



William Buford Creech

April 20, 1952 - January 28, 2021

William Buford Creech, 68, passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack on January 28, 2021, while visiting family in Lexington, KY.

He was born to Robert Morris Creech Sr and Lucy May Teater Creech in Lexington, KY on April 20, 1952. Bill grew up in Florida and was a proud graduate of Satellite Beach High School, lettering in wrestling, football and track. Upon completing his Bachelor's Degree at Florida Southern in 1974, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. After assignments in Germany and the US, he reentered civilian life and began a prestigious career in the field of Medical Sales. While climbing the corporate ladder, his family had the privilege of living in numerous cities including Chicago, Charleston, Auburn, Atlanta and Boston. His daughters shared his passion for the medical industry and both became nurses. He was a proud Dad to Julie and Bonnie and a doting PaPa to Brady and Austin.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew and friend, Bill was an eternal optimist. He currently lived in DeSoto, TX with his wife, Nelda Creech, and together they were active members of Metro Fellowship Church.

Bill is survived by his wife, Nelda; two daughters, Julie Allen and husband Dean of Cabot, AR, Bonnie Ste. Marie and husband Jordan of Frisco, TX, two grandsons Brady and Austin Ste. Marie; three siblings, Betty Gurany of

Leesburg, FL, Robert Morris Creech Jr of Orlando, FL, John Nelson Creech of Indian Harbor Beach, FL, and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on April 24, 2021 at Metro Fellowship Church, 1136 W Beltline Rd, DeSoto TX 75115, with Rev Gene Lewis officiating and arrangements coordinated through Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home. Donations can be made through Metro Fellowship to the William Creech Memorial Fund and will benefit community projects that Bill was passionate about. "bit.ly/billcreech". Livestream will be available at <https://vimeo.com/518136494>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Metro Fellowship Church
1136 W Beltline Road
DeSoto, TX 75115

Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Tribute to my dear friend:*

Bill was truly a great friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. A colleague to a great many of us at ADD, then a few of us again at Chiron. Bill's quick wit, genuine personality, and easy-going style made for comfortable conversation no matter the subject. Bill seemed to stay in touch with everyone from ADD, and he always had a good 'war stories' from days gone by, a common thread woven into the fabric of our enduring relationship over the years. War stories and careers maneuvers notwithstanding, I most remember sharing a beer with Bill in an Austin, Tx saloon a few years back, the welcome sight of my good friend beaming with pride as he revealed the news that he had been blessed with the arrival of his grandson, Brady. All was right with the world talking with Bill that day... Austin, my college stomping grounds, a cold beer, the family pride, and life coming full circle! One thing's for sure ... Bill is looking down on us all - family, friends, colleagues, casual acquaintances - wishing us his very best as he says goodbye.

We wish you the same, old friend. Thanks for being part of our lives; we will miss you.

*Gregg Mayer
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Gregg Mayer - April 23, 2021 at 03:07 PM

TK

“ *The Dunman’s, French’s and Keith’s purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Buford Creech.*



The Dunman’s, French’s and Keith’s - April 20, 2021 at 04:26 PM

TS

“ *Bill was such wonderful friend during my Abbott years and beyond. Just a wonderful colleague and witty gentleman. His smile is lighting up Heaven. RIP old friend. Hope to see you again someday.*

Timothy Scanlon - March 26, 2021 at 03:22 PM

GA

“ *Bill was able to always maintain his attitude if when face with difficult situations.*

When ever his peers and I would get together with Bill we knew we going to have great time laughing and smiling.

Bill will be missed.

Greg Arnsdorff

greg arnsdorff - March 19, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of William Buford Creech.*



March 19, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of William Buford Creech.*



March 17, 2021 at 10:31 PM

HM

“ Dearest Uncle Bill, While your life has ended here with us, your story, your lessons, your positive influence, and your legacy live on. Your story is not over. You have forever encouraged me and Preston. Your faith is one most should aspire to. Your forgiving heart and tolerance for all is what will stay with me. You protected those you loved. Your positive outlook was one most have to work hard on, yet you made it look so easy. Your walk with God was one most work a lifetime to achieve. While I have wonderful childhood memories of you and I, I will cherish most our recent growth in relationship and family. I appreciate your stays with me, while you were in town visiting, where we stayed up late just talking, our conversations even though miles separated us, your encouragement during difficult times like when Mimi needed more love and care, and I will never, ever forget you staying with me at the cemetery when we sat together as my beloved Mimi, your mother, was buried. That moment meant so much. You have been a constant figure in my life. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my son, for being there for my son, and making memories with my son. You brought your own candy bucket to go trick-or-treating with us! Preston has fun and loving memories of you being a role model in his life. Thank you beloved uncle! Our final trip together was a weekend with family in Vero Beach. You were giddy about finding Nelda (you didn't hide it and I don't blame you!). Finding true love, later in life, could be encouraging for those who are seeking it. Thank you for serenading me with familiar family birthday songs for my 40th. Thank you for reminding of my beauty, inside and out. Thank you for reminding me of my strength. I have your last voicemail saved. What a blessing it is to hear your voice! You were loved by so many. Love you Uncle Bill!! ~Heather

Heather Marie - March 17, 2021 at 10:25 PM

GO

“ Bill and I had many conversations over the years after departing ADD.

