



William "Bill / Pops" Favrow, Jr.

December 19, 1939 - April 20, 2017

William "Bill/Pops" Favrow, Jr., of Independence, MO, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, MO at the age of 77. Bill was born the son of William and Daisy (Holliday) Favrow on December 19, 1939 in Chicago, IL. Survivors include his loving wife of the home, Ce Favrow; two sons, James Favrow, Jon Favrow and his wife Anna; daughter, Amy Curtis and her husband Michael; daughter-in-law, Angel Lien; six grandchildren, Lindsey, Jacob, Mercy, Jessica, Cody & Hunter; five great-grandchildren, Jaedyn, Tristan, Katrina, Madisyn & Sage, as well as a loving extended family. He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Jeff Lien; grandson, Joshua Favrow; sister, Judy Walker. Bill was a man of many accomplishments and ventures. He graduated from Argentine High School where he excelled in sports. He was an Allstate athlete in Football, Basketball and a State Champion in Track. Bill then, attended Emporia State University and was a Small College All-American in Track & Field and graduated from ESU in 1962. After college, Bill took a teaching and coaching job at Concordia High School in Concordia, KS. After a few years, Bill returned home to Argentine and was a teacher and coach at Argentine High School until 1965. Bill pursued his coaching dreams and became an Assistant Track coach at Kansas State University. From 1965 to 1974, Bill assisted the track program and ran the athletic dormitory for seven years. He obtained his Master's Degree from Kansas State University in 1972. During his time at K-State, Bill

was fortunate to be a part of the US Olympic team as a throwing coach in 1968 in Mexico City, Mexico. After his coaching career at K-State, Bill was employed at Universal Gym for three years, followed by employment at Mini Gym until 1979. In 1980, Bill relocated to Independence, MO where he became owner and operator of the Pizza Shoppe. He ran the restaurant until 1997. He then opened, "Pops Pizza Place" until the summer of 2005. He then became a government contractor for the Department of Homeland Security from 2006-2010. Following his stint as a contractor, Bill became a pizza delivery driver for Pizza Hut for five years. It was at this job, he would always recount as that being, "the best job I ever had." In 2013, Bill was inducted into the Fort Osage Booster Club Hall of Fame and in 2015, he was inducted into the Emporia State Athletic Hall of Honor. Bill was loved by many and will be dearly missed. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 3-4:30 PM followed by a Celebration of Life at 4:30 PM both being held at the Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Dr., Kansas City, KS 66106. The family wishes for anyone who attends, to wear and support your pride with K-State purple. Memorial contributions can be made to the Fort Osage Indian Athletic Association, 19920 E. 17th Street Ct N., Independence, MO 64056. To share a memory or to leave condolences, please visit www.maplehillfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR **29**. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill / Pops" Favrow, Jr.*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - April 25, 2017 at 08:57 AM



“ *William "Bill / Pops" Favrow, Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *William "Bill / Pops" Favrow, Jr.*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Tom & Susan Robinson and family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of William "Bill / Pops" Favrow, Jr..*



Tom & Susan Robinson and family - April 28, 2017 at 06:02 PM

BT

“ Bill will be missed at any gathering his co-workers from Serco put on. He always had a Smile and something kind to say. I feel fortunate that God spoke to me the eve of his passing to visit him in the hospital. We had quite a few laughs and he told me he loved me as we said our goodbye. Such words are ones you hold onto for years to come. Rest in peace Bill. You deserve a real vacation from the suffering you endured lately. If you see my mother and dad in heaven please give them a hug for me.

Becky Tinsley - April 27, 2017 at 06:42 AM

BT

“ So sorry that this wonderful person has passed. Memories of the Pizza Shoppe grand opening are still vivid. My friend Margie Howell (now Sloan) and I (Barbara Denham at that time) were his very first customers. He had our first dollar framed and hung it on the wall of that original Pizza Shoppe. He may still have that dollar stashed somewhere. We will always remember him (as well as that delicious pizza!) Rest in peace, Bill, and know you are still with us in spirit.

Barbara Denham Taylor - April 26, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - April 25, 2017 at 08:51 AM

 Timon Williams

“ My Condolences CeCe and the Favrow Family know it's a tough time and I wish only the best for everyone. Bill seemed like such a nice person. Started up a gofundme to help how I can. Anybody who would like to help can go here <https://www.gofundme.com/cece-support-fund> and share comment or donate.

