



William Studards

March 17, 1947 - February 22, 2011

William "Bill" Ray Studards, 63, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died February 22, 2011, at the VA Medical Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Born March 17, 1947, in Humboldt, Tennessee, he was the son of William A. Studards and Rubye Mason Studards. He was a Vietnam Veteran. Bill moved to Siloam Springs in 1962 and was a member of the American Legion and the VFW. He was a Captain in the Siloam Springs police department. On October 17, 2005, he married Lola Cook in Siloam Springs. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Terry Studards; and two half brothers, Charles Ed Studards and Bill Studards, Jr. Survivors include his wife Lola of the home; four daughters, Tina Camunas and husband Daniel of Dallas, Texas, Joelle Roddy of Dallas, Texas, Angela Case and husband Andy of Monticello, Arkansas, and Katie Studards of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; one step daughter, April Stickland of Gloucester, Virginia; one step-son, Corey Coleman of Gloucester, Virginia, two sisters, Jane Comstock and husband David of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Sherry Bass and husband Danny of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; and four grandchildren. Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 25, 2011, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I am sad to have learned of Bill's passing (via our cousin Paula Hardesty). Though I only met Bill on a couple of occasions, he will be missed. My prayers are with his family.

Mikel J. Fisher - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

SS

“ Bill was so thoughtful of others, his friendly smile and mild manners will be missed. Always a good friend. All the Studdards were such fine folks to all of us growing up in Siloam and hanging out at the Grill.

Steve Strickland - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

GF

“ I have wonderful memories of Bill from SSHS class of '65. So glad he was able to attend our reunion this past fall. Bill was the kind of man we all looked up to, making us proud to have been part of his life. He'll certainly be missed.

Gene Fugate - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

LA

“ sorry to here the news about bill, i'm sure he will be missed by many

larry apperson - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

PF

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family during this time. Even though I did not know Bill well, we share the experiences of being classmates in Siloam Springs, and that is a great connection. He will be missed.

Pamela Holliday Ferguson - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

BW

“ Bill was a great guy with a wonderful sense of humour. Although i haven't seen him in years anytime i heard his name mentioned i would remember his smiling face and his friendly way. He will be missed!

bill wright - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

CH

“ I remember some great times from our past. Bill is a great person and will be missed by a lot.

Carl Harrison - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

BM

“ bill was a good man and appreciated for that in high school and through out his life. i'm proud to have known him.

Bill Mckinney - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

GS

“ To my Viet Nam buddy. While we were not in the same branch and not there at precisely at the same time, we both served proudly. I would never tell Bill about my sickness or problems, I always wanted to try and pick him up, cause he really needed the wsupport.

We had some great timews Coaching thenlittle boys baseball there in Siloam and and had some wild fast pitch ball games. Time really gets away. I'll miss youn "Paco".

Have a wonderful journey my friend. May God Bless You.

Guy A. Sackett - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

BM

“ *The Studards family are in my prayers. May God wrap his loving arms around you all at this time of sorrow. Bless you.*

Bevra Mickel - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

DW

“ *I don't think I've seen Bill since High School. I enjoyed reading the tributes. Sounds like he ran the course and successfully finished the race. I know he is now receiving his reward.*

*May God bless the family during this difficult time.
May God's peace be with you!*

Debby Webb Werle - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

SP

“ *I'll never forget one of the first times I heard Capt. Studards' name. It was late one evening after arriving home from work, and I was excited to discover while checking messages that Capt. Studards had called to offer my husband, Jeff, his first job in law enforcement. Little did we know what a power influence he would prove to be over the next few years.*

When we relocated to Siloam Springs several months later, I was a young bride just learning how to cook, but Capt. Studards complimented everything I baked for the officers as if it had come from Betty Crocker herself. I loved him not only for the undeserved praise but also for helping shape my husband into the police officer that he would become.

My condolences to the entire Studards family. May God comfort you in your loss.

