



William Weinel

March 9, 1953 - September 13, 2020

William (Billy) Weinel, 67, passed on September 13 surrounded by loved ones. He is survived by daughter Mandi Martinez, grandsons Christian and Jayden Martinez, father Jack Weinel, siblings Diana, Jackie, Bryan (Dawn) Weinel and Laura (Eddie) Mroczko and former wife Debbie (Chuck) Cameron. He was preceded in death by his mother Phyllis, step mothers Roberta and Helen Weinel, brother Randy Heding, and recently his partner of 25 years Debbie Salem.

Billy was born in McKeesport, PA and moved with his family to Tampa at the age of 3. He grew up in the Town & Country area and attended Leto High School. Billy was ambitious and a self-starter. In his early teens he delivered newspapers for the former Tampa Times and managed a lawn service providing yard upkeep to customers in his neighborhood. He joined the Air Force in the 70's. Billy lived for a short time in Sebring, FL before returning to Tampa.

Billy had one daughter, Mandi, who was the love of his life and the sparkle in his eye. He was extremely proud of her sons Christian and Jayden. He would always look forward to their get togethers so he could share all his new stories and laughs with them.

Billy spent most of his life working with cars. His love of car repair started at a young age when he received a go-cart. He learned basic repairs from his dad and developed more skills via trial and error. He acquired old cars ("junkers") which he managed to restore to working order. The tall pine tree in the back yard frequently sported an engine hanging mid-air above an old car. Billy worked as a mechanic at various locations starting with the local Super Test gas station. He later transitioned to selling pre-owned cars. Over the years Billy owned and co-owned several businesses selling cars. He was most recently working for Carrollwood Auto Repair & Sales/AutoMax.

Billy could be loud, boisterous, and colorful in conversations. He could weave a story that straddled fact and fiction. Although he readily spoke his mind, Billy had a soft spot in his heart, especially for family and friends. He will be thoroughly missed, but the shared

memories of times with Billy will last forever.

Comments



“ Billy Weinel was one of my favorite people !
Not a week would go by that he didn't call me with a car for sale, Tell me a joke, or just to chat. Him and Debbie were both Huge Hearted people
A true friend and colleague for over 40 years.God will bless him for for having a true and loving heart..

With great sympathy,
Jim Tichenor
Tampa Fleet Sales

jim tichenor - October 02 at 09:01 AM



“ Mandi & Family,

I'm so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with all of you thru this difficult time... I will never forget Uncle Billy and all his silliness, funny jokes & stories you could never prepare yourself for what he was about to come up with. You never walked away from him without your face, sides & stomach hurting so much from laughing... I have a lot of fond memories over there thru the years...I spent almost every weekend and just about the whole summers there with my cousin Mandi.... Even though Billy and my Aunt were divorced Billy always considered me his niece and always welcomed me with open arms for that I will be forever grateful...I will always hold the memories in my heart and never forget all the fun times. Don't worry about Mandi or the boys I will always be by her side and theirs Fly High R.I.P. Uncle Billy you will be deeply missed <3

Love Nicole

Nicole - September 30 at 12:49 AM



“ This man was my ROCK!!! He was rough on the outside but the most caring and loving man on the inside. He had a big heart and always willing to help anyone. I cannot even think of a time he was not there for me when I needed him. He always knew how to turn a bad situation into something funny. We had many plans for the future. I promise to stay true to them and make him proud as he watches over me. He was an amazing father and I will cherish all the memories forever. I love and miss you so much!!!

Mandi Martinez - September 29 at 07:37 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William Weinel.



September 29 at 10:22 AM



“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Mandi Martinez - September 28 at 11:38 AM



“ Billy was a second father to me. I have countless memories that I will cherish forever. Sleep overs at Billy's were always a great time!! From driving around in cool cars, fun dinners and movie nights to just everyday living, Billy was always there for me. Sending my condolences to all family and friends of Billy. He is now forever an angel who will look over us all.
-Kristen Spoor (Davis)

Kristen - September 28 at 09:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Weinel.



September 28 at 08:44 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Diana - September 27 at 11:13 PM



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Diana - September 27 at 11:05 PM



“ My brother in law was a very kind loving man and a great dad, had a family that loved him very much.



Dawn Weinel - September 27 at 04:34 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories



Mandi Martinez - September 23 at 08:58 AM



“ He really was a softie under that gravelly old voice. I can still see him driving Debbie everywhere she needed to go. He will be missed.

NINA - September 20 at 09:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Weinel.



September 18 at 10:11 AM



“ We did business together for 45 years. Not one argument in all that time. Very fair man. He will be missed for the rest of my life.

HarryBrown - September 18 at 10:01 AM



“ I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Billy very well. I remember meeting him once when I was very young and my family was visiting the Wienel family from New Jersey. He arrived, a very handsome young man, at the house with a large package and seemed pretty excited. He opened the package to reveal a water ski. I could tell by the way he looked at and handled it that we was very happy to have it. My eight year old self had never known anyone who did such adventurous things as waterskiing and I was very much in awe of him.

It wasn't until the last five years that I had the pleasure of seeing him and meeting Debbie a couple of times at family events. I'm so grateful to have had those opportunities to have conversations with them both and get to know them a bit. Rich and I extend our heartfelt condolences to all of those whose hearts are grieving over their loss. We wish you peace of heart and mind. May Billy forever rest easy.

Dorothy Drevnak - September 18 at 07:06 AM



“ RIP Billy!!



Debbie Cameron - September 17 at 10:32 PM



“ Now that a little over a week has passed since you left your loved ones it starting to kick in your not coming home and I'm just sick to my stomach knowing I will never see you again! As I went through old photo albums it all became very real to me that no more phone calls, no more birthdays with our grandsons and no more bickering over what is now not relevant than nor now. I'm going to try to remember all the great times we had rather it was in the Checkmate, Splashdance or long gone. I'll never forget the day we were on Lake Jackson in Sebring and you wouldn't let me back in the boat until I got up on the skis. I was very upset that day but super happy that you taught me how to ski and ride the board which was called a hydro slide back then. We had so many great times together rather it be at the beach condo for three months in the summer for a few years or just a road trip to see your Uncle Hack and Aunt Pat in PA then to New York City (. Had to have that Gucci bag and wallet). Lol and Atlantic City. Those were just a few things we shared together but the BEST thing we shared together was our daughter Mandi and now our grandsons Christian and Jayden. Billy I'm going to miss you so much and will always love you for giving me the gift of life of our sweet babygirl! Rest In Peace my friend and I will forever hold you in my heart

Debbie Cameron - September 26 at 06:08 AM



“ Bryan, I'm so sorry to hear about your brother. In this challenging time, I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences.

Andre Alston
Castalia NC



Andre Alston - September 17 at 05:14 PM