Timon Williams - April 24, 2017 at 10:12 PM

EG

*I went to high school with Bill.
He was one of the kindest people I have ever known and a great Ed Gallet*

ed gallet - December 06, 2018 at 07:15 AM

LJ

“ *I did not know Bill well but I was close with Aunt Daisy and Uncle Walt They kept me in fresh veggies and Uncle Walt would always sit and talk and have a glass of something.
They were so proud of Bill. I am very sorry for your loss, My Mom was Walts sister
Meda. My name is Linda Jansen . my email is
kclindaj@sbcglobal.net*

linda I jansen - April 23, 2017 at 06:33 PM

CM

“ *Dear Cece and family I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He is one of the kindest people I've ever had the pleasure to meet. I'll never forget the great times at Pizza Shoppe and Pop's Pizza! I'll also never forget the kindness and help you and Bill gave my sister Mary Martin. She thought the world of you. God bless you and help you through this time of great pain and sorrow.
Sincerely,
Connie Martin*

Connie Martin - April 23, 2017 at 06:09 PM

TO

“ *This is a tragic loss of a really special guy to me. I knew Bill casually at Argentine HS as he was 3 yrs ahead of me. He was a bigger-than-life figure to me...emphasis on "big". A really became to know Bill at K-State when Coach DeLoss Dodds hired him as the weight coach in the mid-late '60's. I was a real gym rat at Ahearn Gym back in those days, playing noon-hour pickup BB games pretty much every day. Oftentimes he & Coach Dodds would join us, along w/ Cotton Fitzsimmons & Larry Weigel, for a noon-hour game. My best memory of Bill was one time I was driving the lane for a layup, looked up, and there was Bill standing right there. I tossed up the BB towards the hoop, and slammed right into him like I hit a brick wall. As we all know, Bill was pretty solid muscle. I hit the floor hard and was a bit shaken up & discombobulated. Bill gave me this huge grin, extended his hand to help me up, and checked to make sure I was OK. Then...he apologized for taking up so much space in the lane & not clearing out the lane!! After that, I always made sure I knew where Bill was on the court afore I made a move. He left me w/ some very fond memories. Alas, I never reconnected w/ him after he left KSU, about the same time I did. I really regret I never renewed our friendship in later life, even though I was frequently visiting KC. My sympathies to all of his extensive family and the many others whose Bill's life touched.*

Tom Hill

TomHill - April 23, 2017 at 06:01 PM

RB

“ *Prayers and love to Ce and family.*

Ron and Judy Butler - April 23, 2017 at 05:52 PM

PT

“ Our memories of Bill are all good ones. We caught up at reunions and admired this man that walked through life with such a remarkable talent and kindness.
RIP Bill, Paul & Roberta Thompson

Paul Thompson - April 22, 2017 at 12:09 PM

WH

“ Bill was one of the best friends I have ever had. An accomplished personality but always modest in his triumphs. The "Mustang Old Timers" breakfast gang will now lose their their privilage in harrasing him for always being late for our functions. He was truly a blessed athlete and just a truly good friend. See you on the other side Willy.

William Hooker - April 22, 2017 at 10:35 AM

TB

RIP Coach Favrow. You will be missed. Prayers to your family.

Tiger Bill Butler - April 23, 2017 at 08:29 PM

PB

*When we visited at monthly lunch or school reunions Bill always asked questions that showed genuine interest. He spoke very kindly and seemed to have a gentle manner about him. He is going to be greatly missed by many. Our heartfelt sympathy are with you and family.
Jim & Patty Brillhart*

patty brillhart - April 24, 2017 at 11:14 AM

CH

“ Ce, John, and family: So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I have many fond memories of working with Bill at the Pizza Shoppe on 291 & Frontage Rd. He was a great boss and I always enjoyed the times we worked together. He was more like working with a friend and confidant than a boss. Some of my fondest memories come from my days at Pizza Shoppe. May God's peace and understanding be with you all during the sad days ahead.

Sincerely,
Cindy

Cindy Harms - April 22, 2017 at 10:30 AM

MN

“ Bill has always been a special friend. He was a great, fun guy and will be missed very much...Loved him like a brother. *marie Petersen Nordstedt*

Marie Petersen Nordstedt - April 21, 2017 at 11:08 PM

LS

“ Lawayne and Windell Snow purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William "Bill / Pops" Favrow, Jr..



Lawayne and Windell Snow - April 21, 2017 at 07:30 PM