

William John "Billy" Mailloux

August 13, 1959 - September 2, 2017

William John (Billy) Mailloux, the youngest of six children born to Alvin and Coyita Mailloux, passed away after a prolonged illness. For years the Mailloux's have held a prominent position in the local community, well-known and respected by so many people; as Billy grew up he easily became part of this proud tradition. We knew big things were to come when he was named "Crew Cut Champion" at 10 weeks of age! There were three central themes in his life: dedication to his craft as a journeyman painter, his love and mastery of all things mechanical that went fast (especially hot rods), and a sincere and abiding enjoyment of and respect for everyone he met. When the Air Force wouldn't let him pursue a career in jet engine aircraft technology he promptly resumed a career in his father's footsteps. After an apprenticeship in local 467 Painter's Union, he spent the next thirty seven years painting anything and everything including many well-known buildings and structures throughout the area. First alongside his father Alvin, then many years on his own, the Mailloux family has literally "painted the town". There isn't any engine ever made that couldn't be made better, and most importantly, made to go faster. Billy knew that and spent a lifetime proving it. Audaciously enough, he launched this part of his career at the age of three, by "flying" his tricycle down a flight of stairs and crash-landing it at the bottom. His injuries from this "adventure" didn't slow down his quest to be the best. His magic touch left his mark on Go-Karts, Hot Rods, stock cars, motorcycles and even included a motorized barstool. Billy was well-known in the Bracket Racing Circuit; he

leaves behind many gear-head friends and aficionados. For all his accomplishments, the one that meant the most to him, and to those who know him, is his incredible legion of good friends. By nature, quietly thoughtful and considerate, in his low-key way he was a consummate gentle man. Everyone who ever met him was extended an opportunity to make a true friend for life. He is pre-deceased by his mother Coyita (Mimi) and sister Madonna. He is survived by his father Alvin (Papa) and leaves brothers Danny and Allen, and sisters Rita and Beverly, as well as his Life's-Love Kimberly and their children Jessica and Nick. Also he leaves behind enough extended family to fill an auditorium and enough friends to fill a stadium. His biggest concerns on leaving us was not about his welfare, but about the fact he won't get to visit us anymore. He expressed doubts that he lived a "good enough life". Of course we know better. For those of us who remain and miss him dearly, our biggest concern is living up to the high standard he set by his example. Billy, it's time to visit with Mimi and Madonna And take a victory lap for all of us. Mass time and day at St Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley will be announced shortly.

Cemetery Details

Cremation rites will be accorded

Tribute Wall



“ *William John "Billy" Mailloux*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *You'll always be in are hearts and memories
Miss and love you*



Beverly Davenport - September 02, 2021 at 10:36 PM



“ *Miss you Uncle Billy* ❤️

Rachel



Rachel Stevens - September 02, 2021 at 10:28 PM



“ *Missing you. Rest In pease billy*



Beverly Davenport - May 26, 2019 at 08:48 PM

RW

“ *Rita Weinholz And Larry Weinholz lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux*



rita weinholz and larry weinholz - May 17, 2019 at 08:19 PM

BD

“ *Beverly Davenport lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux*



Beverly Davenport - May 17, 2019 at 08:08 PM

BD

“ *Beverly Davenport lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux*



Beverly Davenport - October 04, 2017 at 06:08 PM

SP

“ *Kim and family, my condolences to you on Bill's passing. I hope your good memories of your times together help you each day.*

Stephen Pattengale

Stephen Pattengale - September 23, 2017 at 02:02 PM

BB

“ Beverly Baker purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of William John "Billy" Mailloux.



Beverly Baker - September 13, 2017 at 01:17 PM

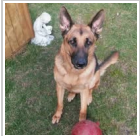
BB

“ Dear Kim, Jessica and Nick:
We send our condolences, to you and your family. We were so shocked to here of Bill's passing. We are sorry to have missed his celebration of life, but Bill will be remember forever as a friend and great neighbor. If we can be of help to you, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Love to you all,

Bev, Ashleigh, and Steven Baker

Beverly Baker - September 13, 2017 at 01:04 PM



“ I remember that infamous crew cut so well! We were neighbors , and I watched you grow up for a little while, then Kentucky Fried Chicken bought my parents house, and I sort of lost track of that neighborhood, but I never forgot Billy or his siblings and parents, and often wondered how they were all doing....until one day when I was working at Lowes....he came thru my line and he greeted me with a smile and a hello as he did with most people, I knew without a doubt who he was. I am so very sorry for his familys loss, I know he will be missed dearly by both family and friends. God Bless you all with comfort and peace during this most difficult of times. Joyce and Gary Overright

Joyce Overright - September 08, 2017 at 05:41 AM

PH

“ God bless him and his family. I always enjoyed hanging out with him having a beer and talking cars. PJ Hogan and family

Patrick Hogan - September 07, 2017 at 04:06 PM

KA

“ My sympathy to Kim and family. Kim I was your Godmother (father Gene's cousin). So sorry to hear of Bill's passing.

Kay (Pattengale) & Dick Amsden

Kay Amsden - September 07, 2017 at 02:16 PM

CD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Jim and Cheryl Denoyer

Cheryl Denoyer - September 07, 2017 at 01:42 PM

SR

“ Bill was a great friend and neighbor. He had a kind word for everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. He will be missed.

