



William (Bill) H. Young

September 3, 1942 - March 14, 2017

William (Bill) H. Young, 74, of Shawnee, Kansas passed away peacefully with family by his side on March 14, 2017 at St. Luke's Hospice House in Kansas City, Missouri. A visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS 66106. Service will be held at 1:00 P.M. Monday, March 20, 2017 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Bill was born the son of William H. Young, Sr. and Ethel Young on September 3, 1942 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Bill graduated from Turner High School in 1960. Following High School he attended Emporia State Teachers College where he earned an Associate's degree. After leaving Emporia State, Bill moved to California where he obtained his degree in Mortuary Science. After his degree, Bill worked for Amos Funeral Home for a number of years prior to Lewis Matney building Maple Hill Funeral Home in 1973. Bill owned and operated Maple Hill Funeral Home until 2008. While operating Maple Hill, Bill was involved in many organizations including Turner School Board, County Commissioner, KFPA President, Commander of DMORT 7 (Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team) and President of the Kansas Board of Mortuary Arts.

Bill's hobbies included spending time on his boat "Stiff Competition", at the Lake of the Ozarks, scuba diving, traveling in his motor home. Bill also had a love for his cars, especially his 1957 Thunderbird and his 2006 Cadillac XLR. Bill is preceded in death by his father, William H. Young, Sr.; mother, Ethel

Matney; step father, Lewis Matney; wife, Norma Sue Young; son, Randy Young; brother, Duane "Bud" Matney; and sister, Martha Sellers. He is survived by his granddaughters, Katie and Kimberly Young; brothers, Robert Young, Calvin (Karen) Bumgarner and Chuck Matney; sisters, Sandy (Terry) Walker and Betty Ann Hicks; brother-in-law, Bob (Donna) Richardson and many nieces and nephews.

Bill's family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors and nursing staff at St. Luke's Hospice for their wonderful care. The family would appreciate donations be made to either American Cancer Society, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave, Kansas City, MO 64105 or St. Luke's Hospice House, 3516 Summit Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. Please visit Bill's memorial website at www.maplehillfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of William (Bill) H. Young*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - March 18, 2017 at 09:54 PM

DB

Oh my goodness! So many memories and that wonderful smile of his! He was so loved and will be missed terribly!!! Am truly devastated I cannot be there but I am in thought.....Dee

Dee Bumgarner - March 19, 2017 at 09:36 PM

TS

We will miss you very much uncle Bill, you always made us laugh and we will miss you always and never forget you. Todd, Jill, Megan & Colin

Todd Sellers - March 20, 2017 at 12:22 PM



“ *William (Bill) H. Young*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *William (Bill) H. Young*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

JP

“ *What an honor to have known and worked alongside Bill, he will certainly be missed in the DMORT family and my thoughts and prayers go out to all of his loved ones. His infectious smile and steadfast leadership helped younger guys like me power through difficult times in the trenches of Katrina and Joplin and he and those memories will never be forgotten.*

Jeffrey Paskar - March 24, 2017 at 05:57 PM

KK

“ *My husband only worked for Bill a short time but we both have lots of fond memories of his time at Maple Hill. From what I hear, Bill was quite the prankster and sure promoted fun in the workplace. We would run into him from time to time throughout the years. He will be missed. Condolences to the family! Jeff & Kelly Kilgore*

Kelly Kilgore - March 20, 2017 at 02:08 PM

RD

“ *Bill was a gem of a guy. I met him in the mid-nineties when I was just a punk teenager and he always made me feel welcome and included. I remember his laugh the most. He had a tremendous personality and just a fun person to spend time with. He was always the nicest and kindest person to my aunt and the rest of my family. He will be missed a great deal. I want to send my thoughts to his wonderful family many of whom I have met over the years. Rest in peace Bill.*

Rob Doye - March 20, 2017 at 11:55 AM

DH

“ It was truly my honor to work with Bill through DMORT/NDMS. I probably first met him at Hurricane Katrina. What a calm, stoic leader. Always there with a smile. Always there to make you feel welcome and part of the team. To all his family and friends, may your memories be for a blessing and may you live your lives in his merit.

