



## William Ray Owens

January 14, 1957 - August 18, 2024

William Ray Owens (aka - Billy, Bill) passed away August 18th, 2024 at Centerpoint Hospital in Independence, MO. Bill was a graduate of Derby High School in 1971. He 2nd in the Nation in freestyle wrestling, and was a Kansas 5A Champ. He attended Butler County Community College. He worked for Ford, The Kansas City Star, Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, and Jackson County-IBEW #124 in Kansas City in his career as an electrician. In his free time Bill enjoyed trap shooting, scuba diving, skiing, playing guitar and spending time with his grandchildren. Bill will be remembered for his unfiltered commentary personality. He is preceded in death by his Father William Victor Owens, Mother Lola Lee Owens, and his Brother James Milton Owens. He is survived by his Children Brandon Owens 49, Tasha Owens 44, Grandchildren Mason Stevens 24, Lola Griffith 12, Olivia Griffitt 10, and Great Grandson Donovan Stevens-LaCross 2.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I only met him a few times but he told so many stories! And it was such a joy to see him light up everytime he got to see his great grandson ❤️ he truly was a great man!

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**Annie LaCross** - September 19, 2024 at 10:40 PM