



William V. Kretz

January 1, 1948 - July 26, 2020

William V. Kretz, age 71, of DeMotte, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2020 at home. He was born December 1, 1948, in Gary, Indiana, the son of Vernon and Bernetta (Russell) Kretz.

William attended public school and spent a year at Purdue University. He celebrated 39 years of marriage to Phyllis Cauley. William was a machinist at U.S. Steel. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and Royal Order of the Moose Lodge. William enjoyed gardening and loved FarmAll tractors and farming.

William is survived by his wife, Phyllis Kretz of DeMotte, IN; mother, Bernetta (Walter) Karstensen of Crown Point, IN; daughters: Jennifer Kretz of Lafayette, IN; Kelly Kretz of Calumet City, IL; step-children: James Valois, John Valois, William Valois, and Tammy Valois; grandchildren: Taylor, Kayla, and Tristan Frye, Kendall (Loren) Coutts, Shawn, Morgan, Noah, and Joshua Valois, and one great-grandson, Jonathan Coutts; brother, Terry (Deborah) Kretz; and sister, Debbie Summers.

He was preceded in death by his father.

William's wishes were to be cremated and taken home. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Our deepest condolences and sympathy to the entire family. We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing and for your loss. You are all in our hearts and prayers. Thinking of you and the kids Phyllis. Lovingly, Kenny and Susie (Kretz) Barron.



Sue Barron - September 23, 2020 at 02:36 PM

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Debra Summers - August 16, 2020 at 12:46 PM

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Debra Summers - August 16, 2020 at 12:43 PM

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“ *Bill was my brother. The first time I saw him he was getting off the school bus and I loved him from the start. Bill looked out for me. He was always there protecting me. And when I got adopted he was very happy because I was a Kretz like he was. I miss you so much big brother. You will always be in my heart and soul. Much love always,
Your sister Debra Summers(Kretz)*



Debra Summers - August 14, 2020 at 03:03 AM

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Sue Barron - September 23, 2020 at 02:24 PM

DK

“ *I have cousin Bill to thank for getting me hooked on motorcycles. When I was a young kid Bill bought his first motorcycle, I think it was a Honda 160 Dream. He was patient and trusting enough to teach his little cousin how the clutch on a motorcycle works right in their back yard. Every time a went to their house I would drool all over the bike. Eventually he graduated to a Triumph 650 Bonneville and brother Terry would borrow it and gave me a few rides through the subdivision.*

Rest In Peace and thanks for the great memories - Dan Kretz

Dan Kretz - July 29, 2020 at 09:22 AM

SK

“ *BILL KRETZ INVITED ME TO HIS BIRTHDAY PARTY LIKE 60 YEARS AGO! THAT WAS A BIG DEAL FOR ME BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST FRIEND'S BIRTHDAY PARTY I WAS EVER INVITED TO. LIVING IN CEDAR LAKE WE WERE ALL SHIPPED OUT TO DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS SO I LOST TRACK OF BILL. I WENT TO LOWELL AND I BELIEVE HE WAS SHIPPED TO DYER/LAKE CENTRAL. WHEN MY FOLKS WERE STILL LIVING I WOULD OCCASIONALLY VISIT CEDAR LAKE AND I BUMPED INTO BILL AT CVS. THAT WAS PROBABLY 15 YEARS AGO. HE HADN'T CHANGED MUCH EXCEPT FOR GAINING A LITTLE WEIGHT. WE HAD NICE VISIT! I WISH WE WOULD HAVE KEPT IN TOUCH BECAUSE BILL WAS A GOOD GUY ! RIP BUDDY, SIEG (ZIGGY) KORTHAUER*

SIEG KORTHAUER - July 28, 2020 at 10:07 PM