



William Lee Witchey

September 8, 1951 - September 29, 2012

William Lee, son of Vada Jean (Smithson) and Robert Lee Witchey, was born September 8, 1951 in Alva, Oklahoma. He passed away in an automobile accident, near Woodward, on the 29th of September at the age of 61 years and 21 days.

He attended the Great Bend, Kansas School System and graduated with the class of 1969.

In 1969 he joined the United States Navy where he received the National Defense Service Medal and a Good Conduct Award. He achieved his lifelong dream of working on submarines and computers and was Honorably Discharged on June 22, 1977.

After he was discharged he worked for Digital Services Corporation in New York until 1982 when he transferred to Denver and continued working in the computer industry.

On September 9, 1994 he was married to Kelly Diane Clarkston. To this marriage Brianna Lee was born.

Following their marriage they made their home in Denver until 2004 when they moved back to Oklahoma where he was still working for Great Plains Sleep

Studies.

He was a member of the Shattuck First Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his father Bob and a sister Bobbie Jean Mullins.

Will is survived by his wife Kelly Diane and his daughter Brianna Lee of the home; his mother Vada; two sisters, Shirley and Tracy; a niece Jessica and her husband John; a nephew, Shayne; a great niece, Molly; a great nephew, Robbie; mother and father-in-law, Sally and Larry; brother-in-law, Todd and his wife Chanida; a stepmother-in-law, Linda Lee; other relatives and friends.

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Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Wharton's Funeral Chapel

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Vada Jean and all your family we are so sorry for your loss. I know that Will will be missed in many of your lives and our prayers are with you all. Jim

Jim & Marilyn Davison - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Kelly & Brianna, I'm so sorry for your loss. Knowing Bill since 82, as a best friend, shooting pal, and hunting partner. I agree with Bob that you, Kelly and Brianna, meant the world to him. Our prayers are for you both.

Lee & Maureen Halpin - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ "Will" will be missed. Words cannot express your loss, know you are not alone.

Eunice Wise - October 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Kelly and Brianna,

I cannot imagine the pain you are going through at the loss of your husband and Father. As someone else mentioned here, Bill was never so happy as when he married you Kelly and when you came into his life Brianna. Bill adored you both and puffed with pride whenever he spoke of either of you. I have a major hole in my life where Bill used to be but I am sure it minor compared to your grief.

Kelly, you had said Brianna wanted to know more about her Father's life in the Navy. I have spoken with the only other Navy buddy that knew Bill that I have kept in contact with. We were not sure that there was anything we could say but as we talked (and cried) lots of stories came up. I am not sure if you folks would want to hear them but I posted one on Brianna's Facebook page. My writing is not as stylish as Bill's but, hopefully, it was adequate to make the story light and humorous (I also tried very hard to clean it up a little :^)

Bill was my friend since the early seventies and it would be hard to sum up all those years of friendship in a few words. In a nutshell, Bill was the most honest and sincere man I have ever met. If he said he was going to do something, he would do it, plain and simple. If you needed a man you could trust to have your back, there were none more reliable than Bill. If you wanted an honest opinion about something, Bill would give it to you. It sounds old fashioned to say this these days but if ever there was a man of good quality, it was Bill. I don't imagine I am telling you anything you don't already well know.

I wish I was there to put my arms around both you and give you a hug, shed some tears, and raise a glass to toast the one-of-a-kind man we have lost.

Sincerely.... Bob

Bob Berbrick - October 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“*Dear Ms. Kelly and Bri, please accept our most sincere condolences and sympathy for your loss. Its difficult to find the right words to comfort you at this time, but we want to let share our loving thoughts. Mr. Will was a gentle giant. We had the pleasure of being apart of the beginning of the family of 3 in our Wheatridge, Co days. I never met a man that was more happy being the husband and father! He loved you both so much, it was obvious to all around you. Though now, we are miles apart, we hope you can feel the love and support during this diffucult time. And we will be together soon, to reminise and cherise the fond memeories of "Mr. Will", a Loving Husband, Devoted, Proud Father, a larger than life size, a heart even bigger, and a calm voice, our Gentle Giant!*

AnniessaMichele and Maria Spain - October 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“*Kelly we are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are going up for you and your family that God will comfort you during this most difficult time.*

James and Linda Robertson - October 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM