



William "Wild Bill" Knudson

May 29, 1935 - August 15, 2015

William G. Knudson

RACINE-William G. "Wild Bill" Knudson, 80, late of Racine formerly of Deland, Florida for the past 30 years, passed away on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at Eldercare Cottages in Waterford.

He was born in Racine on May 29, 1935, the son of the late Rueben and Mae (nee: Christiansen) Knudson. Bill was a graduate of Washington Park High School "Class of 1953". Upon Bill's marriage to Kathleen Kelly in 1985; they relocated to Florida. He was a member of the American Motorcycle Association for many years. Bill was the proud owner and operator of Bill's Cycles, from 1961 until 1997.

He found great enjoyment in his private motorcycle museum, collecting classic motorcycles and cars. Bill also took great pleasure in dancing and Karaoke. Bill is survived by his children, Laura (Daniel Bogacz) Knudson of Racine, Nancy (Steve) Gauger of Burlington and David (Nancy) Knudson of Racine. He is further survived by grandchildren, Steven Bogacz, Katie Gauger, Matt Knudson; step grandchildren, Derek Gauger, Darci Gauger and step great-grandson, JT Gauger. Bill also survived by his cousin, Jean (Marvin) Fennigkoh in addition to nieces, other relatives, many friends and old customers from Bill's motorcycle shop.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen, sister, Mary Jakse and his former wife, Marie L. Knudson.

Bill's memorial service will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Tuesday,

August, 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Visitation will be held at the funeral home 5 pm until service time at 6:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Bill in a special way may direct memorials to The Alzheimer's Association.

Bill's family would like to extend a very heart felt thank you to Elder Care Cottages and Heartland Home Health Care Hospice for their devoted care and compassion.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Wild Bill" Knudson*



Sturino Funeral Home - August 24, 2015 at 05:31 PM

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“ *I give you my condolence.*

Kimberly Fennigkoh - December 12, 2019 at 10:49 AM

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“ *Nancy, David and Laura
My deepest sympathy to you.
So sorry for your loss.*

Glen Nelson

Glen Nelson - August 25, 2015 at 08:40 PM

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“ I was honored to know Bill in his last few months. I can truly say that he wore a smile everyday and made sure the rest of us did too. He was a man that took pride in his work and loved his motorcycles! I am thankful I was able get to know and care for him and my only hope is to have made a difference in his life because he made a difference in mine. I will miss him and think of him often. His daughter Nancy was a wonderful asset and was so very helpful in caring for him. My sorrow goes out to his entire family at this very difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Kelly Q. LPN, Eldercare Cottages

Kelly Q - August 22, 2015 at 05:52 PM