



Bill Tolles

November 4, 1954 - October 6, 2024

Bill Tolles, 69, of Rose Hill, passed away at his home on October 6, 2024. Bill, son of Floyd Tolles and Anne Creech, was born on November 4, 1954, in Kansas City, Missouri. The family moved to Oskaloosa when Bill was a young child, and this is where he grew up. Bill was part of the 1972 graduating class from Oskaloosa High School. In 1972, when Bill was 17 years old, he joined the Army and was stationed at the Fort Paige Army Base in South Korea. Upon his discharge in 1975, he moved back to Oskaloosa. Working on gas station pumps was where he began his lifelong career in maintenance. Bill worked for Pepsi Co. and Clow in the maintenance departments and held the manager title for a few years. For 25 years, he worked for the Oskaloosa School District in the maintenance electrical department. His expertise in electrical maintenance was a gift he shared with the school district. In 1977, he met Loraetta Baugher, and they began a relationship. In 1984, he and Loraetta were wed at Keomah Village. Two years after they were married, he was blessed again with the birth of his son, Nathan. Bill taught Loraetta how to play the drums and Nathan how to play guitar to create a family band. He was the guitarist, alongside his guitar-playing son, Nathan, and drum-playing wife, to make up the band Tolz. The Tolz band played in two dozen shows, sharing their gift of music with many friends. Bill, Loraetta, and Nathan were the three amigos and shared a beautiful relationship. Until Loraetta lost her mobility, Bill enjoyed deer hunting alongside his wife. The timber was their church, God's creation.

Left to cherish Bill's memory are his son, Nathan Tolles of Rose Hill; a nephew, Gary Lee Tolles; stepson, Matt (Sondra) Houser of Fremont; and one step-grandchild.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Loraetta, and his siblings: Gary, Joyce Iseton, John, and Floyd Jr. aka "Junior".

As was Bill's wish, his body has been cremated. Private family services at Old Rose Hill Cemetery are planned for a later date.

Cemetery Details

Old Rose Hill Cemetery

2354 Teller Ave.
Rose Hill, IA 52586

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

AK

“ I just saw this and I am so sad to see Bill passed away. I was the food service director when he worked the maintenance dept. He was very good at what he did and he was always there for our dept. I always enjoyed talking with Bill. My deepest sympathy to the family. Allison

allison ketter - November 11, 2024 at 09:29 AM

JP

“ Deepest condolences to Nathan!
I moved to Oskaloosa in January 1980, that spring my mother answered an ad in the Herald for a drummer. I met Bill and Spot. We played all over in the band "Highway." On Thanksgiving 80 or 81, Bill, Dan and I went pheasant hunting in Bills blue LTD or something like that. It was brutally cold, snowing and against everyone's advice and worries, we went anyway. Pheasant under glass for my first time. One of many great memories with Bill and Mert! Angels all Around Pots

John H Pothoven - October 13, 2024 at 12:01 PM

Teri Baker

“ Worked with Bill at Oskaloosa Foods many, many years ago, when he was working in maintenance. Had the pleasure of hanging out with him and Loretta a few times. Wonderful down to earth people. They will be missed by many. 🥺



Teri Baker - October 10, 2024 at 03:56 PM

JP

*Hi Teri,
Thanks for sharing.
John*

John H Pothoven - October 13, 2024 at 12:02 PM

TW

“ *Terry And Linda Welch lit a candle in memory of Bill Tolles*



Terry and Linda Welch - October 10, 2024 at 11:33 AM

BT

“ *Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Bill Tolles*



Brenda Todd - October 09, 2024 at 07:06 PM

KA

Bill and I went to grade school.

Kathy McGinity Anderson - October 11, 2024 at 12:23 AM

AR

“ *I loved talking with Bill when he came through OHS- always had something positive to say or a joke (usually at the expense of my beloved Hawkeye football). He absolutely LOVED his family- was so proud of them. Thinking of the family, blessings.*

Amanda Reynolds - October 09, 2024 at 05:13 PM

SH

“ *Sondra Houser lit a candle in memory of Bill Tolles*



Sondra Houser - October 09, 2024 at 10:55 AM

TM

“ *I grew up with Nathan and I always thought his parents were the epitome of cool. I'm so sorry for the family's loss.*



Tasha Mayfield - October 09, 2024 at 05:29 AM

MM

“ *I've known them my entire life, 2 of the best people I have ever been blessed to know!! Great friends of my parents, then of mine!! I will miss you both!!! R.I.P. beautiful souls!!!!*



michelle R mcfadden - October 09, 2024 at 01:17 AM

CF

“ *Chuck And Jackie Ferree lit a candle in memory of Bill Tolles*



Chuck and Jackie Ferree - October 08, 2024 at 08:53 PM

SW

“ Nathan, I am so sorry for the loss of your amazing father! My sympathies for the loss of your mother. I had no idea! They were so very special! I remember doing my music project and your dad was so willing to share his talent. It was awesome! The kids loved it. If I remember correctly your mother played too. It was so obvious how much they loved one another. You were missed when you left the school. Thinking of you
Stacy Walston



stacy walston - October 08, 2024 at 08:52 PM

EF

“ Nathan I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear parents. I can't imagine the hole in your heart! They were such wonderful people and you are definitely a chip off the old blocks! My deepest condolences on this very tough loss. Sending a hug to you Nate.

ELie Ford

Elie Ford - October 08, 2024 at 03:38 PM