



Robert M Hill

March 2, 1954 - January 11, 2021

Robert Monroe Hill was born in Tulare County on March 2, 1954 to Robert Henry Hill and Rebecca Leoma (Allen) Hill. He was raised in Visalia. As a child, his dad introduced him to balsa wood model airplanes and that became one of his favorite childhood toys. He was an artist and photographer. When he got bored with the model planes, he would set them on fire staging photos. While no one has confessed who the instigator was, he and his oldest brother, Karl, decided they needed a secret passage from their second floor bedroom to the basement. They decided cutting holes in their floor, passing through their parents' closet floor, and down into the basement was a genius idea. Needless to say, they got a whoppin'.

He was a graduate of Mount Whitney High School. Following high school, having always loved cars, he attended Auto Body School. There was always a car or two around. Some of the cars were a '64 Dodge Dart, '65 Ford Galaxy XL, 390 4 speed, many Volkswagens, and numerous others including motorcycles.

He loved his five siblings: Karl, Andy (preceded in death), Tim, Kathy, and Doug, his parents and numerous extended family very much although he didn't always express it. Most Sundays he would stop by mom's house where they all gathered to visit. They would catch up on the prior week and the conversation would eventually be about cars.

Robert served in the Army from 1975 to 1978 as a Driver in his battalions Motor Pool in Hawaii and North Carolina. He enjoyed going to many concerts

during his time in the military and took many cool pictures, including Cheech and Chong, Seals and Croft, and 5th Dimension. He returned to California and finished his service in the CA Army Reserves receiving an honorable discharge. During this time he married Diana Kirksey welcoming their daughters Roseanna Marie and Rebecca Rose.

He worked for K-mart before and after his military service. When K-mart closed, he took advantage of their retraining program and became a certified computer technician. Here he combined his sharp mind and love for helping people into a career. He worked doing IT work for Tulare County Health and Human Services. He also enjoyed his computers at home.

At K-mart he met Paula. He would offer her rides home from work which she initially denied. But with much persistence he finally got a first date and later married her. Together they camped with their family in places like Sequoia National Park and on trips to Yellowstone, Olympic National Forest, Zion National Park, and McCall, Idaho. He had an eye for photography and captured many good pictures on these adventures. And this makes it hard to find good pictures of him because he was always behind the camera.

Robert loved cars. For many years he would buy a car, fix it up, sell it, and buy another to start the process over. Each of his girls, Shanen, Roseanna, and Rebecca all had Volkswagens when they learned to drive (and his wife, Paula, always had a Jeep). He made sure each of them knew how to change a tire, change the oil, and fill her own gas tank before they could drive.

Beach boys and other Oldies but Goodies were playing in the background during the ride to school creating many memories for his daughters.

Bob enjoyed the times he could spend with his grandchildren. (Robyn, Killian, Nicholas, Kristin, Bradley, Katy, M. David, Kourtney) and great grandchildren (Alyce, Arthur, Perer, Odin). He especially enjoyed when he could share his guitar, take a train ride, or having them sit on his motorcycle.

Bob was happiest when he could contribute to the happiness of others.

Previous Events

Memorial

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert M Hill*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 20, 2021 at 01:58 PM

RD

“ *Roseanna Davison lit a candle in memory of Robert M Hill*



Roseanna Davison - May 25, 2022 at 09:17 AM

SR

“ *Bob Hill will be deeply missed. He has always been a steady and reliable professional how assistend everyone with the same kindness and patience that typified my interactions with him. From his interest in rebuilding old computers to his dedication of providing services, he made being his co-worker a delight. I am truly sorry for his passing.*

Sabrina Robinson - January 20, 2021 at 12:35 PM

RB

“ *Robert and Brenda Burt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert M Hill.*

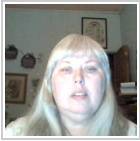


Robert and Brenda Burt - January 19, 2021 at 04:30 PM

ER

“ *My condolences to Robert's (Bob's) family during this time of his transition. I remember him helping me prior to me being hired to M.I.S. and he was one of the few people that always said 'Hello' or 'Good Morning' in the hallway.*
Eric Petersen

Eric - January 19, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *Kathleen Hill lit a candle in memory of Robert M Hill*



Kathleen Hill - January 15, 2021 at 07:52 PM