



## William "Bill" Sylvester Ware

August 4, 1946 - February 9, 2025

### WILLIAM SYLVESTER (BILL) WARE

Bill Ware of Buffalo, Missouri passed away on February 9, 2025. He was 78 years old.

William Sylvester Ware, the son of Lowell and Sarah Elizabeth (Bass) Ware was born on August 4, 1946, in rural Dallas County, Missouri.

Bill grew up, along with his two sisters, on the family farm on C Highway. He was a typical farm kid, milking cows, baling hay, working in the garden and fishing and swimming in Lindley Creek.

Bill attended Buffalo Schools and graduated with the class of 1964. Upon his graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy. He proudly served and was honorably discharged in 1967.

On April 14, 1972, Bill was united in marriage with Christina Hicks. To this union were born two sons, Robert William and Mark David.

Bill accepted Christ as his savior and was baptized as a boy. He was a member of Legacy Baptist Church and attended regularly until his health began to fail.

He was employed at Bayer Corporation in Kansas City for 31 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, working in his yard, golfing and fishing. He was a fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals, the Missouri Tigers and NASCAR racing.

Bill loved and cherished his wife, his sons and his grandchildren. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He was a caring and trusted neighbor and friend. Bill was a good, honorable man who loved and trusted God, worked hard and always tried to do the right thing. His passing is sad for his family and friends, but we rejoice in his homecoming where he is with his savior, his parents and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Connie Stull and Kathie Williamson and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Kathryn Fullerton, Bob Fullerton, Wallace Hicks, Danny Hicks, Lawrence Williams, Bruce Duff and Sam Stull.

Bill is survived by Chris, his wife of 52 years, his sons Robert and his wife Natalie and Mark; his grandchildren Grace, Brooke, Henry, David, Cole and Lucy. He is also survived by his Hicks family who he regarded as brothers and sisters, Joyce Williams, Janiece Duff, Laverna Hicks, Kay and Phil Pinkley, Becky and Don Blackburn, Ron Hicks and David and Kathy Hicks, his nieces and nephews and friends.

He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

It is requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are given to St. Croix Hospice, please make checks payable to St. Croix Foundation or a charity of the doners choice.

Services are scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2025, at Cantlon-

Otterness & Viets funeral home, Buffalo, with visitation beginning at 10:00 am and formal service at 11:00 am. Bill will be laid to rest at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, Missouri.

Arrangements are under the care of Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo, Missouri

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Lawn Cemetery

North Hwy 65  
Buffalo, MO 65622

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo  
931 W. Main St.  
P.O. Box 993  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Bill on the way to a MIZZOU football game with his son Robert. Sharp, intelligent, great sense of humor was how I remember him. Oh and he had legions of deer invading his yard! Great man and he will be missed.

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**Anonymous** - February 13, 2025 at 10:12 AM

ML

“ Chris and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. When I moved into my home across the street on Holly Drive during a sad time in my life, Bill was the first neighbor I met. He brought over a fresh baked loaf of banana bread that Chris baked as a “welcome to the neighborhood” gift. This meant more to me than anything and most certainly lifted my spirits!  
I miss the morning visits sitting on my porch and chatting with Bill. Chris, you are an amazing neighbor. Please let me know if anything is needed.  
With my sincere sympathy and understanding,  
Mark Lebeck



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**Mark Lebeck** - February 12, 2025 at 06:39 PM

SA

“ Great photo. I can hear him and Russell chatting about how to reach the community for Jesus. (Can you just picture them now?) His enthusiasm and love was contagious. Chris, our prayers are with you and your family. All will miss his enthusiasm and love. I treasure memories from Promise Point and hugs from you both on Sunday morning at Legacy!

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**Susie Adams** - February 12, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Sylvester Ware.



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February 12, 2025 at 12:18 PM