



# William Byers

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**D**ecatur-William Earl Byers, 78, of Decatur, passed away at 4:05 p.m. Monday, August 16, 2010, in his home with his family by his side.

Private family graveside services to celebrate Bill's life will be held at Berea Cemetery in Niantic, IL. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday August 20, 2010, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Decatur Memorial Hospice. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).

Bill was born October 17, 1931, in Decatur, the son of William Paul and Jesse (Tapscott) Byers. He retired lieutenant on the Decatur Fire Department. He married Jody Cross June 1, 1956, in Niantic.

He leaves behind his wife Jody; son Doug Byers of Asheville, N.C.; daughters Brenda Byers of Chicago, and Mary Ann Molasky and husband Rick of Denver; sister Martha Jean Lehn and husband Stan of Warrensburg; brother George Robert and wife Gloria of Springfield; three grandchildren, and two nieces and two nephews.

He was reunited in Heaven with his parents.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Decatur Memorial Hospice and especially to hospice nurse Angela Casey for all of their loving, compassionate care.



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KA

**Kelly Tapscott Avila** posted:

My deepest sympathy is with you a this time. Bill Byers was spoken of often by my Dad, Preston Tapscott. My Dad grew up with him and he was a favorite cousin. It's not easy losing someone. Know he will always watch over you and be there with you. You are in my prayers.

December 4 at 9:18 AM

IH

**Ian And Margaret Hamilton** posted:

As friends of Brenda we would like to let the family know that we think of all of them in this time of loss. We will continue to have you in our thoughts and prayers in the weeks and months to come. Please look after yourselves and each other.

August 23 at 3:22 AM

KB

**Kelly (Beaman) & Bob Bauers** posted:

Jody, Doug & Brenda, We are so very sorry to hear about Bill. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Kelly & Bob

August 19 at 9:24 AM

GH

**Gerri And Avery Harres** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your family's loss. I always enjoyed running into Bill outside. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this trying time. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. I am always here.

August 19 at 9:08 AM

GS

**Gaia Guiri-Stearley** posted:

What a handsome man he was--and he lived his life his way! I'm sorry I never got to meet him. My condolences to all of you.

August 18 at 3:36 PM



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**Carla Graham** posted:

Aunt Jody, Doug, Brenda and Mary Ann, I am so sad to hear about Uncle Bill. I will remember his pride in being a fireman and medic, and his unique voice and how Aunt Jody used to always say "let's go, Willie!" I know what you are all going through. Know that I care and am praying for you and hope my Mom is there to great him with a big hug.Love, Carla

August 18 at 11:11 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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