



William Ray Deckard

September 9, 1948 - July 4, 2023

William Ray Deckard, 74, of New Harmony, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born September 9, 1948 to Herman and Wanetta (Thomas) Deckard in Posey County Indiana. Bill was known by many names Daddy, PawPaw, Billy Ray, or Mr Bill. He was known as someone who would fix tires, change the oil or help anyone in anyway. He was a classic car enthusiast, collector of many things, and known as a picker. He enjoyed his monthly suppers with his New Harmony classmates of 1967.

He served in the US Army from 1968-1970 in Vietnam where he was awarded a Purple Heart, Two Bronze Stars, National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device and Oak Leaf Cluster, Sharpshooter and Marksman.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Billie Sue, daughters Edwinna Deckard-Taylor (Darryl), Misty Deckard (Jim Huff), grandchildren, Ben Igou and Jessica Deckard-Mills, and two great grandchildren, Russi Lou and Evie Rey Igou; brother, Junior Deckard (Dana); sisters, Martha Wagner and Suzie Dougan (Scott), sister-in-law Clara Boylls, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Herman and Wanetta Deckard, mother and father-in-law Fred and Clarabelle Libbert, and brother, Robert "Bobby" Deckard.

Gravesides services with military rites will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at Old Beech Cemetery near New Harmony, IN.

The family would like to thank Heart to Heart Hospice for their kindness and Pierre Funeral Home for their respect during this time. In lieu flowers donations can be made to New Harmony Volunteer Fire Department or RGRG.

Cemetery Details

Old Beech Cemetery

2195 Old Beech Road
Posey County, IN

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Posey County, IN

Tribute Wall

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“ Eddie, Billie Sue and Misti,
I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort during this time.
Sending you love and prayers, Tonya H

Tonya H - July 11, 2023 at 09:31 PM

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“ Bill and I met in the 1st grade at New Harmony school and remained friends all the years since. He always had a story to tell and loved getting together with our classmates from the class of 1967. He loved his family and friends so much. He loved vintage cars and was so proud of his. He was always there ready to help anyone who needed anything. I have so many memories of him and will cherish those memories until we meet again someday. You will be missed by everyone that knew you. Sending love and prayers to his family and friends.

G.Anne McCarty - July 11, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ The O'Dell siblings ran around with Billie Sue when we visited New Harmony in the 50s and 60s. Great Memories!! Prayers for Comfort!!

Bob O'Dell - July 08, 2023 at 07:59 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Mona Deckard



MONA L DECKARD - July 08, 2023 at 03:30 PM