



## William "Bill" T. Cross Jr.

September 23, 2015

William "Bill" Cross, Jr., of Portsmouth, was called home to be with his heavenly Father on September 23, 2015. He is predeceased by his parents, William T. Cross, Sr. and Iva Clark Cross, of Portsmouth, and by his brother-in-law and friend, Ernest Hawkins, of Portsmouth. He was a 1965 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, a retired business owner, a coach and member of many basketball, softball and other teams, and full-time father and grandfather ("G-dog"). He collected Lionel trains and enjoyed opening his home for others to enjoy the interactive layouts he built. Bill loved his Savior, his life, his family and friends, and was prolife, as the father of a child born at 28-weeks. His humor and integrity were his trademarks professionally and personally.

Left to cherish his memory are his fiancé Brenda Edwards, daughter Amy Cross-Rochefort and husband Shawn; daughter Kelly Connors and husband Jimmy; son Samuel Cross; step-daughters Christa Ramos and Angela Edwards; sister Barbara Hawkins; nieces Sherry Hawkins and Angie Williamson; nephew Billy Hawkins and wife Bari; grandchildren, Amelia, Logan, Brooklyn, Trevor, Ethan, Colin, Devon and Ellie; as well as numerous extended family and dear friends.

The family will receive friends at Loving Funeral Home on Academy Avenue, Portsmouth on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. The funeral service

will be held on Monday, Sept. 28 at 2:00 p.m. at Green Lakes Baptist Church on Hodges Ferry Road, Portsmouth. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to CHKD, Green Lakes Baptist Church, or to any pro-life organization.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd.  
Chesapeake, VA 23321

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave  
Portsmouth, VA 23703

## service

SEP 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Green Lakes Baptist Church  
1610 Hodges Ferry Road  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *BILL I WILL MISS YOU THANKS FOR ALL THE GOOD TIMES WE HAD PLAYING SOFT BALL TOGETHER MAY GOD BE WITH YOU FOREVER YOUR FRIEND LARRY MASON*

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**LARRY MASON** - September 27, 2015 at 12:29 PM

BK

“ Bill Cross was a long time friend of mine and so many other folks from Portsmouth.

*I played basketball with him practically everyday at the old YMCA, downtown on High Street, in the late seventies, and also served on the YMCA Board with him. He was a real competitor, but always a good sport.*

*For forty years or so I saw Bill around town from time to time but it was only in the last few since we hooked up on Facebook that I caught on to what a larger than life character old "G-Dog" had become..*

*Bill was a prolific Facebook poster...no one needed to worry much about where he stood on most issues of the day. While we did not always agree, I always respected his opinions and liked him because there was not a bit of phoniness in him. He was always what he appeared to be, and that included being a gentleman, and a good citizen.*

*I will miss him as I am sure that his family is devastated by his unexpected loss. None of us were through with this man who made us smile and remember the good things about life. He will leave a large void once filled with good humor and kindness.*

*May he rest in peace.*

*Your family and Bill's many friends who are mourning his loss have my deepest sympathy.*

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**Bernie Kirsch** - September 27, 2015 at 11:25 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" T. Cross Jr..*



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September 25, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ *I met Mr. Cross through his daughter Kelly and found him to be a great person and father. I know he will be missed by so many, but God has him now and his life will continue on with him. My thoughts go out to Kelly and her entire family and we are here if you need us.*  
*Jeff Vellines*

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**Jeff Vellines** - September 25, 2015 at 06:44 AM



“ *Worked with Billy at the Water Dept. years ago. We played a lot of ball & golf tighter. Been a great friend over the years. Praying for Barbara & his kids.*

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**Johnny Owens** - September 24, 2015 at 02:05 PM



*Ball & golf together.*

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**Johnny Owens** - September 24, 2015 at 02:06 PM



*Billy (as I called him) was a good student and, in later years, a great friend. We enjoyed swapping tales whenever we would run into each other, he being fond of recalling my teacher classroom antics. I shall miss him dearly. May he rest in peace. CHARLES W. HOOFNAGLE, English Teacher, WWHS, 1962-68*

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**Charles W. Hoofnagle** - September 24, 2015 at 03:28 PM

CD

*Known Bill and Amy for many years. He is a gentle man and will be missed by many. Sincere condolences to his family and relatives. RIP Bill, Connie DiTommaso*

**Connie Facenda DiTommaso** - September 25, 2015 at 06:47 AM

LH

*Knew Bill many years ago (in the '60s and '70s). Kind man with a big heart. Thoughts are with his family as they deal with their big loss. - Linda (Watts) Hitchings*

**Linda Hitchings** - September 25, 2015 at 11:14 AM

RR

*I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Cross through his two daughters Amy and Kelly. Many softball trips. A wonderful man who could make anyone smile. My whole family had the pleasure knowing this wonderful man. My father, Mr. Cross, and Mr. Hawkins could get chuckles from people with their sense of humor. May you rest in peace Bill. My thoughts and prayers for the family.*

*Rebecca (Duckwall) Ramey*

**Rebecca Ramey** - September 26, 2015 at 09:03 PM



*I grew up with Billy in the 60's on Florida Ave, and played basketball in his back yard numerous times. I am deeply saddened to learn of his passing. He was a wonderful and kind person. My thoughts, prayers and sincere condolences go out to his family today. Bill Torbert*

**Bill Torbert** - September 28, 2015 at 09:08 AM