

In Loving Memory of

William "Bill" Bergmann

Dec. 17, 1950 - Dec. 13, 2025





William "Bill" Henry Bergmann, 74, was born on December 17, 1950, to George and Betty (Murray) Bergmann in Beloit, Kansas. He departed this life on Saturday, December 13, 2025. He spent his last moments out in the country where he loved to be.

Bill grew up in Beloit and attended St. John's Catholic School (Class of 1968). In 1982, he married Madonna Miller in the church they bought and made their home. To this union of 43 years, four daughters were born: Jessica, Christina "Tina", Billie Jean and Josephine "Josie".

Many knew him as "Wild Bill" and "Willy Wong" with the right amount of feistiness, fun, and kindness. If you knew Bill there was always a wild story to be shared by friends and family. Bill had nicknames for everyone, including his vehicles. He owned and operated B&J Auto in Simpson and was a legendary engine builder. His engines had a unique, distinct sound. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and racing.

Bill's daughters got their work ethic, perfectionism, and mechanic skills from spending many summers in his shop. He also enjoyed teaching his daughters how to shoot rifles, hunt, and fish. Bill was a volunteer firefighter, the former mayor of Simpson, and helped many farmers when needed. He liked to spend his time after retirement slowly cruising the countryside, driving to town, and watching over Simpson. People remember his daily morning drives and visits at Pump Mart, Bumper to Bumper, and Krier's.

Bill was a protector of those he knew and loved. Many found comfort and hope in his presence. Bill was a quiet strength. He was true to himself his entire life, never giving in to the norm of what others might think. He walked his own path, and if you were lucky enough to be a part of that, you walked it with him. His greatest pride came from his daughters and grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Betty Bergmann, his father and mother-in-law, Gerald and Sandra "Sandy" Miller, his sister, Patricia Waltman, his sisters-in-law, Sarah Bergmann, Eileen Bergmann, and Nancy Bergmann, his niece, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Cropek, and his nephew, William "Billy Jo" Wysocki.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Madonna (Miller) Bergmann, of Simpson, daughters, Jessica (Mark) Newell, of Olathe, Tina (Jason) Carr, of Beloit, Billie Jean (Bobby) Graham, of Topeka, Josie (Chuck) Burke, of Beloit, grandchildren Elena and Olivia Newell, Grant Goodaker and Breckyn Carr, Raelyn Graham, Charlie, Halle and Quincy Burke, brothers Richard Bergmann, of Salina, Paul Bergmann, of Cawker City, Dennis (Annie) Bergmann, of Concordia, and Donnie (Pat) Bergmann, of Beloit, sisters Michele (Byron) Coffman, of Winfield, and Marlene Giebler, of Nixa, Missouri, brother-in-law, Kevin Miller, of Glasco, sister-in-law Rhona (Jim) Cash, of Shawnee, and many nieces and nephews.

He always reminded us to just put him in the back of a race car instead of a hearse and bury him in his '69 Camaro. Therefore, we are requesting that anyone with a hot rod to help us usher him to his final resting place.

Funeral Services

10:00 AM, December 18, 2025

St. John's Catholic Church
Beloit, Kansas

Celebrant

Father Jarett Konrade

Lectors

Charlie Burke
Grant Goodaker

Eucharistic Minister

Paul Bergmann

Music

Terri Dunstan

Gift Bearers

Elena Newell
Halle Burke
Breckyn Carr

Olivia Newell
Raelyn Graham
Quincy Burke

Casket Bearers

Lance Bergmann
Garrett Bergmann
Gabriel Bergmann

Deric Bergmann
Mark Bergmann
Aaron Bergmann

Honorary Bearers

Richard Bergmann
Paul Bergmann
Dennis Bergmann
Donnie Bergmann

Mark Newell
Jason Carr
Bobby Graham
Chuck Burke

Interment

Simpson Cemetery
Simpson, Kansas

