



## William "Bill" Keith Dew

February 14, 1947 - January 15, 2016

William "Bill" Keith Dew, 68 year old resident of Leach, Oklahoma, died January 15, 2016 at his home. Born February 14, 1947 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, he was the son of Jess Dew and Beatrice (Burkes) Dew. Bill married Marla Longbrake on January 8, 2016 in Leach. He graduated from the University of California Berkley with a Master's Degree in Environmental Health Management. Bill worked for Indian Health Services for many years, before retiring with the Indian Environmental Protection Agency. He was a Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with One Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Bill was a member of the VFW and American Legion Post in Kansas, and Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jess and Bea Dew.

He is survived by his wife, Marla; one son, William "Rob" Dew of Pryor, Oklahoma; one daughter, Stacy Dew of Leach, Oklahoma; six grandchildren: William "Daniel" Dew, Michelle Dew, Taylor Dew, Trenton Dew, Lakota Saucedo, and Logan William Saucedo; and one sister, Sharon Dunlap Peck and husband LC of West Siloam Springs/ Bunch, Oklahoma.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 22, 2016, at Leach School Gymnasium, Leach, Oklahoma with Rev. Jess French officiating.

Burial will follow at Bill Batt Cemetery, Rocky Ford, Oklahoma. The family asks that members of the racing community wear their racing shirts to the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Bill Batt Cemetery

1278 n 556 Road  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

Leach School Gymnasium  
Leach Public School  
Rose, OK 74364

# Tribute Wall



“ I used to work with Bill at Cherokee Nation Health and Human Services Department in Tahlequah from 1983-1984 when he was working on his graduate degree in health services. I had lost connection with Bill over the years, and was searching for him and just came across his obituary.

*My condolences to the family. Bill was a wonderful man with a great sense of humor. Since I was a student at NSU during the time we worked together, I didn't always have a car, and Bill would often give me a ride to work or home. We got to jam a little on some bluegrass music and Cherokee gospel music with Rev. Jess French back in the day when we worked together. I saw that Jess officiated the services, which seems very fitting to me.*

*I have many fond memories of working with Bill, and enjoyed seeing the photos through the years that the family posted. Praying that your hearts are comforted and that God would continue to give you peace and strength.*

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**David Montgomery** - September 30, 2016 at 02:07 PM

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**Linda Byers** - January 21, 2016 at 07:59 PM

FH

“ Bill was a wonderful person and a good friend - all your friends at UC Berkeley send their love and prayers - you will be missed.  
Felicia Hodge

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**Felicia Hodge** - January 21, 2016 at 09:15 AM

MP

“ Bill left beautiful memories with all those who knew him at the Nashville Area Indian Health Service. Bill may have looked serious from the first impression, but when one got to know him well, he saw humor in all aspects of life, he kept us laughing while we did our jobs. He was a nice and kind person, it is easy to see how he made friends and kept those friends over the years. He was the kind of manager that made new employees welcome. He was a highly intelligent man and a leader, who spent his lunch hours studying the government rules and regulations, and often helped others to understand the complex tribal contracts. It is good to know that Bill made it home to Oklahoma for his final phase of life, as Oklahoma was always in his heart no matter where he was. He was a very tough man, he once said, "the Lord has plans for me, when he calls, I will be ready."

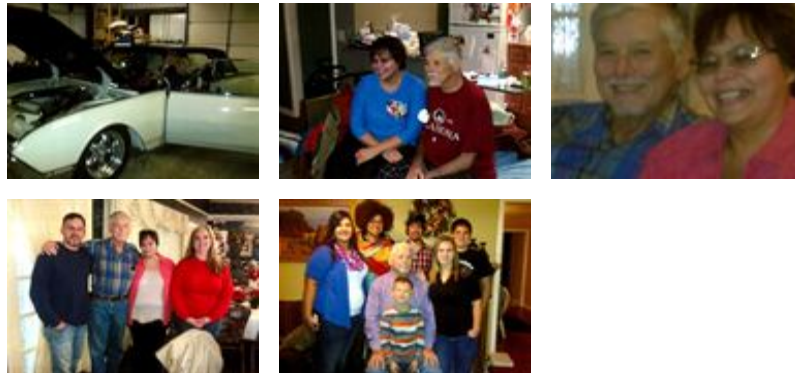
*Marla Pardilla, co worker*

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**Marla Pardilla** - January 20, 2016 at 10:26 PM



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Wasson Funeral Home - January 20, 2016 at 06:09 PM

DC

“ Dwayne, Arlene and Tyler Chambers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Keith Dew.



Dwayne, Arlene and Tyler Chambers - January 20, 2016 at 02:17 PM

AC

“ Dwayne, Arlene and Tyler Chambers sends our thoughts and prayers to the family. May God comfort you all.

Arlene Chambers - January 20, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Keith Dew.



January 19, 2016 at 11:34 PM

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Linda Byers - January 19, 2016 at 08:38 PM

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Linda Byers - January 19, 2016 at 08:00 PM

PC

“ Cochran family sends our condolences to you and your family.. We are praying for all the family that God will bring comfort to you. Love Pat

Pat Cochran - January 19, 2016 at 02:56 PM

KD

“ Sharon, I am sorry to hear about your brother Bill. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Davis

Karen Davis - January 18, 2016 at 02:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Keith Dew.



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January 17, 2016 at 09:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Keith Dew.



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January 17, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Keith Dew.



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January 17, 2016 at 04:47 PM