



William Otto Beard

November 8, 1954 - September 1, 2018

Memorial services for William Otto Beard will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at the Driftwood Christian Church with Rev. Eddy Bob Mathews and Mark Berry officiating. He was cremated at his request and there will be a visitation with the family from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday at Marshall Funeral Home of Alva in Alva, Oklahoma.

William Otto Beard, 63, of Ponca City, Oklahoma shed his wheelchair and walked into eternity with his Lord on September 1st, 2018 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma William was born November 8, 1954 in Cherokee, Oklahoma to the late Billy Virl and Evah Mae (Hill) Beard of Amorita, Oklahoma. William grew up and attended grade school in Amorita, Oklahoma and graduated from Burlington High School in Burlington, Oklahoma. He married Patti Jo Clark on August 9, 1975 in Byron, Oklahoma.

Bill and Patti started their life together living outside of Byron, and Bill's life was characterized by a strong work ethic as he provided for his family through demanding jobs as a heavy equipment operator, welder, public utility worker, facility maintenance, and many other jobs where his skill, strength, and ingenuity were put into action. After a couple of years in Byron, Bill and Patti moved to a small farm outside of Cherokee where in addition to his regular employment Bill raised sheep and other animals. After a few years, Bill moved his family to Alva, Oklahoma where he served as a volunteer firefighter and a

city councilman.

In 1994, Bill experienced a spiritual transformation in which God led him back to church, where he became extensively involved as a deacon, teacher, and youth group volunteer. In 1999, Bill answered a life-changing call by God to enter into the ministry; by faith he quit his job and moved to Joplin, Missouri to attend Ozark Christian College where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Biblical Literature. Bill and Patti served several churches in Missouri and Oklahoma until Bill retired from ministry in 2015 in Ponca City. Bill and Patti moved to a small farm north of Ponca City in which they raised goats and other animals. Bill returned to working as a welder, and then as a heavy equipment operator for Kay County where he worked until an automobile accident left him paralyzed in December 2016.

Bill was a multi-talented man who could fix anything that was broken, cook anything in dutch oven over an open fire, play any instrument that had strings, and sing any country western song that was worth singing. Bill provided unmeasurable joy to people by playing music in all sorts of venues; churches, nursing homes, garages and barns echoed with the sounds of his guitar, bass, fiddle, and steel guitar, and countless couples danced the Texas Two Step while Bill bellowed out a classic country song. Bill loved the outdoors a lot and his family a whole lot more, and the highlight of his year was the Beard Family Deer Camp, where Bill served as chief cook and storyteller.

William was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Luanne Boham. William is survived by his beloved wife Patti; his son Christopher Beard and his wife Kerri from Lumberton, Texas; his daughter Lindsy Stidham and her husband Randy from Rogers, Arkansas; his son Matthew Beard and his wife Sarah from Brandenburg, Kentucky; eight grandchildren: Nathan, Laney, Riley, and Joslynn Beard; Zane and Leia Garner; and Aaron and Patrick Beard, all who will miss their PaPa very much.

William is also survived by two loving sisters, Marsha Carothers and her husband Ken; Ronda Eslinger and her husband Dan; his father-in-law and mother-in-law Charles and Phyllis Clark; three brothers-in-law, Loyd Boham; C.T. Clark and his wife Brenda; and Randy Clark; his sister-in-law Julie Wilkinson and her husband Keith; and other loving family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Ozark Christian College in memory of William Beard at occ.edu/donate or by mail to: Ozark Christian College, 1111 N Main Street, Joplin, MO 64801. Donations will be used towards a scholarship fund for non-traditional ministry students, who like Bill, are answering a life-changing call into ministry.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804
Alva, OK 73717
(580) 327-2311
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Service

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Driftwood Christian Church
32516 State Highway 8
Cherokee, OK 73728

Tribute Wall



“ *William Otto Beard*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *in the short time that I knew him at Oakwood in Neosho I had never met a kinder man. Him and Patty welcomed me in their home many times. He sat with me for over 6 hours while my wife was having surgery for breast cancer. I loved Bill Beard and he will be missed.*

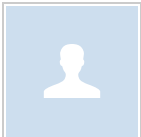
Kevin Yetter - September 16, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss and pray for strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

Bill & Kay (Miller) Smith

Kay Smith - September 04, 2018 at 07:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Otto Beard.*



September 04, 2018 at 12:25 AM

JS

“ *Patti, Chris, Lindsi, Matthew and other Family members,
With Saddness I write this. I just always believed God had a Plan for
William & Patti*

*As he would get better they would travel testifying to William's
healing. Today I write this note. I still believe God had a plan just
different than the one I thought. I will Always have wonderful
memories of my Cousin.*

*I want to add a note to Patti. Thank-You for taking such good care of
our Cousin you were Always there for him so we appreciate you as I
know he did.*

I do believe you both had True Love for each other.

Love You All

Bill & Jannette

Jannette Swafford - September 03, 2018 at 11:31 AM

LG

“ *To the family of William*

*My condolences to a fine person's family. I shall always remember
William's ready smile an the twinkle of his eyes.*

*I have known William and Patti since both were born. I always
enjoyed listening to the Beard family Picking and singing.*

*Patti it will be a tough row for you to hoe for a while ,Keep the great
memories.. that helps. My thoughts and prayers for all of you.*

Lois Guffy

Lois L Guffy - September 02, 2018 at 10:28 PM


Claudette
Parker

“ I have many life long memories of William. I remember singing while he played up at the Amorita Community Building when I was a young girl. I remember all the orneriness we got into as kids while going to school together at Burlington. I have been so fortunate to have been able to visit him and Patti over the past several months. William was a kind, caring person who would call me on my stuff, but he did it nicely. He was loved by many and we will all miss him very much.



Claudette Parker - September 02, 2018 at 04:16 PM

GN

“ Patti, Chris, Lindsi, Matthew and all the families, our hearts go out to you with all our love. We lost track of each other but you were never forgotten. We have often wondered where you settled and talked about how you were such good friends to have. I'm so sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers. You have our phone number, please call when you are feeling you need to just talk. Love to all.

Glennis and Linda Naylor - September 02, 2018 at 04:00 PM


Claudette
Parker

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Claudette Parker - September 02, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Otto Beard.*



September 01, 2018 at 11:43 PM



Lauralee Ward

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lauralee Ward - September 01, 2018 at 09:04 PM



Lauralee Ward

I am Hugh's daughter my daddy sure did think a lot of Bill. I'm so sorry for your loss but I can't help but think about the beautiful music they are probably playing together . Bill will be greatly missed he was such a special guy to our family.

Lauralee Ward - September 01, 2018 at 09:07 PM

HA

*Dave and I always enjoyed our little get-away trips to Joplin area to hang out with Bill and Patti. We had a lot of fun encouraging each other and yard saling together. We were blessed by your friendship! Continued prayers for you Patti, as well as for the rest of your family. Love and hugs!
Helen and Dave Atzenweiler*

Helen Atzenweiler - September 02, 2018 at 11:29 PM