Steve Randazzo and family

steve randazzo - September 07, 2017 at 12:58 PM

LA

“ Lori Anderson lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux



Lori Anderson - September 07, 2017 at 12:41 PM

LA

I will always remember Billy's laugh. Was a great man.

Lori Anderson - September 07, 2017 at 12:42 PM

RW

My sympathy to Billy's family.

ROGER WEST - September 08, 2017 at 09:26 AM

SG

“ *Sam Giardina lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux*



Sam Giardina - September 07, 2017 at 12:00 PM

VD

“ *Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux*



Virginia R Dominick - September 07, 2017 at 09:15 AM



“ *Terrie De Carlo lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux*



Terrie De Carlo - September 06, 2017 at 11:37 PM

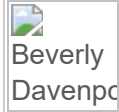
DR

“ Bill and I grew up in the same neighborhood. Early on Bill always seemed to have something with wheels and especially a motor. A mini-bike, go-cart with twin motors, motorcycles and his first car a 67 Camaro. We spent many hours working on the car to keep it on the road. I still have one of the Camaro drive shaft U-Joint clips I use as a key ring every day. Seems like Bill always acquired something interesting with a motor. I remember the 62 Dodge pickup truck that was pretty rough but we always had a lot of fun with it. There was a Ford Pinto station wagon but I won't get into that. The 70 Chevelle was a fun car to completely restore. I remember working to get the motor running after Terry S. rebuilt it. We finally got it running about midnight. The only problem was it was running with open headers in the middle of Bradley. I'm sure the local residents were not amused. There were some scary seat-of-the-pants rides in the T-Bucket roadster. The Firebird with the big block engine with nitrous was something I was not ready for. Lots of memories driving the square, road trips to southern Illinois, fishing, trap shooting, Friday night stock car races, swimming at the Essex sportsman club and many more....Bill was a true gentlemen and treated everyone with utmost respect. As we got older, life got in the way and I did not stay in touch as much as I should have. I would occasionally run into him and Bill would pick up where we just left off. When you had your Chevy truck at the Wednesday wheels, we went to No Dogs for a beer and that was a great memory. Billy you were always a true friend; I'll miss you. Condolences to Kim, your children, your family and friends....

God speed my friend,

David Rivard

David Rivard - September 06, 2017 at 09:58 PM



Beverly Davenport

Thank you for sharing the precious memories. He was such a wonderful man.

Beverly Davenport - January 21, 2019 at 08:18 PM

PE

“ *My deepest sympathy to Bills family! He was such a sweet and funny person!*



Peggy Eickstaedt - September 06, 2017 at 09:20 PM

DR

“ *David, Sherry And Matthew Rashenskas lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux*

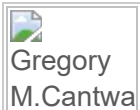


David, Sherry and Matthew Rashenskas - September 06, 2017 at 08:24 PM

DR

So many good times we've had, we've laughed and grieved. Your laugh was contagious as was your smile. May you now rest in piece with no more pain or worries. You are not gone, you've just went ahead. God bless you and all your family. Sherry Rashenskas

David, Sherry and Matthew Rashenskas - September 06, 2017 at 08:30 PM



Gregory M. Cantway

“ *Just wanted to say so sorry for your loss, worked with Billy for many years. Sold him my 64 Corvette Engine that he put in his T-bucket. E loved to work on many different thing to make them go fast and that he did with that motor!*

Gregory M. Cantway - September 06, 2017 at 05:40 PM

SM

“ *Shelia Mailloux lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux*



Shelia Mailloux - September 06, 2017 at 04:38 PM

KC

“ *BILLY SO MANY MEMORIES MADE ME LAUGH A LOT RIP MY FRIEND PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY GOD BLESS YOU ALL*



KARON CHARBONNEAU - September 06, 2017 at 01:03 PM

BR

“ *We got to know Billy when he helped us with some painting. He was the master of his art. But even more, he was a kind man, full of laughs and care. He talked about his wife and kids all the while he was helping us. We moved out of state 2 years ago and sadly didn't know of his illness. We sure would've reached out to him, had we known. He was the best of the best and our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife and children. God Bless, Rest with Jesus, Billy Brenda & Joe Rust*

brenda Rust - September 05, 2017 at 11:11 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of my long time friend Billy! So many fond memories from back in the day as the say. One thing i know is Billy is at peace and in Heaven. Some day i will see you again. No more suffering. My deepest condolences to entire Mailloux family. Sending all my Love
Alexia "Alex" Helm



Alex Sanders - September 05, 2017 at 10:59 PM



“ Theresa Toma lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux



Theresa Toma - September 05, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ Diana Ortman lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux



Diana Ortman - September 05, 2017 at 06:22 PM

GP

“ *Glo Parker lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux*



Glo Parker - September 05, 2017 at 03:27 PM

GP

He Will Be Missed But God Has Another Angel To Watch Over You& Your Family :(

Glo Parker - September 05, 2017 at 03:28 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Bittmann lit a candle in memory of William John "Billy" Mailloux*



Cindy Bittmann - September 05, 2017 at 11:56 AM

CB

Gods Speed Billy!!!!

Cindy Bittmann - September 05, 2017 at 11:56 AM

RB

“ *May God provide all the comfort that is needed for the Mailloux family during this difficult time.*

Robert Bishir - September 05, 2017 at 09:53 AM