highly decorated recipient of distinguished honors that included; 2 Bronze Stars, 1 Purple Heart for being a wounded Vietnam Veteran and was a member of the United States Special Forces Green Beret's. After his retirement in the service, Wild Bill lived a full life that included making numerous friends, being an avid motorcycle and antique car enthusiast. He was a member of the Brothers of the Third Wheel was always known for being the life of social gatherings and will be well known for being kind, generous and making new friends wherever he went. Survivors include his 100 year old mother of the home, Nora Mace; daughter, Deborah K. Crumpley; sons, John Foley, Jr., Rick Foley and Joe Foley; sisters, Nancy Bary, Beverly Yarbrough

and Vickie Burris; two grandchildren, Jaime Nelson and Jake Nelson (Jenny); one great-grandson, Jaxton James Nelson; former wife, Linda K; best friend, Shelley Haislip; and a loving extended family that includes many friends and family. He is preceded in death by his father, Ernest Eugene Morris; brother, Ernest Eugene Morris "Sonny", companion, Janet Monteil; and a son, Adam Barnerd. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2014 from 6-9:00 PM followed by a funeral service on Friday, December 5, 2014 at 1:00 PM both being held at the Maple Hill Funeral Home, KCK. Burial will follow at the Maple Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in Wild Bill's honor to the Disabled American Veterans, 805 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101 and/or Good Shepherd Hospice, 11253 Strang Line Road, Lenexa, KS 66215. To share a memory or to leave condolences, please visit [www.maplehillfuneralhome.com](http://www.maplehillfuneralhome.com). Wild Bill will always be remembered as being the life of the party and loved by all!

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 262-6610  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of James William Morris "Wild Bill"* ”



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - December 03, 2014 at 02:57 PM



“ *James William Morris "Wild Bill"* ”

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October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *James William Morris "Wild Bill"* ”

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September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Love you Billy.....i know you are here* ”



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**Katie Lappin Hiser** - December 07, 2014 at 04:18 AM



“ Bill (I never could get used to calling him Jim) was more of a brother than a brother-in-law. Since Linda was the oldest, and I the youngest, Bill was always in my life and in my earliest memories. My first memory was seeing him lying on the couch after a fist fight. To a four or five year old he looked pretty beat up. I must have said he looked pretty bad and he of course replied, "Well, you should see the other guy!". I told Bill I liked snakes once and he took me up the hill behind Walt and Nora's place, turned over some rocks and found me a ring neck snake. Coming back he got stung by a bumble bee, He never even said a word, just slapped that bee and kept moving. I felt so bad that he got hurt but he didn't care. He was one tough son of a gun. He was also the best car mechanic I ever knew. He could fix anything. And an individual as well. In Germany, he could have sold his corvette for a lot of money, but he wouldn't do it. No damn German was going to own his car. Money was not what drove Bill. I lived with Bill 3 or 4 times in my life. You learn a lot about someone when you live with them. He taught me a lot about life, how to make turkey sandwiches, and how to be a man. Bill was a good man and I am proud to say I loved him. There is a hole now in my life, but I will always treasure these memories.

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**Darrell Cossairt** - December 04, 2014 at 01:03 PM

DJ

“ My favorite memory of Uncle Jim was a special road trip from Kansas City to Pitkin, Louisiana to visit he and my Aunt Lynn when I was 7 years old and my brother Don was 5. Our Grandma Lois traveled with us as well. Uncle Jim let us drink coffee for the first time and we pretended to smoke cigarettes just like him. He made us feel like grown ups and we laughed a lot. It was the first time I remember driving in and out of rainstorms which I thought was an awesome experience. Whenever that happens to me now it takes me back to the awestruck feeling I had on that trip. There are no words to explain the special bond we had after that unforgettable trip and for all these years since then. My Uncle Jim will always have a special place in my heart.

With love,  
Deanna Jansson

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**Deanna Jansson** - December 04, 2014 at 11:26 AM

TF

“ The Bailey/Jansson Family purchased the Holiday Homecoming Basket for the family of James William Morris "Wild Bill".



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**The Bailey/Jansson Family** - December 04, 2014 at 10:51 AM

DF

“ Douglas Sherley and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James William Morris "Wild Bill".



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**Douglas Sherley and Family** - December 03, 2014 at 06:02 PM

DS

“ To my Family I am so sorry I am unable to be there with you in our time of sorrow. I have many great memories of uncle Jim and will miss him greatly!!!  
Douglas Sherley



Douglas Sherley - December 03, 2014 at 05:03 PM

BM

“ I am grateful for the life of Mr. Morris. Thanks to his service and to the service of others in our armed forces, my family and I have been able to lead our lives in freedom and peace.

Bob in Grandview, Missouri - December 03, 2014 at 09:33 AM



“ He will be missed by all the animals and by his fear friends.

Audra Dressen - December 02, 2014 at 08:57 PM

CJ

“ Candace Jordan lit a candle in memory of James William Morris "Wild Bill"



Candace Jordan - December 02, 2014 at 07:29 PM

CJ

“ RIP Wild Bill! Thank you for the service to our country. Your cool rides will be missed by many!

Candace Jordan - December 02, 2014 at 07:29 PM

BR

“ *Brandy lit a candle in memory of James William Morris "Wild Bill"* ”



Brandy - December 02, 2014 at 02:28 PM

RM

“ *RIP Wild Bill . Truly A Good Man lit a candle in memory of James William Morris "Wild Bill"* ”



RIP Wild Bill . Truly a good man - December 02, 2014 at 02:00 PM

AA

“ *WILD BILL, YOU WILL BE MISSED BY MANY BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.HOPE YOU RAISE SOME HELL UP THERE TOO.JUST THINK OF ALL THE BOOBS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE NOW BILLY.....RIP,LOVE YA ALWAYS AND FOREVER. LILBIT* ”



AMBER ADAMS - December 02, 2014 at 11:22 AM

BT

“ *Bonnie Turner lit a candle in memory of James William Morris "Wild Bill"* ”



Bonnie Turner - December 01, 2014 at 09:44 PM

LH

“ Rips Wild Bill you will be missed by so many ride with the Angels



Lora and Jim Hickey - December 01, 2014 at 09:12 PM

KP

“ Boy oh boy oh boy. You are gone but never forgotten Billy. You have brought so many people together with your beautiful personality. Love you forever and always.



Kim Pond - December 01, 2014 at 08:23 PM

JU

“ Judigrl lit a candle in memory of James William Morris "Wild Bill"



Judigrl - December 01, 2014 at 07:08 PM

JU

“ There are so many good memories and stories he would tell ya; especially if you were his favorite bartender....God Bless you Wild Bill...you will be missed.

Judigrl - December 01, 2014 at 07:08 PM

EN

“ I remember from years ago when all of us were out on the lake in our boat, we were all swimming having fun. Uncle Bill & Aunt Kim had their Harley shirts they got married in hanging on the canopy of our boat. One of the shirts blew off while we were cruising down the water & they both jumped in the water after it. Of course "Wild Bill" found it! It was a great moment!! Love him always...RIP Uncle Bill  
💔 Sleep with Angels 😇

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**Erin Newkirk** - December 01, 2014 at 05:09 PM

JB

“ I will miss Wild Bill he had the best sense of humor and always a kind word about anyone. My prayers are with the family at this sad time.

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**Jamie Bishop** - December 01, 2014 at 04:42 PM