



William H. "Bill" Houston

January 23, 1946 - June 6, 2017

William H. "Bill" Houston, born in Syracuse, NY, Bill lived in a small railroad town until he was 14. His grandfather worked on the Pennsylvania Railroad, in Harrisburg where Bill spent his summers. This is where his lifelong love of trains came from. Bill served his country in the US Navy during the Vietnam War Era. He spent 30 years in logistic management with his last vocation being with Bellsouth before retiring in 2005. His retiring allowed him to enjoy his lifelong love of trains by volunteering at the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum in Calera where he was the Chief Conductor prior to becoming ill. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Raquel, three children, William Jr., Andrew, and Kristen, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the Morgan Road United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. with the service at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions are made to Openhandsoverflowinghearts.org

Tribute Wall

WA

“ You will be missed my friend.\r\nTaking me under your wing the first couple of years at the museum I learn so much about life. \r\nYou were my mentor and every time I step on the train your spirit will be with me. \r\n\r\nWalter

Walter Akridge - September 17, 2021 at 11:02 AM

GW

“ Racquel and family,\r\nOur heart-felt sympathy goes out to you. Bill was a wonderful person and a joy to work with on the trains. He taught us a lot. God give you all peace.

Glenn & Teresa Walker - September 17, 2021 at 11:02 AM

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“ May the Holy Spirit fill your heart with peace and comfort. May the Love of the Lord sustain you in coping with your loss. My the celebration of Bill's life be a joyful event, rejoicing in his accomplishments and his glorious victory. Love you. Edna and Romeo.\r\n\r\n

Edna and Romeo Escobedo - September 17, 2021 at 11:02 AM

TS

“ Bill, you were always such a joy. You never stopped fighting until you had heard the voice of God. Now you rest in his arms and we will always miss you. Coquis, we love you so much. We are praying that you are blessed with strength and courage. We pray that your pain will soon make way for the memories that will sustain you. We are here for you.

Tia Irma and Sandra - June 16, 2017 at 07:07 PM

MF

“ *All Aboard the Heavenly Express. Hope we all meet again one day. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you!*

Mark Walker & Family - June 13, 2017 at 07:14 PM

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Edna and Romeo Escobedo - June 13, 2017 at 02:27 AM

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Glenn & Teresa Walker - June 12, 2017 at 09:07 PM

MS

“ *My heart breaks for you Raquel. Just always remember you were loved unconditionally. Bill was a good friend husband father he will be truly missed. I love you and I am always here for you. God bless you my friend*

Marie Showell - June 12, 2017 at 07:05 PM

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Walter Akridge - June 12, 2017 at 05:00 PM