~Dana Hall, HHS/ASPR and NDMS (lots of alphabet soup) but he was the heart of Region VII DMORT and Region VII DMORT is a shining star of the Nation.

Dana H - March 20, 2017 at 11:03 AM

MM

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Mike Matney - March 20, 2017 at 10:08 AM

MM

My uncle loved his big boy toys. These are two of his favorites!

Mike Matney - March 20, 2017 at 10:13 AM

CW

“ I roomed and played golf with Bill for many years at State convention, he went to Vegas with me, spent the night with him on his boat, he and his staff took care of preparing bodies for my funeral home, he was a hell of a nice guy and friend I feel fortunate that I got to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Chad Wilson from Paola, Kansas.

Chad Wilson - March 19, 2017 at 07:32 PM

AA

“ It was an honor to serve under your leadership with DMORT VII.
You will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Amy Alexander



Amy Alexander - March 19, 2017 at 12:36 PM

VS

“ A special man with a wonderful smile. He will be missed terribly!
Vi Shaffer
DMORT 6

Vi Shaffer - March 18, 2017 at 09:29 PM

AL

“ Kind of convoluted. My dad was friends with Bob (ROBERT
YOUNG) and I'll leave it at that that but I met Bill several years ago
and just hit it off. We called him Pepsodint man because of "that
smile" !!

Alex - March 18, 2017 at 07:55 PM

BP

“ Bruce Parker lit a candle in memory of
William (Bill) H. Young



Bruce Parker - March 18, 2017 at 01:41 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William (Bill) H. Young.



March 18, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ My memories of Bill are all with Love! He was everything to the Richardson Family and he spread Joy, Love, and Grace as well as Susie did. They were such a perfect couple.

Vickie (Richardson) Perry - March 18, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ Bill was my humorous and entertaining friend from Junction grade school , Turner high school, KSTC at Emporia, and all the decile unions since with Golden Bears, except the first one. He was a kind, generous, and very humorous friend whose company I always valued and to whom I looked forward to seeing. He helped in a very professional way in burying countless friends and relatives. We shared driving home from Emporia to Kansas City on many pleasant occasions. His life was not always so easy; enough said about that. I AM VERY SORRY THAT HE HAS GONE ON AND WILL MISS HIM AT THE FUTURE REUNIONS. I was also very fond of his wife Norma who was herself a class act and left us far too soon. My condolences to surviving family members, esp. to brother Bob. larry hanna m.d. , class of ths 1960

lawrence hanna - March 17, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of William (Bill) H. Young.*



March 17, 2017 at 11:57 AM



“ *FMTTM* 💕



Phyllis Jeserich - March 17, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ *FMTTM.* 💕



phyllis - March 17, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ *Seeing on the KCK City Council, I had the opportunity to get to know Bill and the honor of calling him "friend.". He always had the amazing ability to make people laugh with his extraordinary sense of humor. you knew when Bill Young entered the room. I know he will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to his family and to Sandy.*

Carol Marinovich - March 17, 2017 at 08:06 AM

GG

“ My deepest sympathy to Bill's immediate and extended family. Bill always had a smile and kind word. He served the people/ government with distinction both locally and nationally. I hope he teaches those in Heaven to play gin.

Gary D. Grable

Gary D Grable - March 16, 2017 at 09:48 PM

 Pat
Pettey

“ Bill always had a smile and his jokes were memorable. I had the good fortune to have him as a neighbor and, served with him as a commissioner, Bill cared a lot about his community of Turner and his years of service were appreciated. He will be missed.

Pat Pettey - March 16, 2017 at 09:35 PM

JM

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Bill's family! He will live on in my memory and others forever!
I was a member of DMORT VII for 10 years and got to know what a special man he was: kind hearted, empathetic and loving, but always smiling, laughing and ready to have fun. He was our Commander after the death of Dean Snow and did a great job making sure his people were taken care of and all tasks were completed properly and with respect.

Thank you Bill for your friendship and may you Rest In Peace after a job well done.

