

# REMEMBERING BILL

William R. "Bill" Northway, age 76 years, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away Friday, January 15, 2021 at his home surrounded by family.

Bill was born July 4, 1944 in Jefferson City, Mo., the son of William and Alma (Shelnutt) Northway. Bill was married on September 11, 2004 to Rhoda Wilson in Columbia, Mo., who survives. Bill has two sons, Rodney and Mitchell, from a previous marriage to Darla Rippetto of Jefferson City, Mo.

A lifelong resident of the central Missouri area, Bill graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1962 and attended Lincoln University.

He began his 30-year construction career as a cement mason and was later elected as the business agent for Local 368 for central Missouri. For the remaining of his construction career, he owned and operated his own construction company along with his sons, building and remodeling homes. In 1994 he was hired at the Missouri Department of Corrections as maintenance supervisor where he retired in December, 2006.

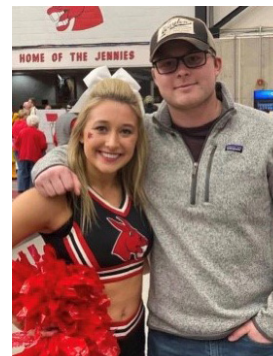
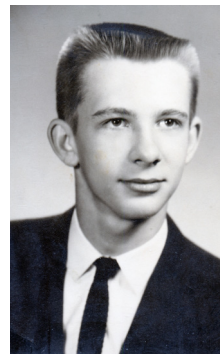
He was a 50-plus year member of the Masonic Jefferson Lodge #43, A.F. & A.M.

Bill cherished time with his family and loved supporting his sons and grandchildren by attending their sporting events and other life celebrations. He enjoyed camping and hunting with his sons and traveling out west hunting with friends. Bill looked forward to traveling later in life with his wife, Rhoda, to Mexico every January, and a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Mediterranean. From his love of baseball, Bill and Rhoda made a quest to visit all the Major League baseball parks but was always loyal to their favorite team St. Louis Cardinals. During his free time, he enjoyed his Thursday night golf league with friends and growing tomatoes in his garden. In his younger days he could be found driving a race car at the old Jefferson City Raceway or flying political officials around the state. In recent years, he enjoyed spending time restoring his 1979 Ford truck. Most importantly, he cherished his family and gave generously of his time with those he loved, who called him Dad and Grandpa Bill.

He will be remembered for living every day to the fullest, never looking in the rearview mirror. Bill genuinely cared about people and took every opportunity to help those less fortunate.

Survivors include: a wonderful blend of family of children, grandchildren and his loving wife of 16 years, Rhoda Northway of Jefferson City, Mo.; two sons, Rodney Northway (wife Leann) of Lee Summit, Mo. and Mitchell Northway (wife Angela) of Jefferson City, Mo.; one step-son Jay Wilson (wife Tammy) of Columbia, Mo.; brother, Charles Northway (wife Linda) of Columbia, Mo.; sister, Patsy Beatrice of Jefferson City, Mo.; five grandchildren, Tyler Northway (wife Janelle), Hannah Northway, Ian Northway, Reid Wilson and Kristi Wilson; three great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Marie Northway, Macoy Northway and Katherine "Kit" Northway; sisters-in-law, Susan Smith and Karla (Rippetto) Johansen; and his dog, Hershey; and many nieces and nephews who are part of his loving family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Theodore "Theo" Northway; three brothers-in-law, Paul Miller, David and Donald Smith.



THE ETERNAL GOODNESS

*by John G. Whittier*

I KNOW NOT WHAT THE FUTURE HATH  
OF MARVEL OR SURPRISE;  
ASSURED ALONE THAT LIFE AND DEATH  
HIS MERCY UNDERLIES.

AND IF MY HEART AND FLESH ARE WEAK  
TO BEAR AN UNTRIED PAIN,  
THE BRUISED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK,  
BUT STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN.

AND SO, BESIDE THE SILENT SEA,  
I WAIT THE MUFFLED OAR;  
NO HARM FROM HIM CAN COME TO ME  
ON OCEAN OR ON SHORE.

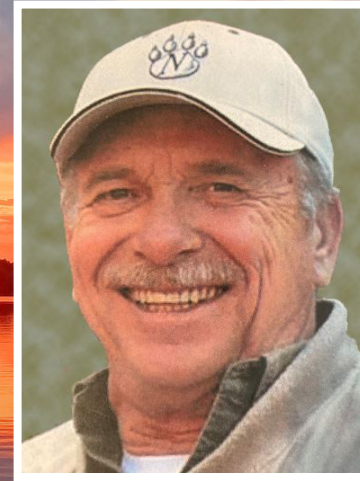
I KNOW NOT WHERE HIS ISLANDS LIFT  
THEIR FRONDED PALMS IN AIR;  
I ONLY KNOW I CANNOT DRIFT  
BEYOND HIS LOVE AND CARE.



IN APPRECIATION

Bill's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the thoughts, prayers, and many acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Bill Northway*

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