



## William Robert (Bill) Matthews

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William Robert "Bill" Matthews died May 14, 2022 at The University of Kansas Medical

Center. He was born June 22, 1970 in Fort Worth, Texas to Joseph and Leldon

Matthews. Bill is survived by his daughters Jessica and Nichole Matthews, his parents

Joseph and Leldon Matthews, sister Kathy Matthews and her partner Jenny Beaven,

brother Ken Matthews and his wife Kathie Matthews, his nieces and nephews Mia,

Caleb, Luke, Joshua and Rebekah, his cat Sassy, and many lifetime friends.

Bill proudly served as a nurse with the 325th Combat Support Hospital in Independence,

Missouri in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves in Afghanistan and Iraq. He retired from


the Army Reserves in 2012. Bill was a cardiac thoracic surgical nurse for the University

of Kansas Medical Center.

Bill was a proud father, nurse, soldier, friend, son, and brother. A memorial service with military honors to celebrate his life will be held Friday, May 20, 2022 at the Weston United Methodist Church in Weston, Missouri. Visitation at 10:30 AM, Service at 11:00 AM with luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society ([www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)) or the Kansas City Pet Project ([www.kcpetproject.org](http://www.kcpetproject.org))

# Tribute Wall

 Denise Rector

“ Kathy, I’m so so sorry for your loss and for your family’s loss



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**Denise Rector** - May 20, 2022 at 11:27 AM

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“ Bill brought the whole “Hood” together. He was the rock that grounded us all. Bill made Hidden Valley a small intimate community of “family” not just neighbors, a true rarity in today’s world. Bill you did such “strong work” making our Hood an amazing place to live and raise Jon & Jake (and Sidders 🐶). Love always from 6454: Jenny, Marcia, Jon, Jake

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**Marcia Umscheid** - May 20, 2022 at 10:52 AM

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“ To Bill's 2 daughters and family,  
I just heard of Bill's passing. I had not seen or  
talked to him for about 8-10 years. My husband  
and I saw him at the last Bikers for Babies ride  
we did. We, 'The Hood' all went as a group, to  
bikers for babies, for several years so it was  
nice to run into him there.



My heart is saddened for your loss. Bill was always a guy that was  
there for a wave, encouraging word, beverage or a sneak drag of a  
cig.

He and Sue helped me with Keli Del more than once and then Keli  
watched you 2 girls when she was older. Many good memories  
were made while in his presence. Fun guy!

Gotta love a guy that served the military. ....I also remember  
packing boxes up and sending them while he was deployed! 1 time  
a month, Chinese and boxing 'apple juice' (rum) and other  
goodies!!! Good times!

Ladina Simerly Lee  
Hidden Valley  
'The Hood'

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Ladina Simerly Lee - May 19, 2022 at 11:34 PM

LL

“ Ladina Simerly Lee sent a virtual gift in memory  
of William Robert (Bill) Matthews



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Ladina Simerly Lee - May 19, 2022 at 11:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of William Robert (Bill) Matthews.



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May 19, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Red Roses and White Carnations (Silk Cemetery Flowers)* was purchased for the family of William Robert (Bill) Matthews.



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May 19, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of William Robert (Bill) Matthews.



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May 18, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of William Robert (Bill) Matthews.



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May 18, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Robert (Bill) Matthews.*



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May 18, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Becky M, Rick M., Tracy B., Christina D. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Robert (Bill) Matthews.*



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**Becky M, Rick M., Tracy B., Christina D.** - May 18, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ *Chris, Tonya, Destanie & Dontae purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Robert (Bill) Matthews.*



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**Chris, Tonya, Destanie & Dontae** - May 18, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ *Russell and I met Bill through Danny and Michele Weber. We had lots of great times down at the river lot in Forest City and our trips to Stockton were also a blast!! He will be missed by a lot of people but his memory will be kept alive through the stories that we will tell for years to come. God Bless!  
Russell and Lisa Slusher*

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**Lisa Slusher** - May 18, 2022 at 10:14 AM

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“ Worked with Bill at KU for many years. He was a great guy. Willing to help at work and outside of there as well. Friendly and easy going with a great sense of humor! Our world was better off having had him with us although he was taken to early! I loved that guy. He will be missed. Bill, may you rest in peace my friend!!

Ken Kreisler - May 17, 2022 at 11:22 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of William Robert (Bill) Matthews.



May 17, 2022 at 02:40 PM

DA

“ I love you my friend! Fly high. I will do what I can to help your family especially your beautiful daughters. Your girls are very proud of the man you were. Sassy will have a good home with Sienna and I.  
Debbie Abbott

Debbie Abbott - May 17, 2022 at 10:42 AM

BR

“ I was deployed to Afghanistan with Bill in 2004. And I can remember when he delivered the first baby in country. Bill was a true patriot, a great leader, a fighter and overall a great man. You will be missed.  
Haywood SFC RET

Breen.haywood - May 17, 2022 at 08:30 AM

KK

*I worked with Bill at KU for many years. He was a great guy, easy to work with, and willing to help others both at work and away. He put on a good fight with the disease he got. His loss to us is sad. Loved that man. May you rest in peace...you deserve it!*

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**Ken Kreisler** - May 17, 2022 at 11:03 PM

LW

*I salute you Bill. God bless you. Captain Larry Wells*

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**Larry Wells** - May 21, 2022 at 07:42 PM