



William "Bill" Callahan

October 12, 1940 - July 9, 2021

William "Bill" Callahan, 80, of Indianapolis, Indiana, passed away at home on July 9, 2021, surrounded by family. A lifelong Indianapolis resident, Bill was born October 12, 1940 to the late Cornelius and Josie Callahan. He was a graduate of Secena High School who worked in the automobile sales business for many years. Bill displayed his artistic skills in the 1970's and 1980's, when he specialized in customizing vans and adorning them with eye-catching, airbrushed murals. He enjoyed classic cars, traveling with his wife and reading.

Bill loved all animals, especially rescued dogs. In his life, he rescued several dogs, including "Biscuit", a sweet Siberian husky mix who became a beloved family member. He often thought of and mentioned Biscuit long after her passing as he enjoyed his retirement years with his wife in a shaded house overlooking a lake.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Elaine Patrick Callahan; his children, Roxanne Winings (Bruce), Rick Callahan and Kirk Callahan (Lone); grandchildren, Jesse Winings, Emma Callahan and Stella Callahan; sister, Cathi Hampton and nephew, Jeff Hampton. The Callahan family would like to express our deepest thanks to Danny Baker for his friendship and assistance these past few years.

Bill was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, July 16, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7243 E. 10th Street, with visitation one hour prior.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Indianapolis Animal
Care Services. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers
Washington Memorial Chapel

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
7243 East 10th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219

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“ Jack and Mary Kay purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Callahan.



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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Callahan.



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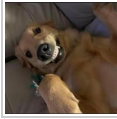
“ Some people may not know. But he was an excellent artist. Especially with an airbrush. He knew more about custom cars and custom paint than anybody I've ever met. When I first met him I think it was 78 or 79. He could tell you anything about the 50s and 60s custom car culture. He knew everybody who was anybody in the HotRod world in Indianapolis. He had great talent, and great vision. He was a very intelligent man. I used to love hearing his stories about the old days. The custom car culture, the car clubs, the paint and body industry, the custom vans. If you caught him on a good day, he was funny as hell. Despite the misgivings, his memory will remain a fixture in Indianapolis automotive and custom car culture. RIP

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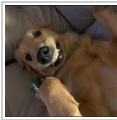
“ *Bill will be greatly missed. Kristin & Mike Patrick*

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An extremely talented man. Rip

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An extremely artistic and talented man. Rip

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