



## William "Bill" Brooks

January 29, 1962 - November 12, 2024

### In Loving Memory of Bill Brooks

(January 29, 1962 – November 12, 2024)

With deep sorrow and heavy hearts, we announce the sudden passing of William (Bill, Billy) Lee Brooks, age 62, who left us far too soon on November 12th. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and friend, Bill was the heartbeat of every room he entered and the light in the lives of all who knew him.

Bill had the unique ability to make anyone feel like they were the most important person in the world. His infectious laugh, quick wit, and sense of humor could turn even the most ordinary moments into something extraordinary. He was also the instigator, the troublemaker, and the one who always got caught but never got in trouble because he could charm his way out of any punishment with his squinty-eyed grin and contagious giggle. That was Bill. He loved telling a joke, sharing a funny story, or simply offering words of encouragement, as his presence was one of warmth, laughter, and love. He was the go-to for it all.

Bill came into this world on January 29, 1962, born to Dick and Leanne Brooks. He was the funniest sibling who grew up surrounded by the love and shenanigans of his five brothers and sisters. Together, they share a close bond and many cherished and crazy memories growing up as a family of six in Berlin ("The Brady Bunch").

Bill attended St. Stanislaus Grade School and Berlin High School where he made lifelong friends and began to cultivate his reputation as a fun-loving troublemaker. He went on to study (i.e: play football) at Concordia College, St. Paul where his adventurous spirit and athleticism truly flourished. Bill was shaped by the guidance of many influential coaches, such as Steve Stellmacher (Berlin High School) and Jim Brown (Concordia-St Paul). Their mentorship and continued friendship left an indelible mark on his life, and he carried those lessons with him long after his athletic career ended. He then took on the coaching hat for his boys, starting with the Pop Warner program at a young age.

Fun-loving trouble seemed to follow Bill wherever he went. River Raft Regatta was one of the summer highlights where the original Brooks home was opened up to 40+ of Bill's high school and college friends. Many friends met, shared stories, and had a few too many while floating down the Fox River only to create more stories and memories to last a lifetime.

One of his greatest achievements of his time at Concordia-St Paul was meeting Amy Meyer, the love of his life. They met in 1984, married April 23, 1988, and raised two amazing young men together, Steven and Michael. His family brought him his greatest pride and joy. As a devoted father, he taught his sons the value of kindness, generosity, and laughter. Then becoming a grandfather, he was the best around, showering his two beautiful granddaughters, Everly and Hallie, with affection, love, and endless amusement. As a husband, Bill was a rock — steadfast, loving, and always ready with a comforting word or a well-timed joke to brighten his family's day. His love for Amy was evident in everything he did, and their partnership was a beautiful example of true love and devotion.

To his siblings, nieces, nephews, and friends, Bill was a constant source of joy and support. His loyalty and generosity knew no bounds, and he was always the first to offer help (plowing snow at every house he could see that needed a hand), lend a listening ear, or crack a joke to lighten the mood. He truly was the best friend to all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy is not just in the love he gave, but in the laughter and memories he created.

Bill began his work life in sales at McGregor Sand Knit in Berlin. This was the start of his solid foundation and after a few years, Alliance Laundry Systems/UniMac was then his career home until retirement in May 2022. Throughout his time at Alliance, his sales travels and work relationships turned into great friendships near and far. Bill was given fantastic opportunities to travel for Alliance and include Amy as well. Their memories all over the world will forever be cherished. And of course, in Bill fashion, so many hilarious stories will forever be told.

Bill dedicated 36 years of his busy life to the Berlin Fire Department, serving as Captain. He had a bit of his dad in him, as seen in his love for cutting down trees and starting brush fires! He was actually upset he wasn't around to fight the most recent fire in the Puchyan Marsh – as marsh fires were his favorite to fight. The Berlin department became a huge part of his ever-extending family. He used his position in the laundry industry to make sure fire departments nationwide had the right laundry equipment for cleaning fire gear.

Family was his life. Surviving him are his wife, Amy; sons, Steven (Melanie), Michael (AJ); and his cherished granddaughters Everly and Hallie, all who brought him endless happiness. Siblings include, Tom (Georgia) Brooks, Terri (Don) Osterberg, Bob (Laurie) Brooks, Cathy (Rob) Hargrave, and Kelly (Tom) Krause. Bill also had a wonderful family of in-laws, and a tribe of amazing nieces, nephews, and the next generation.

He joins in heaven his Dad, Mom, and an unborn child of Steven and Melanie, whom he is now cradling in his arms.

We are completely heartbroken by his loss, yet we take comfort in knowing of the gift of forgiveness and everlasting life that His Savior, Jesus Christ, has granted him. We find joy in knowing that Bill's spirit will live on in the stories he told, the laughter he shared, and the countless ways he touched the lives of everyone around him. He may no longer be with us in person, but his light will continue to shine through the hearts of those who loved him.

May we all learn from him  
and live a bit more like Bill.

Family and friends are welcome to join us in honoring Bill as his visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at St. John Lutheran Church, 168 Mound Street, Berlin, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. It is this very church that Bill spent countless hours as a trustee of the church.

