



## William "Wild Bill" James Burt

April 6, 1947 - October 10, 2025

William James Burt, known as Wild Bill, 78, of Mount Juliet, passed away October 10, 2025.

Bill Burt was an amazing friend and person.

He was so proud of his daughter Brittney and cherished their time together. She spent the last weeks Bill had on earth caring for him with love and selflessness. He loved her, Mike and his grandchildren deeply and was so thankful for the time that they shared together.

Bill was a veteran of the United States Air Force where he trained in motion picture combat photography. Afterwards, he spent many years working in the film industry as a dolly and key grip, and is considered a mentor and legend by those who had the pleasure of working with him. He shared his skills and knowledge with everyone he worked with and always offered words of encouragement to those he knew.

In his later years, he enjoyed spending his time at home with the dogs watching fishing shows, bird watching, and hanging out with his best friends and roommates, Abby and Sean.

Bill proudly acknowledged Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and was escorted into His loving arms surrounded by his family and friends. He was very loved and will be greatly missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Jean Burt.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Brittney (Mike) Crory; Grandchildren, Mikey Crory, Valerie Crory; Lifetime friends, Abby (Sean) Harkins, Gordon (Gingie)

Pihl, Wendy (Rob) Morris and Corinna (Quentin) Yerbich; And Siblings,  
Barbara (Robert) Mendoza and Bob (Shelia) Burt.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, per Bill's request, donations be made in his memory to the Sarah Cannon Cancer Research Institute in Nashville TN.

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Man, do I miss you.*

Abby J Harkins - May 13 at 03:40 PM

NF

“ *Bill, you were one in a million. Thanks for all the great memories, hope I see you in the next world*

Neal F - October 12, 2025 at 11:25 AM

AH

*He's waiting for us in paradise*

Abby J Harkins - May 13 at 03:39 PM

VA

“ *Bill was wonderful to work with. If ever a woman was walking to their car at night after a shoot, he would walk with them and stayed until they drove away. He did that for me so many times. He was such an amazing human being.*

Vaughan - October 12, 2025 at 11:08 AM

AH

*That is so sweet and that is definitely Bill. He loved so big. Thank you for sharing. ❤️*

Abby J Harkins - May 13 at 03:38 PM

BS

“ Bill was a legendary in the motion picture production business. He was an extraordinary filmmaker. His enormous charisma would light up the room. He mentored and encouraged so many young pups like me who were in the early stages of our production careers. You knew it was going to be a great day when you saw Bill's name on the crew call sheet. God bless his friends and family who have been with him to the time he went Home. There is a special place in Heaven for "Wild Bill".

*Bret Straughn*

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**Bret Straughn** - October 12, 2025 at 07:58 AM

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*That's beautiful. Thank you.*

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**Abby Harkins** - October 12, 2025 at 09:10 AM

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**Abby Harkins** - October 11, 2025 at 08:05 PM

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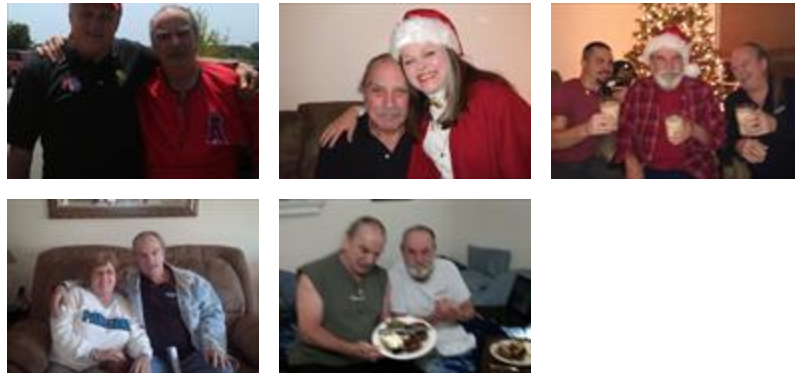


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**Abby Harkins** - October 11, 2025 at 07:17 PM

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Abby Harkins - October 11, 2025 at 06:12 PM

PA

“ Paul A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Wild Bill" James Burt.

Paul A. - October 11, 2025 at 05:58 PM

PM

“ Bill you brightened my life. I always enjoyed your company. I don't believe I ever saw you angry. You had a wonderful sense of humor, a love for people and a joy for life. Thank you for the memories. One of my favorite memories is of steam cleaning Abbys carpets. Couldn't have done it without you brother. We had lots of laughs that day. God bless and comfort your family. Will be blink of an eye when I see you in heaven. Praise God.

Paul Alan Madsen - October 11, 2025 at 05:54 PM

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“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



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**Abby Harkins** - October 11, 2025 at 05:49 PM