



William J. "Bill" Davis

January 18, 1945 - December 8, 2019

William J. "Bill" Davis, 74, of Estero, FL passed away Sunday, December 8, 2019 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. Formerly of St. Louis, MO he had been a resident of Estero since 2009 and spent his summers in Baldwin, MI the past 16 years. Bill was born January 18, 1945 in Wood County, WI a son of the late Joe and Catherine (Gassen) Davis.

He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and earned his Master's Degree in Communication at Webster University. Bill spent his career as a sportscaster with KTVI in St. Louis. His outstanding coverage of all St. Louis' sports and working as the weekend sports anchor was recognized with an Emmy Award in 1982. Mr. Davis was then an adjunct professor at Webster University and he also taught in Vienna, Austria for four months. He retired at the age of 62.

Bill's passions included fly fishing, deer and duck hunting and playing the drums in his jazz band. He was a sports enthusiast and fan of the Green Bay Packers, St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Blues.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 37 years, Mary Margaret (Compas) Davis; daughter, Brooke (Scott) Robison of Waller; grandchildren, Brandy Borland, Christina Dent, Nate Robinson USN, and Natalie Robinson; sister, Char Johnson of Wisconsin Rapids, WI; brother-in-law, Daniel Compas of

Vero Beach, FL; sister-in-law, Liz (Bill) Quade of Sun City, AZ; nieces, nephews and a great niece and great nephews.

A memorial mass will be celebrated on Friday, January 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33967.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bill's name may be made to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JAN **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Tribute Wall



“ *William J. "Bill" Davis*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Bill and I worked together at KTVI back when dinosaurs roamed the earth. I was so happy to connect with him again on Facebook!*

This is one of the last Instant Messenger posts between the two of us. Thought you'd like to see it:

love what's left of your life, Kay. Every frigging second of it. Love those who are close to you. My Mary is a saint. She is taking especially good care of me. We lie side by side in bed at night and hold on tight, cry a little, relive our lives together, laugh a laugh and are so grateful for what we have.

Loved that Billy! Miss him!

Kay Long Masiero - December 16, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ *Bill and I used to eat stress for our meals every night when we worked in the sports office at KTVI-TV in St. Louis. When he was fired up for a big story, Bill's passion and intensity was second to none. Who could ever forget that smile and laugh? His IFB forever hears everything now. Peace Bill*

—Tim Nuell

Tim Nuell - December 14, 2019 at 12:39 PM

VK

“ *I remember summer evenings on your screened porch. They were lovely and carefree. We will miss Bill!*
Love , Vicky

Vicky Kelly - December 13, 2019 at 01:39 PM

MK

“ *Mary*
I will always treasure my memories of listening to Billy and his Jazz Band and our conversations about sports. He was a very special guy and I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to get to know him.

Mary Keith

Mary Keith - December 13, 2019 at 12:24 PM