His funeral will be held on Wednesday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church with Pastor Rob Schrader officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. prior to the service.

There will be a private family inurnment following the service, all are invited to adjourn to Masticola's On Broadway for a luncheon and a time for sharing beginning at noon.

In place of flowers, the family asks that you make a monetary donation to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department or St. John Lutheran Church or School.

Rest in peace, Bill; you were truly one of a kind, and we will miss you more than words can express. Your love, humor, and kindness will forever live on in our hearts.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church  
168 Mound Street  
Berlin, WI 54923  
<http://www.stjohnberlin.org>

## Visitation

NOV **20.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church  
168 Mound Street  
Berlin, WI 54923  
<http://www.stjohnberlin.org>

## Funeral Service

NOV **20.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church  
168 Mound Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Brooks*



**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - November 17, 2024 at 12:31 AM

DD

*What a beautiful life lived! His smile was infectious and he will forever be in our hearts! Love you Billy. Rob & Debbie Dean*

**Debbie Dean** - November 18, 2024 at 04:25 PM

DA

*This is a beautiful tribute to a life well lived. Prayers for Comfort and Peace to Bills family*

**Deborah Altomare** - November 25, 2024 at 09:11 AM

LP

“ *I am so sad to hear of Bill's passing. We worked side by side at Alliance for 10 years, then we both moved and I supported him in Sales for 3 years. He was always so cheerful and brightened everyone's day. He was generous and would offer help to anyone. Really, he was an outstanding person. Please remember all the good times you shared as a family.*



**Linda Payne** - November 20, 2024 at 02:20 PM

PS

“ *Prayers to your family for strength. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.*



**Prayers to your family for strength.** - November 19, 2024 at 12:32 PM

PS

“ Prayers to your family for strength. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Brooks.

Prayers to your family for strength. - November 19, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ 4 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - November 18, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



November 18, 2024 at 04:39 PM



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

November 18, 2024 at 04:39 PM

AE

“ Andrew Everts planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Brooks.

Andrew Everts - November 18, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



November 18, 2024 at 01:27 PM



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

November 18, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



November 18, 2024 at 12:22 PM

YN

“ Your Friends at American Laundry News purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



**Your Friends at American Laundry News** - November 18, 2024 at 11:44 AM

RD

“ Ralph and Nancy Daniels purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



**Ralph and Nancy Daniels** - November 18, 2024 at 11:27 AM

RD

“ Ralph and Nancy Daniels planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Brooks.

**Ralph and Nancy Daniels** - November 18, 2024 at 11:27 AM



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November 18, 2024 at 11:16 AM



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November 18, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort for your family and loved ones.  
Joann Jodarski

JeffJoann Jodarski - November 18, 2024 at 08:21 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



November 17, 2024 at 09:50 PM



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

November 17, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ There will never be another man like Bill Brooks.  
Our Leader, Our Boss, but most importantly Our Friend!

*I so will miss that Smile and that Laugh. Heaven Gained a Great Man Tuesday morning.*

*Until we meet again...  
Rest In Peace my Friend 🙏🙏🙏*

Mark Moore - November 17, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



November 17, 2024 at 04:33 PM



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

November 17, 2024 at 04:33 PM



“ Mark & Ryan Hubbard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



Mark & Ryan Hubbard - November 17, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ 586 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - November 16, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Amy and her family. Bill was a compassionate and generous soul who always went out of his way to help others. He was a true friend, and his absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him. He will be missed.

The Brian Pollatz Family

Beth Pollatz - November 16, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



November 16, 2024 at 02:21 PM



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

November 16, 2024 at 02:21 PM

ND

“ Neshkoro Fire Department purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



Neshkoro Fire Department - November 16, 2024 at 09:20 AM

ND

“ Neshkoro Fire Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Brooks.

Neshkoro Fire Department - November 16, 2024 at 09:20 AM

MF

“ Amy, Michael and Family.

*I cannot imagine the pain you must be feeling right now. Thank you for sharing such a heartfelt and perfect tribute to Bill through his obituary. I pray you will find comfort and peace in sharing your great memories of Bill with the countless friends and colleagues his life influenced and made better with his kind, gentle, giving, and fun loving spirit. I am positive he will always be remembered, and forever be loved and admired. There are not enough Bill's in this world today, he will be missed! With sincerest sympathy, Mike and Amy Fox.*

Michael Fox - November 16, 2024 at 08:15 AM

LF

“ Love, the John LaBuda Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



Love, the John LaBuda Family - November 15, 2024 at 07:51 PM

YA

“ Your friends at Girbau North America purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



Your friends at Girbau North America - November 15, 2024 at 07:49 PM

BP

“ I went to college with Bill and Amy. Whomever wrote Bill's obituary painted the picture of exactly how I remember him. I went to one of the first River raft weekends. My husband and I went to their wedding dance since we lived in Poy Sippi at the time. They were so in love. My heart is hurting for you Amy. You will be in my prayers.

