



William "Bill" Friebel Sr.

August 30, 1951 - April 18, 2025

William L. Friebel Sr. of Labadie, Missouri, was born August 30, 1951 in St. Louis, Missouri to William and Viola (nee Burgan) Friebel and entered into rest Friday, April 18, 2025 in Washington, Missouri at the age of 73 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Viola (nee Burgan) Friebel, and his sister, Ann Radeackar.

He is survived by his loving wife, Karen (nee McManness) Friebel; children, Bill (Lisa) Friebel and Tim (Jen) Friebel; grandchildren, Will Friebel, Hannah Friebel, Nicholas Friebel, Jake Friebel, and Zach Friebel; brother-in-law, Jerry Radeackar; along with numerous other extended family and friends.

Bill was a devoted family man whose greatest joy came from spending time with his grandchildren, always present, always involved. Known for his deep loyalty and caring nature, he touched the lives of everyone around him. A passionate drag racer and car enthusiast, Bill's love for engines extended beyond the track—he was a true mechanical genius who could fix anything. He and his beloved wife shared a spirit of adventure, often traveling together, with New Orleans holding a special place in his heart—especially its food. At home, he was the master of the grill, known for smoking meats, grilling the perfect steak, and savoring a good Scotch. Bill lived fully, loved deeply, and left behind a legacy of warmth, skill, and unforgettable memories.

Memorial Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016.

Memorial donations may be made on behalf of Bill to St. Martin United Church of Christ-High Ridge (<https://www.stmartinucc-hr.com/give>).

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
6300 SR 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100

Tribute Wall

CA

“ I will never forget finally getting to know Bill. Fern was in the hospital & she was afraid the staff wouldn't allow Danny & I to visit her so she told them Danny was her nephew. We laughed about it because I said at least I was related through marriage & I hadn't told the fib. When I met Bill, we exchanged a good laugh when he said we were cousins now! He had the best laugh! We will miss him dearly. Karen you are in our thoughts & we are here if you need us. Condolences at this difficult time to the entire family.

Christine & Danny Alt - April 26, 2025 at 07:14 PM

GD

“ Bill and my father Sam would talk racing stories and put everything together, who raced who, who was winning who was cheating. He would tell stories about building motors, transmissions and the Chicano motorhome. I always wanted to see the Camaro make more passes. It was great catching up with Bill at the few lunches I made with the race crew on Wednesday's. I will miss his laughing, hearing his stories and that identifiable Mustache. Peace be with the Family and the Racing Family.
George Davis

George Davis - April 23, 2025 at 12:05 PM

CF

“ Christine & Danny Alt & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Friebe Sr..

Christine & Danny Alt & family - April 22, 2025 at 06:32 PM

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“ Christine & Danny Alt & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Friebe Sr..



Christine & Danny Alt & family - April 22, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" Friebe Sr..

April 22, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Friebe Sr..



April 22, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" Friebe Sr..

April 20, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Friebe Sr..



April 20, 2025 at 11:24 AM

LR

“ We were blessed to have Bill and Karen as our life long friends in DragRacing and New Years celebrations. Rest in peace our dear friend. We love you dear Karen. 🙏



Larry and Linda Runnels - April 20, 2025 at 09:29 AM

BS

“ Bob & Julie Sparks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Friebe Sr..

Bob & Julie Sparks - April 19, 2025 at 06:54 PM

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“ Bob & Julie Sparks purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Friebe Sr..



Bob & Julie Sparks - April 19, 2025 at 06:54 PM