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A beloved father, partner, brother, son and friend has stepped too soon away. William Gregory (Bill) Donovan passed away on April 25th after a short illness. Born in Vallejo on January 10, 1957, he was the 6th son and 10th child of Lawrence Otto Donovan and Florence Aileen Donovan. Bill graduated from Vallejo Senior High School in 1975 and attended Napa Valley College. He was a proud Vallejo Police Officer for 29 years, the only career he ever considered. His favorite assignment was being a motorcycle Traffic Officer, and he was well-respected within the Department and the community. The blue bond he had with his PD family was deep and unbreakable.

Bill enjoyed water skiing, whitewater rafting, and camping. His passions were gardening and cooking, both of which he did well. After having shop classes in junior high and high school, Bill could build anything, as evidenced by numerous fences, remodels, and even replacing a house foundation. In retirement, he continued his association with the Police Department in various assignments, including serving as the Volunteer Coordinator for several years. He and Bonnie also operated Bonnie's Emporium, an antiques and consignment shop in Napa, through which he continued to make new friends. Bill had a good heart and was always there when needed. He will be missed by so many.

Left to mourn his irreparable loss are his daughter, Laura Donovan; his partner, Bonnie Blakefield and her daughters Tiffany and Theresa, and son George; brothers Mike and Dennis (Terri); sisters Mary Jolly, Nancy (Wayne) Martin, Terry Peach, Cecilia (Mark) Reese, Connie Donovan (Alicia Honn), and Carole (Jim) Neubauer; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and greats.

He joins at rest his parents and brothers Joe, Tim, and Tom.

Requiescat in pace.

Visitation will be held 11 AM-9 PM Thursday, May 2 with Vigil Services beginning at 7 PM Thursday at Twin Chapels Mortuary, 1100 Tennessee St., Vallejo. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 12 noon Friday, May 3 at St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Florida and Sacramento Sts., Vallejo. Burial will follow at All Souls Catholic Cemetery, Vallejo.

Arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo (707) 552-6696. www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

550 Glen Cove Road
Vallejo, CA 94591
(707) 644-5209

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Twin Chapels Mortuary
1100 Tennessee Street
Vallejo, CA 94590
(707) 552-6696
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Vigil Service

MAY 2. 7:00 PM (PT)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 3. 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Vincent's Catholic Church
925 Sacramento Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

Tribute Wall

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“ Joyce Temoche lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" G. Donovan



Joyce Temoche - May 06, 2019 at 07:22 PM

TQ

“ To the Donovan and Martin Family,
So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He had a kind and gentle soul.
Thoughts and prayers to the families.

Teresa (Traylor) Quento - May 02, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ 175 files added to the album LifeTributes



Twin Chapels Mortuary - May 01, 2019 at 07:02 PM

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“ *I'm sadden to see this, Bill you are a sweet man, I missed you. I enjoyed your presents at our produce stand. May you Rest in Peace young man. Xxoo*

Diana - May 01, 2019 at 09:40 AM

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“ *Bill was such a nice man and I am so sad that he passed away. I just spoke to him a few weeks ago. I am so sorry Bonnie! You guys were the best and he will be missed.*

Amberly Krupcznski - April 30, 2019 at 01:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bill" G. Donovan.*



April 29, 2019 at 10:13 PM