



William F. (Bill) Bourns

September 20, 1942 - March 13, 2026

Dr. William (Bill) F. Bourns, who was eighty-three years old, died peacefully on Friday, March 13, 2026, in Crystal Lake, Illinois, after many complications from diabetes. Bill was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and his parents were Jack H. Bourns and Jewel E. (Covey) Bourns. Bill graduated from Salem High School in Salem, Illinois, then graduated from Southern Illinois University with a double major in elementary and secondary education, receiving a Master's Degree in Educational Administration at the University of Illinois, and then a Ph.D from the University of Illinois in Education, and finally another Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement. He published many articles about community policing and law enforcement.

Bill is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie A. (Bourns) Harter and Charles Harter, and Dr. Becky (Bourns) McTague and Dr. James McTague. In addition, his nieces and nephews are Jennifer (McTague) Savone, Bryan McTague, Racheal McTague, Rick Harter, and Sarah (Harter) Thurman.

A memorial service will be held at the chapel at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 5111 South Memorial Drive, at 10 A. M., Saturday, march 28th, with a small graveside military salute following the ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to your local public television.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

5111 south memorial dr
Tulsa , OK 74145

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

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