As recently as last year we connect just to catch-up, it was like we never skipped a beat.

We would often talk about the good old days of 1985 when Steve MacPhail and Bill Ferernczy, Rich Alderkin, Ken Gains were all part of the sales training under Terry Flanagan. OMG did we all have fun, we were all part of the best-of-the-best sale team, a culture that to this day is unmatched.

We always talked about the Marriott Lincolnshire, many of you also may remember in the Bar the person who climbed up the netted rope to the row-boat hanging from the ceiling, fell asleep, and woke up the next morning locked in the bar and late for our company business meeting-conference. I'm sure you all remember this, now who was it is the question,,,, Doug Bryant-Bill Sigiel or Terry Flannigan?

We all share a moment in time with Mr. Bill Creech and I thank my lucky stars to have known Bill.

I am proud to say Bill was my friend and will be greatly missed. I will remember him for the life he lived and the joyful spirit he instilled in all of us!

He is now sitting next to the almighty looking over all his ADD family, with love in his heart for all of us!

RIP my brother as I will never forget you and the times we shared.

Stay in touch my ADD Brothers & Sisters, we should all get together for an Alumni reunion.

Cheers,

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Gary Osche - March 15, 2021 at 02:26 PM

KC

“ *I started with Abbott / ADD in August of 1987 and Bill was already a manager. I did not work for Bill, but knew him casually. All of my memories from various meetings where our paths crossed were very positive - I remember him as a very positive, jocular and well-liked person. I am writing this note, even though I did not really know him well, to say how wonderful it is that Tom and the family have used this unfortunate situation to create something really beautiful to memorialize Bill and at the same time bring together so many (I think near 150 or 200 people) who shared such a great history (and memories of Bill). I send my condolences to his family and friends.*

Keith Chaitoff - March 13, 2021 at 04:05 AM

MT

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Michael Trotman - March 10, 2021 at 04:21 PM

JU

“ Sweet Dad. I have so many. I’m so thankful for all the things you have taught me, especially, not to have a spirit of fear, try life, and keep on trying!



julie - March 02, 2021 at 11:13 PM

NS

I have so many happy memories of our family vacations during Christmas and our annual beach family reunions! You were always filled with happiness and laughter! I'll miss those mocha cappuccinos on the beach. You were always like a brother to me.

Nancy Creech Schanne - March 03, 2021 at 06:15 AM

NG

Bill, it was my pleasure getting to know you as my brother-in-law and as my neighbor. We had many spirited debates about whether the US Army or the USMC was the superior branch of the service, and had great fun with that camaraderie. You always had a smile and a greeting for anyone you ran across. Rest in peace, Bill. You are missed.

Nathan George - March 04, 2021 at 12:18 PM

PL

Dear Bill...what a pleasure it was that we got to work together in the mid 80s providing training to ADD Sales ...you were a "natural"...you brought humor in abundance, irresistible "Southern Charm" and a work ethic second to none...all of which made you the perfect role model for New Hires. So many fond memories. To your family, my heartfelt condolences. Bill you are now "Safe In The Shepherd's Arms" (Max Lucado) Paul Landauer

Paul R Landauer - March 10, 2021 at 07:59 PM

BC

Dear Brother...we are about to leave for Texas to celebrate your fabulous life. Mom and Dad were so proud of you! You have been a great husband, father, grandad, uncle, friend and brother. I am so glad you found Nelda and got to spend valuable time with Julie, Bonnie, Brady and Austin. I never saw you happier! You set examples and left much Inspiration for all of us. We had some great, memorable times the last several years. You are a special Angel! It is crushing our times on earth are done but I take strength in knowing we will meet again soon. You are sorely missed but will NEVER be forgotten!! We know you are with us. With all the love in the world...brother Bob

Bob Creech - April 21, 2021 at 10:44 AM

DK

Thank you all for such a beautiful service and including so many of us who shared this life with Bill. Having lost my father the day before Bill passed, I know the hole his departure has left for all those who loved him and counted on his physical presence in this life. This service helped me to feel more connected, both to Bill and all the memories we shared in our ADD days...and to you, to my own family and to the preciousness of this day, right now, and the people right in front of me. I only remember Bill smiling. There had to have been other sides. And that smile is what I'll remember. With gratitude that our paths crossed. Wishing you all the best as you navigate life with Bill differently, in spirit and, I would imagine, still smiling. With love, Dori Klass (formerly, Dori Ripple)

Dori Klass - April 24, 2021 at 02:24 PM