Bernice Pehl - November 15, 2024 at 05:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



November 15, 2024 at 03:49 PM



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

November 15, 2024 at 03:49 PM

SD

“ I worked with Bill when he started at Sand Knit many many years ago. Such a great guy. Whenever I saw him he always remembered me and talked to me. Our deepest sympathy.

Sharon Deppe

Sharon Deppe - November 15, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.*



November 15, 2024 at 02:46 PM

AW

“ *All of us at Hynes & Waller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.*



**All of us at Hynes & Waller** - November 15, 2024 at 02:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.*



November 15, 2024 at 01:16 PM

BB

“ *"A grove of 3 Memorial Tress was planted in honor of William "Bill" Brooks." Becky Bartels and Rachel Lenz*



**BECKY BARTELS** - November 15, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" Brooks.*

November 15, 2024 at 09:03 AM

KE

“ Amy, we're deeply sorry for the loss of your incredible husband, Bill. His infectious smile, warm presence, and unwavering dedication to his family and community were truly remarkable. His beautiful legacy will undoubtedly live on through the values he instilled and the love he shared with you, Steven, Michael, and their families. Sending love, prayers, and peace to all of you during this heartbreaking time. Kelly & Phillip Elkin

Kelly Elkin - November 15, 2024 at 08:09 AM

DP

Amy, My deepest heartfelt sympathy ❤️ for your loss of Bill... I am so sorry you have to endure this deep sadness... you and Bill shared wonderful years of memories that you will cherish always....I know he is enjoying his eternal home with his parents and others but I know you love and miss him dearly.... Hugs and prayers, Dawn Panoch

Dawn Panoch - November 15, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



November 15, 2024 at 03:02 AM



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

November 15, 2024 at 03:02 AM

MC

“ So many wonderful memories of an amazing human being who loved life to its fullest! I feel honored to have spent time talking and laughing with him at his Mother's recent Celebration of Life. You'll be in our hearts and smiles forever Bill ❤️



Mike Calabresa - November 15, 2024 at 12:59 AM

TC

“ Rest in Peace my friend.



Therese Coleman - November 15, 2024 at 12:31 AM

RM

“ Robbie Meyer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



Robbie Meyer - November 14, 2024 at 11:05 PM

CM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We love you and are praying for you and your family daily.

Chris & Margaret Metras

Chris Metras - November 14, 2024 at 10:34 PM

JT

“ Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. Hugs to all of you and prayers for peace and strength.



Julie Tews - November 14, 2024 at 09:20 PM

KR

“ Bill is truly one of the loveliest humans I've ever been blessed to know, and equally blessed to work alongside of at Alliance for many years. We are all better for having basked in his generosity, spirit and humor. My blessings to the family.



Kathryn Rowen - November 14, 2024 at 08:11 PM

SW

“ Bill has been one of the nicest , kindest people I met when I moved to Berlin. My son Ryan said his favorite memory is going to the Berlin fire department porkroast every year. We were just there and Bill buckled him in for a firetruck ride with all his friends.

You will be missed.

With deepest condolences

Susan, Jason, Ryan Wendt



Susan Wendt - November 14, 2024 at 07:09 PM

FL

“ From your friends at Harco Co. Ltd. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



From your friends at Harco Co. Ltd. - November 14, 2024 at 03:08 PM

FL

“ From your friends at Harco Co. Ltd. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Brooks.

From your friends at Harco Co. Ltd. - November 14, 2024 at 03:08 PM

RV

“ Ryan and Brianna Viertel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



Ryan and Brianna Viertel - November 14, 2024 at 01:44 PM

RL

“ Ryan Lucken purchased the Fairest of All for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



Ryan Lucken - November 14, 2024 at 01:38 PM

LD

“ Love, Gregor and Delaney purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



Love, Gregor and Delaney - November 14, 2024 at 12:43 PM

VB

“ Sorry for your loss. Bill will be dearly missed. I will miss his smile and his good morning at church. Amy you are surrounded by church family and your lovely family.



Vicky Borgens - November 14, 2024 at 11:21 AM

JV

“ Sorry for your loss...



John/ Donna Viertel - November 14, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.



November 14, 2024 at 09:18 AM

DE

“ Debra Ewald lit a candle in memory of William Brooks



Debra Ewald - November 14, 2024 at 05:01 AM

BH

“ *Bret & Angie Higgins purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.*



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**Bret & Angie Higgins** - November 13, 2024 at 10:26 PM

SL

“ *Bill always had a smile on his face and was one of the happiest people I have met! He and my husband had a special bond and Amy and I often said it was good they didn't live in the same town! Bill, you will forever live in our hearts and we will take good care of Amy and the boys! Love you!!!! The Lindahl's*

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**Stacy Lindahl** - November 13, 2024 at 07:41 PM

PL

*My memory of Bill gave of himself unconditionally to family, friends and community. In our case my parents house fire. He salvaged firearms and ammo that could have hurt anyone plus medicine for my dad. Amy he was a very good man. Cherish the memories. Take each day at a time. There will be ups and downs. Except my condolences unconditionally.  
Bill rest in peace.*

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**Pamela Lind** - November 14, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Brooks.*



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November 13, 2024 at 07:41 PM