Sheryl Potter - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

GM

“ Jane, I never figured out if you put up with Bill's pranks at the Southern Grill or if you put him up to some. It sounds like Bill was a terrific role model for lots of young policemen, as well as being such a family guy.

God has blessed you with wonderful memories. May He be with you through the tough times.

Glenda B Myrick - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

DD

“ My deepest condolences to Jane, Sherry, Lola, Katie, and all of Bill's family. Bill was a great guy and will be missed. The service was lovely; I'm sorry I had to leave before I could tell you in person how fond I was of Bill, Doc, Rubye, and Terry.

Dena Dickinson - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

DC

“ We are so saddened to hear about the loss of my classmate & our friend Bill. We have great memories of all of the Siloam Studdards & of their fantastic restaurant, the Southern Grill. We assure you that Bill will be missed by his SSHS65 classmates and friends.

Don & Lucy Cundiff - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

PH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Physical Therapy @ Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

RM

“ *Lola, Sherry, Jane, and Families....*

So sorry to hear about Bill's last illness and suffering. For him and for you who love him, I'm thankful he is at peace.

*I have so many fond memories that include your family over the years. Our prayers are with all of you who loved Bill at this time. May the Lord comfort and sustain you all! In love and friendship,
Rocky*

Roxana (Reagan) Morrill - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

LW

“ *I am sorry for your loss and will be praying for you and your family.*

Linda Brooks Ward

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SF

“ *Angela I will be praying for you and your family during this difficult time.*

Shirley Fisackerly - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

BH

“ Our hearts were saddened to learn of Bill's death. The Studards family have been longtime friends to us and many in our community. Keith & I have such great memories of the entire family... Doc & Ruby, and Jane, Bill, Terry & Sherry, and of course the Southern Grill.

As an employee of Harrison's Jewelry for 31 years, I loved how Bill always came to me for his jewelry wants & needs. He LOVED to shop for his sweet daughter Katy...and of course he loved BLING for himself as well! I will never forget how badly he wanted a particular men's ring I had in the showcase for sale. He came in every few days drooling over it, and then one day he finally made up his mind he wanted to buy it for himself, and it was gone...I had already sold it. Over the years Bill & I laughed & laughed about that, and he always said he could never forgive me. :O)

Bill was a great man. He is now reunited with Doc, Ruby & Terry...and I bet they are up there in heaven right now making that delicious Cucumber Dressing!!

Brenda Hall - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

JP

“ There are few people in my life that influenced me as much as Capt Bill Studards. His approachable but firm demeanor directly influenced the kind of officer I became.

I'll never forget when I wrecked the brand new patrol car in a parking lot as a rookie. The next day, I went to his office to receive whatever punishment he had prepared for me. I stood in the doorway of his office as he scratched out a note and looked up at me. "What are you doing here? It's your day off," he asked. I replied that I was there to deal with the consequences of my accident. He seemed surprised before turning to face me.

"Were you being irresponsible? Were you driving too fast? Did you act recklessly?" He had read the report.

I shook my head and said quietly, "No, sir."

Then he said, "That's why they call them accidents... now go home and enjoy your weekend."

I don't know if he ever realized how that affected me but his response influenced the way I dealt with the public, family and friends from that day on.

Thank you Capt Studards. You are already missed.

Jeff Potter - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

JR

“ I was sorry to hear of Bill's passing. My thoughts are with the family at this time.

Jan Farmer Russell - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

LW

“ *Sherry and Dan,
You are in my prayers. I know this is a hard time for you all. I have been thinking of you so much. I will be here when you get back home. Rest in God's mercy and love.
Love,
Linda Kay*

Linda Kay Webb - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

BB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of Bill. We have known the Studards since they first moved to Siloam back in the 60's and have so many good memories of times with them. Bill was always a wonderful big brother to Jane, Terry and Sherry. I know he will be missed greatly. May God comfort you.*

Barbara & Jerry Behnken - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

JF

“ *In loving memory of William R. Studards and our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during this difficult time. We can at least say one good thing and that is Bill is in heaven with our heavenly father who has taken him to a better place where he is no longer suffering. He will always be in our hearts as he touched us in all ways of his life here on Earth. Rest in peace and enjoy the beautiful family of Gods home.
Love Always,
Joelle, Dakota, & Joslyn Roddy*

Joelle Roddy & family - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

SW

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Sandra Wright - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

SF

“ Your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this your time of mourning. I pray that God's peace which surpasses all understanding can comfort you and give you strength with each passing day.

