



William James Chambers

August 24, 1949 - December 25, 2024

William James Chambers, (a.k.a. Gramps, uncle Bill, uncle Willie) was born on August 24, 1949 in the town of New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada. In 1960 (at 11yrs old) he moved with his parents and younger sister Maureen from Canada to San Mateo California.

He graduated from San Mateo high school in 1967. He then went on to St. Mary's University in San Francisco, graduating with a BA in Theology. Bill was studying to be a priest.

But then his life followed a different path. With his deep religious views, Bill felt that he had to be a conscientious objector during the Vietnam war. He gave four years to work for Catholic social services. It was a turning point in his life, and his true passion of devotion to help began.

He worked with several social service agencies. It's where his ability to reach out and help trouble kids became so evident. During these years, he also earned a masters in psychology.

He then was called to teaching. He worked for many years for Chapman University and then onto Farmersville continuation school. It was at this school that he touched and changed so many young lives, helping them find a new path and work towards a productive life. After his retirement from Farmersville,

he went on to teach for several years at Hot Springs Elementary School.

Bill loved sharing his life with Londi and the dogs, family, and friends. Always ready to cook and share with family, friends and his cherished community of Pine Flat. His beloved cabin in the mountains was his masterpiece. A beautiful home, filled with his treasures and his beautifully landscaped property.

Bill lived his life to the fullest with many wonderful adventures and friends along the way. It was always his goal to make sure everyone felt welcome and loved.

What wonderful memories we all have.

Today we celebrate this wonderful man who greatly impacted so many lives. He is with his Lord now and is at peace.

Visitation will be held 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Saturday, January 11th, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Rosary will follow from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM as well as a Memorial service from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM, followed by a Prayer Service from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

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

Rosary

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

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Memorial

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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Prayer Service

JAN 11. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of William James Chambers*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 10, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of William James Chambers*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 07, 2025 at 06:31 PM

RB

“ *The man, the myth, the legend among people and the reason me along with so many others went to college. He was more than a teacher he was one of my friends in school and I'll miss our conversations and laughs. I remember one time at a friend's wedding it was a dry wedding, and we sat next to each other without a clue we both pulled out a flask and had a good laugh, I'll miss you my friend. -Robert B*

Robert blake - January 11, 2025 at 04:17 PM

TP

“ *What a beautiful person Bill Chambers was. I remember vividly sitting in his office at Chapman University scared to embark on starting school. His kindness and compassion stayed with me during my years at Chapman and long after graduation. He was the kind of guy that I knew I could call for help, even if I hadn't seen him for years. Rest easy, Bill, and thank you for touching my life in such a profound way. I feel honored to be one of the thousands of students whom you imparted your knowledge, your wisdom and your friendship to. My most sincere condolences to Londi, his family and friends.*

Tami Postlewaite-Warner - January 10, 2025 at 12:29 PM

JE

“ *One of the best teachers ever, never had to ask him twice for help on anything and he always knew how to help any student whether it was a school issue or home issue. Rest in peace Mr. Chambers, you will be missed by many and remembered by all who knew you, thank you for your unwavering service and dedication to so many.*

Jeremy Estes - January 09, 2025 at 03:37 PM

TF

“ *The Fitterer Ranch Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William James Chambers.*



The Fitterer Ranch Family - January 09, 2025 at 12:58 PM

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“ *The Fitterer Ranch Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William James Chambers.*

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William James Chambers.*



January 07, 2025 at 05:09 PM



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JC

“ *My condolences to the family in this hard time.....thank you Mr chambers for pushing me to get my diploma and helping me anyway you could the world lost an amazing human being but heaven gained an amazing angel that day save a seat for me Mr chambers till we meet again RIP*

Joseph cole - January 07, 2025 at 03:21 PM

JL

“ *Bill had a laugh and smile that lit up every room. He was a humanitarian who was loved by everyone around him. His love for Londi was so strong and their relationship inspired so many of us. I am grateful to have known him for a short couple of years and saddened that he is not longer with us but glad that he has found peace.*

Julie Levine - January 07, 2025 at 11:15 AM