

Gone Riding

*Don't cry for me, I still ride free,
With the wind upon my face,
Leather in black, the sun on my back,
A priceless gift of God's grace.*

*I'll never grow old, on these streets of gold,
Chasing a majestic sunset,
And I still recall, how I love you all,
Sweet memories I won't forget.*

*And when your road ends, we'll meet again,
Inside the Pearly Gates,
And we'll laugh awhile and go ride for miles,
But for now, Heaven can wait.*

*When you do get here, don't shed one tear,
And think I'm in hiding,
Just search Heaven's shore, where the engines roar,
And you'll find that I've gone riding.*

~David Ritter



In Loving Memory of



William Joseph Marquess

July 26, 1971

May 26, 2025



William Joseph Marquess

William "Bill" Joseph Marquess, 53, of Smithton, MO, passed away on Monday, May 26, 2025, at The Living Center in Marshall, MO. He was born on July 26, 1971, in Quincy, IL, the son of Henry Elwood Marquess and Wilma Ann (Yoast) Marquess, who preceded him in death.

On February 19, 2017, in Sedalia, MO, he was united in marriage to Jennifer Leigh Thomas, who resides in the home.

Bill was a proud graduate of Smith-Cotton High School, Class of 1990. He worked at Tyson Foods for several years and then spent some time in Texas working for Nucor. After returning home, he worked for Swift Carriers based in Marshall, MO, and later joined FedEx in Sedalia.

Bill's favorite hobbies included hunting, fishing, and riding his Harley motorcycle. He also enjoyed attending auctions and visiting garage sales. Most importantly, he cherished spending time with his grandson, Lucas; they were truly "two peas in a pod."

In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by a daughter, Brittney Goff of Smithton; three sons, Tyler Marquess of Cole Camp; Dillon Goff (Kaitlyn) of Ft. Riley, KS, and Joseph Marquess of Warsaw, MO; two brothers, Buddy Marquess (Marybeth) of Warsaw, MO, and Johnny Marquess (Becky) of Otterville, MO; a grandson, Lucas Goff; and several nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life Service

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Rea Funeral Chapel

Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Rusty Thomas

Special Music

"Lead Me Home"

"Far Away"

"When I Get Where I'm Going"

"Remember When" - Video Tribute

Honorary Bearers

Adam Duren, Cindy Duren, Joe Duren,

Shawn Duren, Chris Hoffman

Memorial Contributions

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