



William "Bill" Emerson Bramell

February 5, 1941 - September 15, 2024

William "Bill" Emerson Bramell, Indianapolis, 83, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones, on September 15, 2024. He left behind a legacy of love, friendship and cherished memories. He was born February 5, 1941 in Indianapolis to the late Oscar Davis and Lucille (Fuller) Bramell. Bill was a graduate of Scecina Memorial High School and attended Purdue University.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Velma Mae Bramell; daughters, Jeannine Breiner (Jon), Karen Callaway (Bill), and Kelli Moore (Daniel); 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his older brother, James Donald "Pete" Bramell and sister-in-law, Mary Kay Bramell. He is preceded in death by his parents and his beloved daughter, Lori Ann Creech.

Bill and Velma shared a lifetime of joy and partnership and together, they raised four daughters and built a beautiful family. Bill will be fondly remembered by his daughters who remember him as a wonderful father who coached their softball teams, took them camping, canoeing and fishing and created countless memories through the YMCA Indian Princess father and daughter tribes. His love for the outdoors and his commitment to family adventures left an enduring legacy.

Professionally, Bill worked most of his adult life as a computer programmer in the 1970s and 1980s, a time when computer technology was just emerging. His technical expertise and problem-solving skills placed him at the forefront of a rapidly evolving industry. Bill concluded his career at Franklin Township Community School Corporation, where he worked for 18 years before retiring in 2005. His dedication and contributions to his profession were highly regarded.

Bill was a lifelong fan of the Green Bay Packers, who could often be heard cheering “Go Pack Go!” and made many trips to Lambeau Field to support his beloved team. Bill’s wonderful sense of humor and quick wit defined his personality and brought joy to those around him. His hard work ethic, honesty and strong morals were legendary, earning him the respect and admiration of everyone who knew him. Bill’s values were a guiding force in his life and a lasting gift to his family and friends.

In addition to his passion for football, Bill was an avid bowler, participating in numerous leagues throughout his life. His competitive spirit also shone in his love for golf, which he enjoyed on many courses with his friends during his retirement. Known affectionately for his signature “Billy Bounce” golf hits (a humorous nod to his unique way of getting the ball back on course), Bill’s lighthearted approach made him a beloved companion on the greens. Bill’s love of cards was another defining aspect of his life. An expert euchre player, Bill’s competitive nature passed down from his mother, was well known among his many card groups and parties where his skill and humor were always appreciated.

Bill’s life was a testament to love, loyalty, integrity and the value of deep relationships. He will be profoundly missed, but his memory will live on through the stories, laughter and love shared by his family and friends.

His family will forever remember the love, laughter and memories that were shared together and his passing reunites him with those he dearly loved.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street and funeral services Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 12 noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association, 8720 Castle Creek Parkway, Ste. 100, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Cemetery Details

Park Cemetery

621 S. State St.
Greenfield, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ *What a great man! I remember sleepovers with my friend Karen and staying up late and him making jokes. He was so competitive as a coach and I appreciated him volunteering. I just remember him being supportive of our teams. My heart breaks for your family, but i was lucky to know him. Michelle Shore (Royce) (green team and yellow team HaHa)*

Michelle Royce Shore - September 24, 2024 at 06:37 PM

AM

“ *Arcelia M. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.*



Arcelia M. - September 20, 2024 at 08:58 AM

AB

“ *Alicia B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.*

Alicia B. - September 19, 2024 at 06:11 AM

DA

“ *What a good man! And a great life long friend of my dad's. (Tom Greene) Providing many great memories and much laughter. Last I saw him (3 months or so ago at his home) he wasn't doing very well BUT of course you couldn't tell because of his positive outlook and constant jokes.
He will be missed by his wonderful family I'm sure.
-Dan Greene*

dan - September 18, 2024 at 10:53 PM

SL

“ *I worked with Bill for many years at the old FTMS building, I in the cafeteria and he in custodial. He was quite the character and brought all of us many memorable moments. He was the only person that I ever met that wanted to be called an S.O.B...he taught me this and with a very sly twinkle in his eye and a very jolly laugh he announced that it meant "Sweet Old Bill"and to not forget it!!! I have not and never will!!!
RIP Bill and to your family I send my condolences and prayers!*

Sandy Lentz

Sandy Lentz - September 18, 2024 at 07:24 PM

GS

“ *With love, prayers, and blessings at this difficult time. Bill will be missed immensely, his humor and kindness! All the cherished memories and pray the passage of days will bring healing peace to your hearts. With all my Love to my cousin Mae, Kelli, Jeannine and Karen. Gail E. Simonton*

Gail E Simonton - September 18, 2024 at 12:55 PM

TC

“ Tom and Cheryl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.

Tom and Cheryl - September 18, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.



September 18, 2024 at 12:15 PM

CC

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers are for comfort and a life filled with happy memories.

Carolyn cox

Carolyn Cox - September 18, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.



September 18, 2024 at 08:48 AM

AF

“ Ashley and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.

Ashley and family - September 18, 2024 at 08:48 AM

AB

“ Arilla, Brooke & Nick and boys!! purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.



Arilla, Brooke & Nick and boys!! - September 18, 2024 at 08:36 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.



September 17, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.



September 16, 2024 at 09:35 PM

ES

“ Bill made my time at FTMS easier by making most of my requests achievable! Thank you Bill! May you rest in peace! ❤️😭

Ellen Stillabower - September 16, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.



September 16, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.



September 16, 2024 at 07:10 PM

BT

“ Sending you and your family our prayers for comfort during this time. Sorry for your loss but thankful for the memories you shared. We enjoyed our past family reunions that you and Bill always attended and remember Bill always had a smile and a great sense of humor.

Bob and Brenda Thompson - September 16, 2024 at 06:15 PM

JK

“ Jeannie, Karen and Kelli purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.



Jeannie, Karen and Kelli - September 16, 2024 at 06:07 PM

LV

“ Love, Velma planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.

Love, Velma - September 16, 2024 at 06:03 PM

LV

“ Love, Velma purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of William "Bill" Emerson Bramell.



Love, Velma - September 16, 2024 at 06:03 PM