



## Bill Nix

November 5, 1952 - January 16, 2025

Bill Nix, 72, of Thomasville, MO was born in Troy, Alabama, the son of Curtis and Jewel

Nix. The family then moved to Wabasso, Florida, where Bill grew up on the Indian

River. On June 21, 1971, he married the love of his life, Deanna, at Vero Beach,

Florida. To this union they were blessed with their son, Jeremy.

Bill's desire to acquire land for their young family eventually led them to the Ozarks.

They were fortunate enough to purchase some land on the "Divide" which is located

between the Middle Fork and the Eleven Point Rivers when Jeremy was only two years

old. They built their first home on their property and loved life in the Ozarks.

For a while, Bill worked at a sawmill near Thomasville. He then started working for

Amyx Manufacturing in West Plains. He also worked for a while for the Oregon County

Ambulance Service. Eventually, he started working at the Rehab Center in West Plains

as an EMT, and then as their medical director. The desire to provide a good life for his family led him to start driving a semi truck over the road. He worked for a few companies before finally settling in with CFI out of Joplin, MO. Bill drove for them 25 plus years and amassed almost three million miles incident free upon retirement. Bill loved to hunt deer and turkey. His CB handle while trucking was "Wild Turkey" because Bill loved to turkey hunt so much. He shared his hunting stories with his coworkers and hence the CB handle "Wild Turkey" was born. He also enjoyed fishing and spearfishing, and was a certified scuba diver.

Bill & Deanna & Jeremy, Mary & Ethan loved to go canoeing, camping, and riding side-by-sides. Bill especially loved spending time with his Grandson Ethan, who was very special to him. Deanna and Bill had a wonderful 53 years of marriage. Bill's family was his world. Bill was a gracious man and loved to help others. Bill & Deanna thoroughly loved their life in the Ozarks, especially their beautiful Thomasville community.

A prime example of the good-hearted person Bill was is that when he retired from CFI Trucking in 2019, he soon joined the Thomasville Volunteer Fire Department. They had recently acquired a large military tanker, and the volunteer fire department

needed

someone with excellent driving skills and experience. Bill answered the call for duty and

began his journey of service with the Thomasville Volunteer Fire Department.

In 2022,

he was selected as the Firefighter of the year for the department.

Answering the call of duty, on the evening of January 16th he was a passenger in a fire

department pumper enroute to a fire, which was involved in a single vehicle accident.

Unfortunately, Bill succumbed to his injuries at the scene, paying the ultimate sacrifice

for others in his community. His actions in his personal life and giving back to the

community should be an example for all of us to try to follow.

Bill is survived by his wife, Deanna, of the family home, their son Jeremy & his wife

Mary, and their son, Ethan of Thomasville. Bill is also survived by six siblings, all of

whom live in Florida, a brother-in-law and sister-in-law of Thomasville, many nieces and

nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Curtis & Jewel Nix, and two infant grandchildren: Summer Dawn who passed away in 1994, and James who passed away

in 2003.

Bill was of the Christian faith.

In lieu of flowers, Deanna requests donations be made in honor of Bill to:  
Thomasville Volunteer Fire Department  
134 Old Street  
Birch Tree, MO 65438

A service will be held on Jan. 28, 2025, at Trinity Worship Center. Visitation from 1 pm to 3 pm and then the service will be immediately held after the visitation at 3 pm.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN **28**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Worship Center  
1807 East State Route K  
West Plains, MO 65775

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Nix.* ”



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January 27, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ *Jeffrey L. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bill Nix.* ”



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**Jeffrey L.** - January 27, 2025 at 10:14 AM



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**Jeremy Nix** - January 26, 2025 at 02:18 PM



“ *Our thoughts and Prayers to Thomasville Fire Department. This is a loss to all in the Fire Service.* ”

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**RJ Brooks Brooks Fire Service Consultin** - January 25, 2025 at 11:19 PM

LF

“ Love Uncle Don and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Nix.

Love Uncle Don and family - January 25, 2025 at 01:27 PM

LF

“ Love Uncle Don and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bill Nix.



