



## William "Bill" Logan Reiss

September 23, 1950 - October 28, 2024

William Logan Reiss "Bill," age 74, of Searcy, AR, formerly of Hot Springs, AR, and Urbana, IL, passed away on October 28, 2024, with his beloved wife and children at his side. Bill was the son of Harold Leroy, Jr. and Geraldine Hedrick Reiss of Urbana, IL. He grew up in Homer and Urbana, IL, and attended the University of Illinois, where he received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He worked as an Industrial Engineer for Weyerhaeuser in Hot Springs, AR, and later for the City of Hot Springs.

Bill cherished his time as a young boy in Homer, visiting his grandparents' movie theater, where he developed a life-long love of movies. His favorites were "A Christmas Carol" (only Alastair Sim version!) and "Harvey," featuring one of his favorite actors, Jimmy Stewart.

Bill had an extensive knowledge of how lots of things work and was a steadfast problem-solver (with the solutions often featuring duct tape). Bill also was as sentimental and nostalgic as they come, loving people and animals to the fullest. He appreciated a good conversation. He never met a stranger and was fabulous at remembering details and following up with his friends, giving cherished nicknames to all of those close to him.

He grew up fishing alongside his grandpa, and this developed into a life-long love of sports. Bill was a huge fan of the Fighting Illini, the Razorbacks, the

Phillies, and the White Sox. He even got the chance to attend the 100-year anniversary of Illini football with his son and grandson—just nine days before his passing.

Bill loved Jesus and faithfully attended worship with believers every Sunday and Wednesday night. He served as deacon for many years at his church in Hot Springs, and he instilled in his children and grandchildren a strong faith and obedience to Jesus' teachings.

In living his own faith, Bill's children and grandchildren were the recipients of his detailed and never-ending attention, sacrifice, and care. He put aside his professional career to allow his children to remain in their school and community in Hot Springs and encouraged them to develop their academic and athletic careers. His frugality helped his family survive with less than most, but never lacking what they needed. He never missed a ballgame, practice, recital, or any of his children or grandchildren's events.

His children will always remember being by his side watching old movies (of which he had an encyclopedic memory), listening to music during road trips, and reading newspapers. He LOVED the Beatles, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, the Moody Blues, Bob Dylan, and the list goes on. He also read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" every Christmas Eve to his children and grandchildren.

Bill is preceded in death by his father and mother, his first wife Mary Grothe Reiss of Rantoul, IL, his grandparents Logan and Clara Fitzgerald Hedrick and Harold and Dorothy Carpenter Reiss, his brothers-in-law Lynn Fenter, Jim Pate, David West, Randy Williamson, in-laws Raymond and Elnora Grothe and William Cole and Thelma West.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Ruth (West) Reiss, his daughter Susan René Wicks of Searcy, his daughter Becca (Spencer) Ross of Searcy, his son Matthew Logan (Katy) Reiss of Bryant, his six grandchildren, Phin Wicks, Atti Wicks, Elliana Ross, Pearl Ross, Astoria Ross, and Isaac Logan Reiss. Bill is also survived by his siblings, Marsha Fenter of Urbana, IL, Susan (Chuck) Patterson of Nampa, ID, and Kenny (Laura) Reiss of Sidney, IL. Bill also leaves behind dear sisters and brothers-in-law, Sue Pate, Darlene (Terrell) Milks, Dollie (Dale) Randall, Buddy (Cathy) West, Martha Williamson, Tom Hays, Billy Grothe and numerous nieces and nephews and many loyal friends from childhood and through all walks of his life.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

BW

“ I knew Bill as a friend and church brother, watching his kids grow up and attending Aldridge Road Church of Christ together. We had some spirited conversations about Lake Hamilton basketball (love to Becca and Susan) and Illinois football. Ruth worked at LH along with my blessed Sue. I speak for her in expressing sorrow for the loss and blessings to the family.

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**bob wisener** - November 03, 2024 at 07:46 PM

TM

“ Thinking of all of you & praying for comfort & peace.  
With love, Trish & Coach McGrew

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**Trish McGrew** - November 01, 2024 at 11:52 AM

NA

“ Sorry to see this today. I never go in “fairwood” I don't think of our cul.de.sac and remember who loved in each house. Now, all grown, making us grand and for some...greatgrands. Hope you and family are well. Did u know mom passed several months ago.

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**nadra** - November 01, 2024 at 07:17 AM

ME

“ Bills love of sports is mentioned here briefly but he was also a participant. Bill and I played Babe Ruth baseball together and became friends through our mutual love of the sport. He was a great teammate and I was so pleased to see him at our 50th class reunion. He was always a really good guy and I'm saddened to hear of his passing. Mark Ellis

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**Mark Ellis** - November 01, 2024 at 12:29 AM

DR

*Bill and I first meet in school. We both played football together under Warren Smith, "Smitty". Bill got the nickname of "Reese Cup" which stuck, he even reminded me of that at the 50th reunion. We chatted a bit. He was a very humble man and friend which I wish I had known better. Prayers to all his family and friends. R.I.P. God Bless. Sad to hear of his passing.*

*Dan Roney*

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**Dan Roney** - November 01, 2024 at 09:02 AM

NW

*Sending prayers and comfort to the family during your time of sadness. May the memories each of you have bring smiles to your heart. God Bless all of you.*

*Nathan & Kay West*

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**Nathan West** - November 01, 2024 at 03:12 PM

PM

*Ruth and Family,*

*Our deepest heartfelt sympathy at this time in your lives. It is a comfort that Bill loved Jesus but the grieving continues for those in your family. There will be many sweet memories that will pop up when least expected; hold onto those!! Never let a day go by without saying "I love you" to your loved ones. We just don't know when it could be the last time on earth you say it. Take comfort In Jesus' loving arms. HE will get you through and bring sweet peace.*

*Praying for all of you! Love you!*

*Patsy and Bill Melton*

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**Patricia Melton** - November 02, 2024 at 07:31 AM