



## William "Bill" Howard Platten

September 3, 1953 - November 22, 2020

William "Bill" Howard Platten was born on September 3, 1953 to the late Howard & Margaret "Peggy" Platten and entered Heaven at the age of 67 after Covid-19 took his life on November 22, 2020. His memory will be cherished by all who knew him, especially the love of his life, Rene Platten, and his daughters, Laura (Hayden) Simons, Julie (Reed) Long, and Kathleen (Jason) Caswell (Gulfport, MS), and 11 adoring grandchildren. Bill is survived by 5 siblings Ann Platten McIntrye, Lou Platten (Carol Roth), Patty (Bill) Maneke, Jeanne (Walter) Bowe, and John (Margie) Platten.

Bill was the most incredible father to his three girls. He had the gift of making each of them (and most everyone else he knew) feel like they were his favorite...and each had evidence to back that up! He took time to love, listen, guide, and support each of them uniquely - even as they matured and began their own families. Anyone who knew Bill knew that his true favorite was his wife, and they made the perfect team. When they met, Bill was working as a bagger at a grocery store and 39 years later he retired as a well-respected, well-loved Vice President of Kroger. Together they had many adventures and created deep friendships around the country as they moved eight times in twelve years before settling down in Memphis, TN.

Bill invested his time, attention, and intention regularly throughout Memphis. He served in small ways and with grand gestures. He was involved with many ministries through his church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help; he served and led the Disciples in Mission, Men's Morning of Spirituality, the Fishers of Men group, and has worked with Rene to serve the Missionaries of Charity, the guests of Room in the Inn, and anywhere he saw a need. They also managed Catholic Heart Workcamp together for 11 summers and attended many mission trips together. He served on the Board of the MidSouth Food Bank, Catholic Charities, American Diabetes Association, and Big Brothers Big Sisters, where he met his "Little Brother" DeMarkis.

Bill will be remembered for the example he set in loving others well. His faith drove him to be on mission wherever he went. Bill was a stranger to no one and his humor endeared

him to everyone. His wit made his family laugh in all circumstances. Bill had a gift of sharing wisdom and then giving room to use it. He also had a few mottos he liked to use such as: "Always Do Your Best," "Do it with love," "To whom much is given, much is expected."

He was tenderly treated at Germantown Methodist Hospital in the ICU as a Covid patient. We are so thankful for each of the healthcare workers that cared for Bill. Their hands were diligent and their calls maintained our hope.

Due to the recent surge in Covid-19 cases, in an effort to keep everyone safe, there will not be a visitation scheduled. A private family service will be held on December 5, 2020 to celebrate and honor the life of Bill Platten at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Please join in the celebratory mass via livestream beginning at 10:45 am on December 5, 2020 with this link: <https://foreverreadyllc.com/billplatten>

Because we are not having a visitation, an email account has been set up for anyone wishing to share their memories of Bill: [rememberingbillplatten@gmail.com](mailto:rememberingbillplatten@gmail.com)

These memories will be shared with Rene and the girls as a special tribute to Bill.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Room In the Inn, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, or Catholic Charities of West Tennessee.

Room In The Inn - Memphis | Ways to Give ([www.roomintheinn-memphis.org](http://www.roomintheinn-memphis.org))

Donate | Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midsouth ([www.msmentor.org](http://www.msmentor.org))

Catholic Charities <https://www.ccwn.org/donate/>

If you feel compelled to donate flowers, the family requests using Holliday Flowers([www.hollidayflowers.com](http://www.hollidayflowers.com)), his son-in-law's family business.

# Cemetery

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## **OLPH Columbarium**

8151 Poplar Avenue

Germantown, TN, 38138

# Comments

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“ About 40 years ago I was broke, homeless and starveing. Bill and Rene took me into there home feed me at their table, helped me find a job and let me stay there till I was able to get an apartment. I know JESUS remembers those kind actions. I'm for ever thankfull.

**Kevin** - December 06, 2020 at 07:21 PM

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“ Don and Renee Samuels: The obituary of Bill was a perfect summary of him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. He will be sadly missed. As a neighbor to the Platten's, feel free to reach out to us for anything you may need or want. We will be here for you. Our sincerest wishes that all the family will hold dear the precious memories you have all shared.

**Renee Samuels** - December 04, 2020 at 04:44 PM

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“ As a former The U of M professor I taught Julie and knew her as an excellent learner and dedicated Counseling Intern. She is definitely a strong young woman with a loving heart who comes from a devoted family. She and all her family are in my heart today and I will pray for them as they have her Daddy's Mass. I will continue to pray for them during this very hard time when they grieve towards peace and understanding. Julie, I'm sending you and your family much love. Jo Epstein

**Jo Epstein** - December 04, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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“ The Buckley Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Bill" Howard Platten.



**The Buckley Family** - December 02, 2020 at 02:17 PM

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“ Bill was one of my oldest and dearest friends having known him for 50+ years to many memories to pick from I know Bill will continue to do God's work from heaven

Paul Arnold

Paul Arnold - November 29, 2020 at 12:59 PM

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“ I did not know Bill, but I feel blessed to now know about him. God bless his Family. God is so Good through people like Him.

Fr. Mike Morgera - November 28, 2020 at 09:54 AM

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“ Full Heart was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Howard Platten.



November 28, 2020 at 02:42 AM

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“ Bill was the greatest friend anyone could ever have, or hope to have. He was kind, full of wisdom and love. He regularly gave me advice on so many topics, family, my career, spiritual guidance - the list goes on. I hope someday I can be 1/2 the person he was! I feel confident that he is truly, truly judged as faithful and trusted servant in heaven....

Roger - November 27, 2020 at 08:03 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Howard Platten.



November 27, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Howard Platten.



November 27, 2020 at 02:32 PM

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“ Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Howard Platten.



November 26, 2020 at 01:17 PM

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“ Julie lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Howard Platten



Julie - November 25, 2020 at 04:00 PM

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I wish I had the words to ease your pain. Hold onto each other. You are in my heart, thoughts, and prayers.

Jonette Rukstad - November 25, 2020 at 10:39 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Howard Platten.



November 25, 2020 at 10:24 AM