



William Lloyd Sickels

March 26, 1936 - September 14, 2020

On September 14, 2020, William "Bill" Sickels went to be with his Lord and Savior while at his home in Visalia, CA. Bill had been a member of the Methodist Church of Visalia for over 50 years. Early in 1950's, Bill was a member of the Tipton Methodist Church where he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized in front of the congregation. He was a leader in the Divorce Recovery program through the Methodist church.

Bill was born in Porterville, CA on March 26, 1936 to Roy and Lula Mae Sickels. He spent most of his younger years in Tulare and graduated from Tulare Union HS in 1954. After high school, he attended Porterville College and San Jose State, majoring in physical education. He served in the United States Army from 1960-1963. When he was honorably discharged, he returned to San Jose State and obtained his master's degree in physical education.

While working on his master's degree, Bill was a math teacher, football, and wrestling coach at Redwood High School. In 1968, Bill transferred to Victor Valley College for two years. In 1970 Bill came back to the valley and coached football and wrestling, taught math, and later became the athletic director at Tulare Western High School until his retirement in 1996. During the summers, off time, and after retirement Bill enjoyed working for Orange Belt Stages and Celebrant Singers as a driver.

Bill was heavily involved in serving with Visalia YMCA, Kiwanis of Visalia, and Boy Scouts of America. He attended YMCA as a teenager and as an adult, he

served as counselor, waterfront director, and as a board of trustee's member. He was awarded Person of the Year in 1984 and inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1990 at the YMCA. He served as the Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster of Troop 302 from 1980-1983.

Once he started to slow down, Bill spent as much time as he could with his son's family, Alan and Rebecca Sickels and their daughter Katie. Bill is also survived by four sisters, Letitia Hardin, Margie Lawson, Carol Fuchs, and Bonnie Armendariz, and two brothers, Richard and Philip Sickels. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Visalia Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial

OCT 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of William Lloyd Sickels*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - October 01, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of William Lloyd Sickels*



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KC

“ We are sorry to hear of the loss of Bill! He was a wonderful man and always willing to reach out and help someone. My husband, Gary, was the director of the YMCA and he and Bill were good friends! They enjoyed backpacking with a group together in the Sierras! Gary died in 2014, so they are, I'm sure, enjoying seeing each other again in Heaven! You all are in our thoughts and prayers and pray for peace and comfort for all of you!
Respectfully-Kay Curto and family

Kay Curto - October 19, 2020 at 02:01 PM

LH

“ Just finished watching my brother's service - very emotional and comforting - I know he is with our Heavenly Father yet I will cry because I will miss him. He was many things to many people - a son, a brother, a father, a grandfather, an uncle, and most importantly a believer. My prayers for comfort to Alan, Rebecca and Katie. Also to my brothers and sisters - May we continue to share our love

Letitia HARDIN - October 01, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of William Lloyd Sickels.



October 01, 2020 at 12:13 AM

BA

“ I am Bill Sickels youngest sister, Bonnie Armendariz. Bill meant the world to me. He was my rock. There were so many times I fell down and he was always there to pick me up. I adored him at Camp Telequoia. His funny stories, especially the “Lion Hunt” . Bill I will miss you everyday, but I know you are at peace. Give Mama and Daddy a big hug from me! I was so blessed and proud to be your sister! Thank you for your kindness and support! I will never need to ask “were did you go Bubba?”, because I know you are in God’s arms! Till we meet again, goodnight brother Bill and May God bless you!

Bonnie Armendariz - September 27, 2020 at 09:37 PM

SS

I'm Steve Surowiec and I worked a few summers on maintenance staff at Camp Tulequoia at the invitation of Art Shahzade at the end of my sophomore year at Mt. Whitney. It was the best thing I've ever done. I met Bill and all the Sickels sisters, and when I started my career as a second language instructor I used many of the Camp songs to teach English. Bill's wonderfully engaging "Lion Hunt" has traveled far and wide in this world, believe me! Beyond the fun was the great caring man, Bill, who made a lifetime contribution to the fellowship of caring in this world. When Shaz and I meet up for a weekly lunch we smile to remember the tremendous experiences we had among the Tulequoia family.

My thoughts and good memories go to all of you in Bill's family. - Steve

Steve Surowiec - October 03, 2020 at 06:50 PM

TM

“ I knew Bill for over 30 years when we both served on the CSADA (California State Athletic Directors Association) board. Bill was a wonderful person who was a major reason CSADA is the strong association that it is today. During his presidency he demonstrated what a wonderful person he was through leadership and compassion for CSADA. His will be greatly missed by all of us that had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

Tim Miller

Tim Miller - September 24, 2020 at 04:47 PM

JA

“ Thinking of Bill's smile and all the work he did to serve the State of California and the athletic community. He left this world a better place than he found it. Thoughts and prayers to all his family. Jean Kinn Ashen, CSADA Board member

Jean Kinn Ashen - September 24, 2020 at 04:28 PM