



## Percy William "Uncle Bill" Corkern

August 14, 1945 - June 23, 2023

Let me tell you about my Uncle Bill..

He was really everybody's Uncle Bill.

Uncle Bill was born in Bogalusa and graduated from high school in Loranger. He played football and basketball in high school and developed a lifelong love of LSU sports there as well. As a young man, he was hired on with the Baton Rouge Police Department while waiting for the construction industry to pick-up and never looked back. Uncle Bill went to the motorcycle division and became a bodyguard for Mayor "Woody" Dumas. After leaving the mayor's office, he transferred to the police Academy. The entire time Uncle Bill was a police officer, he was also serving in the military. First in the National Guard, which they made him retire from, and then as an Army Reserve NCO.

Once he retired from the Police Department and military, he decided he was going to play golf. Since you can't play golf every day, it was apparent Uncle Bill was going to drive our mother, his sister Ruth, completely insane. This is how Uncle Bill came to work for the Probation and Parole office for over 20 years. He was hired to set up and develop this academy, which he took very seriously. Uncle Bill truly loved working for Probation and Parole. He loved being a police officer and when he retired from Baton Rouge Police Department it was like he found another home at probation and parole. He loved teaching and talking and people.

Uncle Bill was an active Mason and an avid golfer. He was loved by so many. Uncle Bill may not have had biological children, but he does have us.

Thank you for sharing in the life of our Beloved Uncle Bill.

--Heather & Christi

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home at 7738 Florida Blvd. Denham Springs, LA 70726 on Thursday, June 29, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday, June 30, 2023 at the Abundant Life Church from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 12:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Denham Springs, LA  
7738 Florida Blvd.  
Denham Springs, LA 70726  
(225) 380-3500

## Visitation

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Abundant Life Church  
206 Edgewood Dr.  
Denham Springs, LA 70726

## Funeral Service

JUN **30**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Abundant Life Church  
206 Edgewood Dr.  
Denham Springs, LA 70726

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Percy William "Uncle Bill" Corkern.*



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June 29, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *My Dad, Radar, proudly introduced Bill to everyone as "My Best Friend". That friendship was one of the reasons that they were still making golf trips even into his 90's. May They Rest In Peace. rc*

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**Ricky Currier** - June 28, 2023 at 07:14 PM



*He thought the world of Radar and was proud to call him his best friend. I hope they are in heaven playing their best game ever.*

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**Heather Hill Stumpf** - July 02, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Percy William "Uncle Bill" Corkern.*

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June 28, 2023 at 03:32 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Percy William "Uncle Bill" Corkern.*



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June 28, 2023 at 03:32 AM



“ *Bill was a treasured friend to us for 53 years. Bill was the “Best Man” at our wedding in Lecompte, LA in September 1970. Always, we admired Bill for his strength - honesty & outstanding high moral values. He will live on in our very fond memories !!! Ronnie & Cheryl Borer*

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**Cheryl Borer** - June 27, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Percy William "Uncle Bill" Corkern.*



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June 27, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *What a beautiful friend and brother in "Blue" you were to Richard (EBRSO) and myself Bill. The Washington Parish Fair was a party time for all of us, especially the pig roasts. Richard (Big Un) will be so happy to see you, please give him a hug for me. I love you, fly high!*

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**Millie McVey** - June 27, 2023 at 02:37 PM