Love Uncle Don and family - January 25, 2025 at 01:27 PM

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Jeremy Nix - January 23, 2025 at 10:29 PM

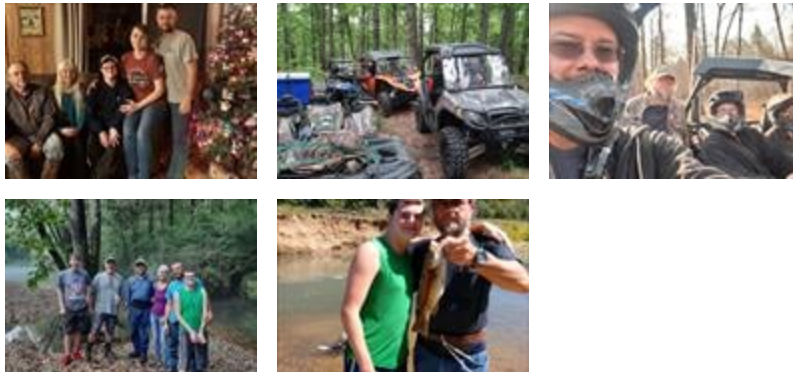
JB

“ One summer me, Jennie Barnes and my son Terry Lee, Bridget my daughter went to visit Billy and Deanna and Jeremy. We stayed a week with them . While I was looking for the road to their house , I put my head out the window and hollered ( Where are you?) ( and just started laughing because we were in the mountains on the road looking down way down. Anyway we got there and the house that Mary and Jeremy live in now was Billy's and Deanna's. It was a wonderful visit. They took us canoeing taught Terry Lee how to scuba and Bridget skiing with some boys. Went down to their river and enjoyed the view and water. Their place is a very beautiful place. On the canoeing they showed us caves where army men would hide. The walls of the mountains were just so beautiful. We will never forget that summer trip with my brother Billy, Deanna and Jeremy. I think we were the only ones that was able to go and see them. But we were never able to go back. Love ya so much and just knowing that I will be able to see him again in heaven helps me alot. Love ya forever, GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE!

Jennie Barnes - January 23, 2025 at 07:44 PM

MN

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Mary Nix - January 20, 2025 at 09:17 PM

DM

*R I P Bill. Glad we were able to spend some time together. Dianna and your Family made me feel Very Welcome! Thanks for the Great Memories!!! DNMYERS*

David Myers - January 20, 2025 at 10:40 PM

JN

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Jeremy Nix - January 20, 2025 at 05:40 PM

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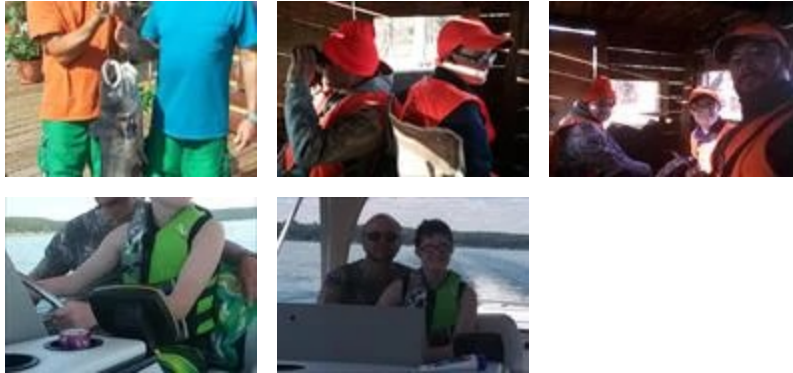
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Jeremy Nix - January 20, 2025 at 05:01 PM

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Jeremy Nix - January 19, 2025 at 02:34 PM

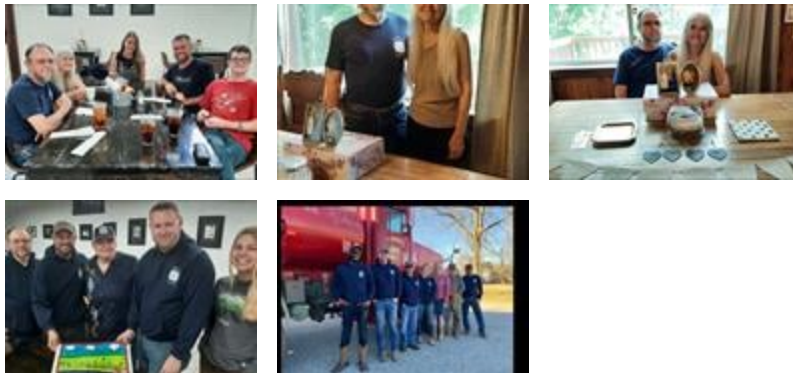
DS

“ Deanna I was sorry to hear about Billy. Prayers and comfort for your family. I enjoyed the few visits our family had with yours and the warmth and hospitality both of you gave.

Debbie Smith - January 19, 2025 at 09:38 AM

MN

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Nix - January 18, 2025 at 05:33 PM