Jan Manson Dental Hygienist
Ocoee, Florida

Jan Manson - March 16, 2017 at 04:30 PM

VI

“ *Rest In Peace*

vinny - March 16, 2017 at 03:24 PM

SM

“ *Bill & Norma, Bob & Pat and Bud & I started our families at the same time. I was so glad to be a part of a big, loving family (being an only child). We had so much fun, especially at the frequent family parties hosted by Lewis and Ethel Matney. I have so many wonderful memories. Bill was always good to all his x-sisters in law. I loved him dearly. His granddaughters and the rest of his family never left his side during his last days. There was so much love in his room, I'm sure he felt it. Until we meet again sweet brother in law.... Susan*

Susan Matney - March 16, 2017 at 02:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William (Bill) H. Young.*



March 16, 2017 at 02:43 PM

MP

“ As a fellow Funeral Director and a member of Bill's DMORT team, I always marveled at his leadership abilities, wisdom, compassion for his fellow man and his near perfect hair. His dedication to the well being of the families of disaster victims as well as those he served through his long career at Maple Hill should be a source of pride to his family and especially his grand-daughters. His thousand watt smile and brilliant sense of humor never waned even through his health struggles of the last few years, You will be missed. God's speed Uncle Bill

Mike Phillips

Mike Phillips - March 16, 2017 at 02:26 PM

AA

“ As Mike said earlier, Bill was quite the jokster. One time at DMORT training at Lake of The Ozarks while we were having some refreshments after an intense day of training:), Bill made one of his famous jokes. And, unfortunately it was at my expense. I wanted so bad to be mad at him, but I just couldn't because it was hilarious. The next day at one of our breaks he asked me if I was upset by what he said, we both laughed and he gave me one of his famous hugs. Then while deployed at Katrina, a few of the group found our way to an establishment we became fond of, and again Bill taught me a trick with a napkin and 9 coins. That little trick enabled Bill to not pay for any of his refreshments, thus he would send some my way since I was involved and helped him. Then there was the Reno Trip, enough said there. Bill loved to have fun, he played hard, but he worked even harder. I have never met someone with more dedication to not only his profession, but to DMORT as well. Rest Easy my friend, we will see you again!



Alan Anson - March 16, 2017 at 11:21 AM

AC

“ Bill and to my daughter, Uncle Bill.....thank you for always being you and being there. I would have put Hell's Fire out for you. Many lives have you touched...many lives will miss you. Your talent for people never went wrong and was always noticed. I know we went from here to there doing disaster work....that we went to Vegas and Katy got to see you...that you fixed someones wagon....many times...New York to Nevada...what a pleasure...

I am glad I told you, every time I left you, that I love you. YOU were and always will be...ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST GUYS.

Always in my heart sir....ALWAYS.

*With utmost respect,
Alan Clark
DMORT 6*

Alan Clark - March 16, 2017 at 12:01 AM

HS

To Bills family: I send you my deepest sympathy. Bill was a wonderful man who I admired and felt privileged to know and work with. He always greeted me with a wonderful smile and a genuine interest and caring about how I was doing after Matt's death. God bless you Bill in your next place with Gods angels. I am out of town so I will miss the service but please know my thoughts are with you.

Helen Skradski - March 16, 2017 at 11:46 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William (Bill) H. Young.



March 15, 2017 at 09:23 PM

MH

“ I have known and worked with Bill for over 20 years. I first met Bill in 1993 at the Hardin Cemetery disaster as we worked together and never looked back. He has been my mentor and friend during my career with DMORT. Bill always was there when we needed anything and always put his team members needs ahead of his. He always thought outside the box which made our team so special. I can say that I do not know anyone, who knew Bill, who would not walk through the fires of hell for him as we knew he would do the same for us. No one had a deeper compassion for DMORT and he demonstrated it everywhere we were deployed. Bill was also a great friend outside of DMORT and always knew how to make us laugh. When things were bad, Bill always could bring out the best in us with one of his tell tale jokes, which no matter how many times you heard it, you would laugh until you cried. I'll never forget our motorcycle trip to RENO, but that is another story. I will truly miss Bill and the things he stood for. He will always be with me and his DMORT team no matter where we go.