Sharonda Forte - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

KF

“ Angela you are in my thoughts and prayers! I here if you need anything. Love ya! Karen

Karen Fuqua - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

JG

“ Angela,

*God is our protection and our strength.
He always helps in times of trouble.
The Lord All-Powerful is with us;
the God of Jacob is our defender.
Psalm 46:1,11*

I love you and I'll be praying for your family.

Jackie Gamble - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

RP

“ We are praying for you in this time of loss. And if there is anything that we can do please let us know.

God Bless You and Your Family,

*Love,
Phillip & Reathel*

Reathel Privett - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

KB

“ I was very sad to hear of Bill's passing. He was a wonderful man. He is now with Doc and Ruby and in no more pain. I am thankful for that. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him. My deepest sympathy to the family.
Love, Kathy

Kathy Bode - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

DH

“ Bill has been in our prayers for a long time. He is now in the arms of our Lord with no more suffering. We are praying for you and your family during this time of your loss. Bill was loved by many including us, even though we never had the pleasure of meeting him. May you be comforted at this time and know that God has His arms around you. You are continued in our prayers with love.

Dewey & Nona Wilson & Neoma Haggard - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

RO

“ I became friends with Bill in 1964. I was 14 and he was 17. We were members of a band called "The Blue Vibrations".

We all wore black slacks with an Arrow brand, long sleeved, light blue shirt. Bill was our lead vocalist. Jack England, Donny Walters and I played guitars. Kenny Caughman played the keyboard and David Snider on the drums.

Claude Townsend invited us to play at the community building for a DeMolay dance one Friday night after a football game. As we were setting up the stage, Bill walked over to a fellow that was plugging in some cords that was bent over with his back to him. He thought it was Jack England and Bill asked him "what brand of beer do you want me to get for you?" Well it wasn't Jack. It was Claude Townsend, the DeMolay director. Nothing ever became of it and I'm not sure that they even got any beer that night but we all had a good laugh over it.

We got a job playing for the graduation party at the Water Purification and Sanitation School in Neosho Missouri. Being 14, my folks refused to let me go away that far, so the band went on without me. For some reason that I've never learned, David Snider ended up riding to Neosho in a car with Mike Keyes. There was an accident and David was in a comma for weeks. David survived but never was able to play the drums as well as before. Maybe Mom and Dad were smarter than I realized. That was the beginning of the end for our little band. I've always appreciated how welcome all those guys made me feel even though I was the youngest one of the group.

Our condolences to Bills family and Sherry, Delores and I love you Sis. The Southern Grill, Terry, Bill, Jane and you, have always been a special part of our youth.

Roger Osbourn - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

CP

“ Thinking of you during this difficult time. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you!

Cassie

Cassie Ply - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

EV

“ We all have lost a good friend.

Bill will be missed.

Our prayers will be with the family at this time.

Evan & Dean Vohs - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

BL

“ Captain Studards was a good man. My dream was to be a Police Officer and he helped that come true. I often catch myself repeating sayings of his like if I was taking my time milking a report "Quit Highland Dairying my ass". Or "Your shoes look like you've shined them with a Hershey Bar" On 9/11, I ended up directing traffic with him in front of Max's, a lady made him mad he chewed her up one side and down the other then came to me and told me if he ever saw me talk to anyone like that he would fire me. He told me on many occasions to give as many warnings as I did tickets and have compassion.

I have had many Supervisors since him that when someone complained on you, they treated you as if you were guilty and the person complaining was 100% correct. Studards NEVER did this; he stood up for me and backed me. Then he would call me in his office and get my side of the story. If I was wrong he would deal with it, and if I was right he would stand beside me. He would deal with the mistakes you made, but not hold them against you. I wish there were more Supervisors like him.

