



William A. Backs

March 24, 1955 - October 11, 2014

William Ashley Backs, 59, of Kansas City, MO passed away at home Saturday, October 11, 2014.

Billy was born March 24, 1955 in Lexington, MO, the son of Forrest and Joan Backs. Billy was a 1973 graduate of Lexington High School, graduated from Wentworth Military Academy and finished his BS in Marketing at Missouri State University.

He is survived by his daughters Stefania Marie and Cosmina Rose of Leawood, KS, brother Robert (Bob) Forrest Backs and his wife, Jana, brother Stephen (Randy) Randall Backs, two nieces Jessica Ann Backs and Nicole Lee Backs and nephew Stephen Randall Backs II.

Billy worked at American Century Investments for 14+ years. He had a real gift for writing, was an avid runner and loved fine art movies, books and college football.

He was very proud of his time spent in the Peace Corp in Gabon, West Africa, building school houses for the Gabonese villagers.

In honor of Billy's service in the Peace Corps, we are asking that contributions be made to the Peace Corps Partnership Program's Education Fund.

Donations can be made online at www.peacecorps.gov/donate/ (select "Special Funds" and then "Education Fund") or mailed via check to: Peace Corps, Office of Gifts and Grants Management / 1111 20th St NW / Washington, DC 20526. If sending a check, please indicate in the notes section that you would like the donation to be directed to the Education Fund.

For all donations, please indicate that the donation is in William Ashley or Billy Backs' memory and provide authorization for your name to be shared with our family so that we can thank you personally for your thoughtfulness.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Billy was so very nice to my son Curtis when he broke the glass front door- I think with a ball. He also just smiled when I baby sat and one of the girls flushed a large jingle bell. He had a heart of gold and I am so very sorry to hear of his death.

Janet Smith - October 19, 2014 at 05:35 PM

MS

“ Backs Family,
I am heartbroken as I write this. I have great memories of Billy.
Please accept my condolences for your loss. I will hold you and him in my heart.
Mary Edna Luehrman Stempel (cousin)

Mary Stempel - October 19, 2014 at 07:56 AM

HD

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Billy's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Hollye Coen Denney

Hollye Denney - October 17, 2014 at 09:22 PM

SH

“ Shelly Harden lit a candle in memory of William A. Backs



Shelly Harden - October 15, 2014 at 06:44 PM

SH

“ So very sorry for your loss....I can't imagine losing a sibling!! Sweet Jesus, please wrap your arms around his family and friends during this very difficult time and bring them comfort! Amen!

Shelly Harden - October 15, 2014 at 06:43 PM

TA

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tammy - October 15, 2014 at 02:30 PM

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tammy - October 15, 2014 at 02:22 PM

VG

“ My sincere condolences to the entire family.

Veronica Goodloe

veronica goodloe - October 15, 2014 at 08:58 AM

KK

“ My deepest condolences to all of Bill's family. My memories of Bill flow back to our childhood growing up in the same neighborhood. We spent countless hours together along with other neighborhood kids playing ball, etc. As a child, I considered Bill one of my closest friends and I am sad that we drifted in different directions as we got older. Since learning of his passing, my heart has been very heavy and yet I find myself smiling as I recall memories from our childhood. Though the hurt is fresh, I know in my heart that Bill is in a better place and is at peace. Thoughts and prayers to Bob, Randy, and all the family. I miss you Billy. Rest in Peace dear friend - Kevin Kemmerer, "KK"

Kevin Kemmerer - October 15, 2014 at 06:33 AM