



## WILLIAM (Bill) Jean DeBaun

January 16, 1947 - April 28, 2020

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Bill passed away April 28, 2020. Bill was born Jan.16,1947 in Newton, KS. to Garrett and Charlotte (Phillips) DeBaun. Shortly thereafter the family moved to Topeka, KS.

He attended Gage Elementary, Roosevelt Jr. High and 1 year at Topeka High School. The family then moved to Turner, KS where he graduated from Turner High School in 1965. Bill went to work for the Santa Fe Railroad from 1966 to 1967. Until 1967 when he enlisted in the Navy, where he was stationed in Okinawa and Hawaii until a honorable discharge in 1971. In 1971 he returned to the Santa Fe where he worked until 2005.

Bill married Carol E. Clark on Sept. 21, 1985.

Survivors include, wife Carol DeBaun, 2 nephews John & Shawn Strange that he lovingly raised as his own; sisters Susan (John) Hetherington, Lenexa, KS; Sally (Tom) Roller, Kansas City, MO; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Hospice House or a charity of your choice in Bill's name. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ WILLIAM (Bill) Jean DeBaun

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



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September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ Survivors that were not mentioned include his daughter Rachel (DeBaun) Luecker, his son in law Carl Luecker, and his grandchildren Makenzie and Noah Luecker. I was 13 when my parents divorced. Something a child has no control over. But I remember him well. I loved his sense of humor, the poetry that he wrote, and the songs that he would sing. Even though we haven't spoken in years no other man held the place in my heart as my father. I have always missed him and will continue to do so. I love you dad

Rachel Luecker - August 25, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ Bill was my new hire training coordinator and union representative. He was a union man through and through and Local 1532 was lucky to have him.

Brad Calovich - May 17, 2020 at 06:31 PM



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**Rachel Luecker** - August 25, 2020 at 01:44 AM