Benjamin Little - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

SN

“ Bill was such a fun loving guy and I will always have fond memories when we were all at the Southern Grill. He will be missed, but always remembered.

Love, Steffie

Steffie Nichols - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

BW

“ I was honored to have Bill as a Lt. during my tenure at SSPD. My brother in arms Don Cleek said it all. Besides teaching rookies how to be better officers, Bill taught you how to be a better man. You will be missed Lt., God speed warrior.

Brett Williams - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

TH

“ Sherry, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your wonderful family.

Theresa Hammers - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

SS

“ A good man and an example for others to serve their country and community.

Stephanie G Sawyer - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

JB

“ To Bill's family, I am so sorry for your loss. Have known Bill since high school and always considered him a friend. I pray God will comfort you during this time of sadness.

Joyce Maples Bailey - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

CC

“ *Sherry and family,*

I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. May your sadness ease with each passing day and your memories of Bill bring joy.

Cindy Clark - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

SR

“ *How blessed we are to have loved and be loved by such precious souls. And what comfort we have to know we will see them again someday! Praying for you all during this difficult time.*

Sheryl Ree - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

DH

“ *All of us here at the Senior Activity Center were saddened to hear of Bill's passing. He was well thought of by the volunteers who delivered meals to him. Lola, may you and your family find peace and comfort in the Lord. Jane, as one of our volunteer you are special to us. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Debi Holroyd - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

CW

“ *Bill and my father (Dick Wales) worked @ the police station around the same time. Bill was a very kind hearted person whom always had an ear to lend when needed. One of my most prominent memories is from when I lost my father. Bill was there to lend an ear to my mother in her time of grief. Katie, you were still very young at that time but you had made my mother & I a card. My heart goes out to you Katie, I know this is a difficult time. I will be thinking of you and praying for strength in your time of loss.*

Christi Wales-Hazlett - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

DH

“ *To the Family of William Studards:*

My sincere sympathy for your recent loss. Take comfort in knowing he is free from pain and basking in the presence of Love. Prayers are with you.

Dawn Hackney - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

CS

“ *I am so saddened to hear of this. Bill was a fine classmate and a great friend to all. He will be missed.*

Conrad N. Sawyer - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

TR

“ *Bill was an AWESOME guy that I can't even remember when I did meet him. But I do know one thing, no matter how long it was between the times I seen him, he was always the same. Always had that big smile and a kind word. Katie, I pray God be with you and give you the strength that you need right now and that you always know how much your daddy loved you! God bless you and be with you as you start this next chapter in your life. Bill will truly be missed by many and remembered forever!*

Tonya Myrick Roberts - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

KS

“ *Daddy,
you will never know how much I love you, you are the strongest
man I ever knew, the most beautiful person inside and out, the best
daddy a girl could ever hope for, & the best friend one could ever
ask for.
I will miss you more than anyone will ever understand-I could sit
here and think of countless memories we shared.
I truly know you are in a better place-God has a plan for everyone
and I know you are no longer suffering and hopefully looking down
while hitting some golf balls.
I know that everything happens for a reason, I promise to be strong
and get through this, I know you will be with me every step of the
way. I may not be able to see you-but I know I will feel you in my
heart everyday.
I wouldn't trade any of our moments together, good or bad. You
taught me so much and I am so happy you were here to help me be
a big girl & survive on my own! I know you will be looking down
smiling and cheering for me the day I walk across the stage at my
college graduation and remember it's all for you!
Daddy, I love you-MORE...I'll see you again someday..
-Katie Ray.*

Katie studards - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

JH

“ *I knew him as Lt. Studdards at SSPD. He was a great leader. He
would pat you on the back when you deserved it, kick you in the
pants when you messed up and then make you want to go back out
and do it right. He also was a good friend who would listen if you
had some troubles to get off your chest. Semper Fi LT.*

jim huskins - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM