



William Joseph Hurt

April 6, 1951 - December 21, 2016

William Joseph Hurt of Venice died December 21, 2016 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on December 4, 2016 in Lakeland, FL. He was 65.

Bill was born in Sarasota, FL on April 6, 1951 and raised in Venice, FL.

Bill graduated from Venice High School in 1969. He also attended Manatee Junior College and continued his education formally and informally throughout his life.

Bill had a love for boats and boating. One of his early jobs in life was as a test driver for Mercury Motors and he maintained his Captain's License. Bill also enjoyed flying and obtained a Pilot's License as well. Above all his main passion in life was motorcycle riding. He had been an avid rider for more than 50 years and enjoyed the mechanics of the bikes as well.

Bill was preceded in death by his father and mother Joe and Edith Hurt, brothers Carlton and Jay, and daughter Nova Lee Johnson.

He is survived by his beloved granddaughter Emily Marie Phillips, his sister Jo-Anne Hurt, sister-in-law Sandra Hurt, nephews Joe and Randy Hurt, niece Mary Hurt McMullen, 3 grandnephews and 2 grandnieces.

Service will be held Saturday January 14, 2017 at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Ewing Chapel. 140 East Venice Ave. Gathering at 10 AM, service at 11 AM with burial to follow at Jesse Knight Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sending my deepest and most sincere sympathy to the Hurt family. I really don't know how to put in words, how I feel, such a tragedy...rest in peace Billy. Carol Huston Krempel*

January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *So long, Bill. We had some fun rides together. See you on the other side.*

Keith Dillon - January 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Such a kind and and gentle soul. I always enjoyed our visits and will forever miss you my friend.*

Kathy Kelley~Swain - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Patricia Williams lit a candle in memory of William Joseph Hurt*



Patricia Williams - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *In loving memory of a wonderful friend...Capt'n Ride-Along...We will love you and miss you always! Dink & Wendy*

Wendy & Terry Tolin - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Bill, We had such fun times running around the bays and Gulf of Mexico.
My third boat was a 1958 Glass-Tex Speed Queen with a '62 40hp Johnson Electromatic... that I bought from you for \$350. Seems a little pricey, if you ask me. :-)
After you bought that old ski boat with a 100hp Merc and had so much trouble with it, you asked me, jokingly, if you could trade me for 'your old boat' that never gave you problems. Well, me neither, thanks for that boat, the cutting up in Mr. Summers biology class and fixing each other's answers on those stupid 10 question T or F tests... as if a 50/50 chance wasn't easy enough(!).. and all the other silly, goofy, fun, dangerous, endearing times.
You are what made growing up in a small town with friends so special. Rest easy my old friend... let me know if there are boats and bays and most of all... fun, up there in heaven when you get a chance.

Larry Burris - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Ride on Billy

Mark Davis - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To a classmate and great friend. "Memories will comfort until we meet again... may you Rest In Peace" - Jim Hawks

January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To my life long friend, you had the kindest and most gentle spirt. You will be surely missed, may you rest in peace and free of pain & misery. Love to you, Patty Lawrence Higel.

January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Our deepest sympathy. There are just no words .*

lloyd an ruth parsons - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM