



William James McClelland Jr.

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It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of William "Bill" James McClelland Jr., who left us on May 6, 2025, in Dallas, Texas. Born on May 31, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois, Bill was the cherished son of William James McClelland and Jane Hamilton.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, and friend. His love for his extended family—including many cousins, nieces, and nephews—ran deep. He cherished the memories made with his loved ones over the years. He shared 57 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Joanne McClelland. Together, they built a life filled with love, adventure, and enduring friendship, living in Illinois, Indiana, and ultimately settling in Texas to be closer to their grandsons.

A passionate sports enthusiast and a true Chicagoan at heart, Bill was a loyal fan of the Cubs, Bears, and Blackhawks. He loved to travel, especially to Florida's beaches, where he enjoyed beach walks and the ocean view. He also found joy in reading mystery novels and, in his later years, savoring a good scotch. Bill took great pride in his Scottish and Irish ancestry.

Bill served in the Army Reserves for six years, demonstrating his dedication and sense of duty. He began his professional career as a computer programmer and later becoming a Business Manager at a law firm in Merrillville, Indiana. Throughout his career, he formed many lifelong friendships. Known for his great personality and unforgettable sense of humor, Bill's classic dad jokes and laugh brought joy to everyone he met. His family remembers him as loving, loyal, and endlessly generous.

Bill's Catholic faith was a cornerstone of his life. He was the proud father of three children and the devoted grandfather of three grandchildren, who brought him immeasurable joy and will miss him dearly. He is survived by his loving wife, Joanne; his children, William McClelland, Michael



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McClelland (Kristin), and Jodie Ballard (Spencer); and his treasured grandchildren, Francesca, William, and Andrew.

Bill will be remembered as an amazing husband and father, lifelong friend, a favorite cousin, and a beloved uncle to many. His legacy of love, laughter, and faith will live on in all who were lucky enough to know him.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate Bill's life, with details to be shared with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Cancer Research Institute or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital—charities close to Bill's heart.

May his soul rest in peace, and may his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.

“May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.”



Events


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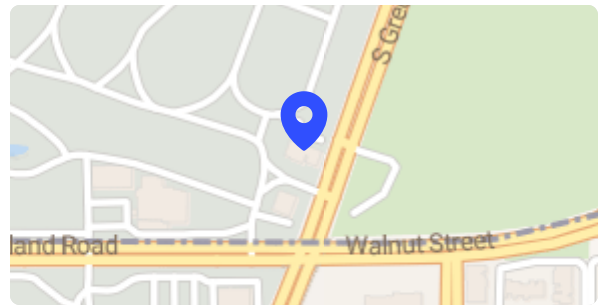
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Funeral

 **Friday**, May 30, 2025

 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CT

 **Restland Funeral Home - Wildwood Chapel**
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243



Cemetery Details

 **Arbors At Wildwood**
Dallas TX 75243



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the McClelland family.

May 27 at 9:01 AM



Sully, Ev, Jenny, & Mike Sikes sent a Beautiful Dreams to the McClelland family.

May 26 at 3:38 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the McClelland family.

May 19 at 3:13 PM



Robin, Don, Cameron And Therese sent a Country Basket Blooms to the McClelland family.

May 15 at 1:02 PM



Robin, Don, Cameron And Therese planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

May 15 at 1:02 PM



Randy Oles posted:

He was my "boss" at Thompson Farms when I was a snot-nosed teenager. We were on the fourth floor and when Billy would quickly run up the stairs from the third floor where, my cousin and I, often goofing off, would hear his ring cling against the metal railing. We would then "snap to attention" busily looking like we were hard at work. He would then give us the a stare saying "I know what you two were up." ;-) Other memories include playing "matchbook football" on his desk. He was a great guy with a family so very blessed. R.I.P. Billy.

May 15 at 7:14 AM



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Deborah K. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



May 15 at 6:34 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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