All our Love,
Mike and Ellie Henderson



Mike Henderson - March 15, 2017 at 08:35 PM

CC

“ Bill, in 1993 you and Bob Hoover were the first two men I met when you picked me up at the Exelsiar Springs Airport during the floods. I will miss you, but i am a better person from knowing you. Peace brother...never goodby, but see ya later. Thanks for the memories.
Cal

Cal Corson - March 15, 2017 at 07:39 PM

BH

“ There are individuals that will thank Bill once inside the gates as he dedicated himself as a leader and mentor to me on the identification of terrible times. He, as team leader of DMORT, was compassionate not only to the victims, but the teams he lead in the ambition to identify. He will truly be missed by all.

*Bobby and Donna Humphries
Bryant, Arkansas*

Bobby Humphries - March 15, 2017 at 06:26 PM

JF

“ To Bill's family,
Bill was a quiet man but when he spoke we knew that the thoughts were profound. We have shared many deployments together and he taught me more than even I can comprehend. He is truly a leader of leaders, He guided his team through some very rough waters but we always came through safely and with a new commitment to the families we serve. Every picture and memory I have of Bill has his remarkable smile. He was the brother I never had and I will miss him.

*Love,
John Frasco
Administrative Officer
HHS/OS/ASPR/OEM/NDMS/DMORT Region 7*

John Frasco - March 15, 2017 at 06:10 PM

MU

“ Bill was such a great friend. I was Bill's roommate at many of the disasters here and abroad. I remember flying home from Guam with Bill. I've played many many hands of gin with him. As you know, he was the man with the "pretty hair". My thoughts and prayers to the family. He will always be dear and instilled in my heart. Sincerely
Mudflap

Mudflap - March 15, 2017 at 05:48 PM

DL

“ Lots of wonderful memories of a wonderful friend. Thoughts and prayers to Bills' family. Bill will ALWAYS be remembered. ❤️❤️❤️❤️
Donna Lowman

Donna Lowman - March 15, 2017 at 05:45 PM

JH

Growing up with Bill since grade school was an experience I will always cherish. He was like a brother and the Matney's house was like a second home..
Bill was the most caring person I've ever known, with a sense of humor second to none.
Lots of great memories, we will miss him. ❤️❤️
Jim & Linda Harrison

Jim Harrison. - March 15, 2017 at 09:23 PM

BS

Many wonderful memories of Bill. I will always remember the many things he taught me. But most of all the most important thing in life was family and no matter what remember to laugh. Bill will be remembered by many and his stories will be shared.

Barbara Salisburg - March 16, 2017 at 03:55 AM

MS

Bill was a great guy that I am proud to call a friend. He served on the Kansas State Board of Mortuary Arts (KSBMA) for six years and was elected President in 2010. He will be missed.

Mack Smith

Mack Smith - March 16, 2017 at 10:56 AM

HB

Always the most warm yet professional person to meet and speak with. He only had good words and thoughts for everyone. He was a definite shining star in the DMORT program and to all the families he placed as a priority when they needed it most.

Helga and Buddy Bell

helga bell - March 16, 2017 at 12:22 PM

TB

Not only were you a wonderful 'bossman' at the funeral home, but a dear friend. I have never taken for granted the education, opportunities, and friendship you (and the guys) gave me. Rest easy, Bill. So thankful to have known you... - Tana

Tana Blanco - March 16, 2017 at 02:24 PM

KA

I remember Bill since grade school. He married the prettiest girl from Turner and together they were a beautiful couple. Remember going to the cemetery to play when we were in grade school something I'm sure he got in trouble for! My prayers are with his family. We are all better off because he was here. Kathy (Lowder) Aloisio

Kathy Aloisio - March 16, 2017 at 06:28 PM



Our prayers and sympathy are sent to Bill's family. Both he and Norma were very special to so many.

C. Crockett

Cheri Crockett - March 17, 2017 at 02:45 AM

CB

I was lucky to serve under Bill during a deployment. While I was from outside Bill's DMORT Region, he took care of me and everyone around him as One family. His Leadership was calm, decisive and assuring! It was easy to understand his being selected to serve as Commander. He was a Winner! Prayers and sympathy for the family! Chuck Berner

Chuck Berner - March 17, 2017 at 10:40 PM