



## James William Betz

September 26, 1952 - April 19, 2019

James William Betz, 66, passed away in his home on April 19, 2019.

James was known to family and friends as Bill, and known in his professional life as Jim.

Bill was a loving father, family member, and friend, and leaves behind many people that love him: His children: son James (wife Kristi) and daughter Jennifer (husband Jeremy Wright) and four grandkids that he cherished; Amanda, Madeline, Maddox, and Elliana. He is also survived by his parents Bob and Dolores Betz, sister Diana Betz, and 2 nieces and 3 nephews. Bill also leaves behind his beloved cat Jack.

Bill was born in Albuquerque, NM, on September 26, 1952. Bill impacted many people in each of the places that he lived: California (Fresno, Riverside, Moreno Valley, and Colton), Utah (Ogden and Farmington), New Mexico (Albuquerque, El Paso), and Missouri (Kansas City). Bill graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, and later completed his Masters Degree in Business Administration.

Bill was an electrical engineer by trade, and enjoyed creating and fixing things. Known as Jim professionally, he was very proud of his career, as Director of Engineering and later Vice President at Bourns, as well as various

other positions held at Clarostat, University of Utah, Invensys, and Macro Air.

Bill would want to be remembered for all the things he loved: God, family, and his cat. He would also want to be remembered for all the things he enjoyed: being a jack of all trades, tinkering, reading, fishing, archery, helping others, and actively participating in Celebrate Recovery.

His family will be hosting a Celebration of his Life at one of the places he enjoyed most consistently throughout his lifetime: The Nelson Family Lakehouse. The Celebration will be an Open House on Saturday May 11th, 1-4 pm. For address, please privately message Jennifer Betz. Please come and enjoy sharing stories and celebrating the impact Bill had on those around him.

In lieu of flowers, Bill would have appreciated donations made to local chapters of Celebrate Recovery.

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ I had known Bill for over 45 years. My late husband , Allan and I met him when he first started dating my dear friend, Rhonda Nelson. Bill and Allan quickly became good friends. They both lived to fish. None of us could understand how they could get up at 4:00 in the morning and go fishing. They always came home with a “fish story” but very few fish.

The 4 of us also enjoyed playing card games.... usually pinochle, spades, or poker. Bill and I were always partners sonthere would’nt be any “collusion” between husbands and wives.

When our 2nd daughter was born, we chose Bill to be her Godfather, as he always had a deep faith in God; a faith he had till his final day as he went to meet our Lord.

Throughout his life he never changed his demeanor , great sense of humor, intelligence, and kindness to all.

May he Rest In Peace .

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Mary Duval-Robertson - May 01, 2019 at 11:34 PM

MR

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Mary Duval- Robertson - May 01, 2019 at 10:58 PM

LG

“ James played bunco with our church group, Centerpoint Church in Colton, CA. There were about 24 of us, and he was an integral part of our group. I enjoyed getting to know him and enjoyed his gentle spirit and his happy spirit.

*Linda Gutman*

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**Linda Gutman** - May 01, 2019 at 07:27 PM

RM

*Billy or Bill is my cousin and have known him all his life. He was always smiling trying to be one of the older cousins and keeping up with us when little. Through the years he accomplished much and grew more mature in his faith. The last time we visited our conversation was about catching up on family and his plans to move and be closer to help his parents and his sister Diana. He was always wanting to help, full of humorous stories, and full of love for God and family. Now he is in the presence of our Lord full of peace and joy. Our condolences to his family and friends.*

*Rosetta and Frank Menapace*

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**Rosetta Menapace** - May 02, 2019 at 05:19 PM