



William "Bill" John Ellingham III

September 20, 1962 - February 8, 2017

Bill went to be with his Lord and Savior Wednesday, February 8, 2017. He is survived by his loving wife Missy and four children, Melanie Abshire (and her husband Kevin), Michelle Bell, Billy Ellingham, and Melanie Bell, and grandchildren Heath Freeman, Angel Abshire, and Aiden Abshire. He was preceded in death by his mother, Janet Boandl, and his brother, Jeffery Boandl. He was a crew boat captain with Edison Chouest. He was a graduate of Johnson and Wales and was an executive chef and extraordinary baker for many years. Other than his faith in God and his love for his family, his passion was creating amazing gingerbread houses and fishing, fishing, and more fishing.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a memorial service Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Christian Life Assembly of God Church, 2575 Veterans Blvd., Ponchatoula at 6:00 pm.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Having known bill since 1985 ,he was one of my best friends back then,he was our pastry chef,and i was the head chef.he was excited when i made him godfather of my son Chris.
many years later,about 20,when he found out Chris had passed on,he called and we talked for a while and sadly that was the last time we talked.it was an honor and a pleasure as well as an experience to have known him.R.I.P OLD FRIEND

JOHN SMULLIGAN - December 22, 2017 at 06:05 PM

ML

“ Offer my condolence to the family, death our enemy claimed another life. We know from reading the bible that God yearns to bring our loved ones back to the earth as Job 14:13-15 says. Jesuse gave us a preview of this by bringing Lazerus back as John11:25,26 says. May this comfort your family through this difficult time.

M. Loyd - February 20, 2017 at 05:56 PM

MI

“ Bill was my stepdad. He picked up the pieces that were left there before him, and then, he was my dad. And the pieces he put back together are strong. We are strong.

We didn't agree on much. On anything, really, but he still walked me down the aisle. And he was there with open arms when I turned around and came back in tears of failure. He was the friend my mother needed. They were the glue that bound the stubborn children who we were. We put up a lot of resistance, but at the end of the day, we all learned how to love the way we needed to love. To graciously accept the love we were being given.

My pain is for my mom, who has lost too many loved ones. My pain is for my young niece and nephew, new to this loss. This was the hardest trip home, and probably also the most tremendous. I knew we were strong, but I didn't know just how strong until now.

"When you are born, you cry, and the world rejoices.
When you die, you rejoice, and the world cries." - a Buddhist Saying

Michelle - February 17, 2017 at 09:50 AM

DL

“ We had the pleasure of meeting Bill and Missy in Nov of 2015. My hubby and I fell in love with the two of them instantly. We definitely didn't get to spend enough time with them but have held them both close since. We will miss seeing his posts and pictures his wonderful sense of humor but most of all I personally will miss seeing the things he says about his Missy! A true love that shines for all to admire ❤️

Dawn Lamb - February 15, 2017 at 10:26 AM

KS

“ Hey Bill, I had the distinct honor of meeting you one time, and felt like I had know you for years. I will cherish that small time we had to chat, as it feels like yesterday. If I am blessed and lucky enough, one day we will get to chat again, and again. God Bless You.Bill.

Ken Sticker - February 14, 2017 at 08:44 PM

BG

“ Missy - I never got the chance to meet Bill, but since he was so loved by you, I know I missed meeting someone special. Take care of yourself cuz, and know you're in my prayers.

Billy Gerhardt - February 14, 2017 at 08:43 PM

LC

“ Bill, you are sorely missed, my friend. Hard to believe it's been 20 years since we met online, we've seen good times and not so good times. I called and talked to Missy a couple days ago and she told me about how you laughed so hard at the "did he just call me a snowflake?" comment. I did too, my friend. I miss seeing you online. I'm glad we got to know each other. Godspeed.

Larry Cloud - February 14, 2017 at 07:31 PM

BN

“ This was one of the most loving and caring men that I've ever known. I always read and actually looked forward to his Facebook post. The pictures he posted were awesome and the comments he made were always deep and meaningful. He will be greatly missed. So glad he has met my husband and now they can share what they'll be cooking for us when we get there in about 100 years!

Beatrice Nero - February 14, 2017 at 05:06 PM

CF

“ You will be so greatly missed Gingerbread Man. Always there when needed and I recall the first time we met in person when you still worked in PA. Then you found Missy - was so happy for you both. So blessed to have had you in my life - Aye!
Cher

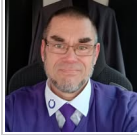
Cher Frampton - February 14, 2017 at 03:31 PM

Marie Sanchez

“ remember you from the first time meeting you at the school bus stop and living practically across the street. your kindness and smile that always had a spiritual Ora that lit up any room. the feeling safe walking home after getting off the school bus. talks on the walk of books we always shared in common. years later reconnecting in my art with your secret surprise for your wonderful blessed wife you praised in your description and once again sharing another book in common your read upon your marriage. I feel so blessed to have your family in my life. the tears of sadness and joy of memories and loss are overwhelming. Bill, until we again Ole buddy as I look to the ocean in the skies, I wave of you passing by and when you stop I'll join you at the dinner table of blessings and shared life's journeys. Until we meet again 😊😊 my friend



Marie Sanchez - February 12, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ R.I.P. Captain Bill - I'm proud to be your german fb-friend!!



To Missy and the complete family:
I wish you the strength to live with the loss of Big Bill. I'm shure that everyone will keep him in mind and heart.

With condolences and hugs from germany

Jens

Jens Walter - February 10, 2017 at 09:39 PM



“ You will be greatly missed,Bill.

Keeping you and the family in the forefront of my mind, Missy.

Debbie Jenkins - February 10, 2017 at 09:01 PM



“ My big ole Irish buddy. Who will save us now when we forget our lyrics? You couldn't sing worth a hoot but you sure rescued us many times. You've left a huge hole and our Irish music will never be same. Slainte!

Casey Crosby - February 10, 2017 at 03:58 PM



“ What a gregarious and wonderful soul we just sent into the light! I am saddened to see you walking away from us. However, that heavenly mansion is in need of a head chef. Frolic in the fields for all of us until we can join you! <3

Amy Karns - February 10, 2017 at 03:06 PM

SJ

“ *My heart is still aching for Missy and the kids. I only knew Bill through Missy, and her only through FB, but the jokes he posted always made me laugh, we must share the same sense of humor! I know how Missy must mourn him, but I also know the peace she has knowing Bill now stands in the presence of our Lord. Lord be with Bill's family as they learn to deal with their loss in the days, months and years to come. Amen. Love you Missy.*

Sharron Johnson - February 10, 2017 at 02:51 PM

KH

“ *Kim Hogan sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" John Ellingham III*



Kim Hogan - February 10, 2017 at 02:18 PM

KH

“ *Bill is well-loved by friends and family all over the world! Actually, all of their friends become their family! Bill and his beloved wife, Missy, were a huge source of support to me when my husband, Danny, suddenly passed away. Their mission according to Psalm 68:6 could not hold truer: "God places the solitary in families and gives the desolate a home in which to dwell..." I'm sure many, many can testify to this. Now that Bill has joined his Heavenly family, we will lovingly gather around Missy in prayerfulness and practical support at this very difficult time. Sail on, Captain. Salute.*

Kim Reid Hogan - February 10, 2017 at 10:19 AM

LB

Missy, I hope you get some measure of comfort knowing that the friends you made online and through SparkPeople are with you now, heart and soul and prayers. Bill feasts with our Lord and with angels now. God bless you and your family. and never hesitate to call me at any hour for a loving voice.

Leah Bloomenthal - February 10, 2017 at 03:56 PM



Patricia Taylor

*Depart, O Christian soul, out of this world;
In the Name of God the Father Almighty who created you;
In the Name of Jesus Christ who redeemed you;
In the Name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you.
May your rest be this day in peace,
and your dwelling place in the Paradise of God.*

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

Sail on that beautiful shore, friend. Until our faith becomes our sight...

Patricia Taylor - February 10, 2017 at 06:34 PM

BG

Missy - I never got the chance to meet Bill, but since he was so loved by you, I know I missed meeting someone special. Take care of yourself cuz, and know you're in my prayers.

Billy Gerhardt - February 14, 2017 at 08:35 PM