



William "Billy" Cowan

June 29, 1949 - December 25, 2024

William "Billy" Cowan, 75, of New Castle, passed away on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 25, 2024, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was born on June 29, 1949, in New Castle, Indiana, a son of the late Mary (Glen) and Claude Cowan.

Billy was a 1968 graduate of New Castle Chrysler High School. He served in the US Army and was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. Billy retired from Chrysler Corporation as a machinist after 30 years of employment. He loved sports, especially racing, golfing, and basketball. He also enjoyed music and played the harmonica. Billy was a natural helper and was always willing to help his friends and family.

Billy was a VFW and American Legion member and enjoyed supporting the Little Red Door in Muncie and local sports charities and teams.

Those left to cherish Billy's memory include two sons, Larry (wife: Rae Anne) Cowan of Brownsburg and Jeremy (wife: Jennifer) Showalter of New Castle; a granddaughter, Kaelynn Cowan of Greenwood; a sister, Tracy Hileman of Richmond, and several nieces and nephews including, Jimmy D. Cowan of New Castle.

In addition to his parents,

Billy was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy Lee Cowan, and three sisters, Patty, Libby, and Jackie Cowan.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 pm Friday, January 10, 2025, in Legion Square at South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition, with Pastor Danny Douglas officiating. Contingents from the US Army, V.F.W., and American Legion will conduct military funeral honors.

You may offer the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of William "Billy" Cowan.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ Bill was a very good friend of my husband, Steve Tabor. We had so many fun times together with him. He was a good man. I was driving past his house today and I saw for sale sign and it dawned on me that he may have passed. I thought I saw him entering the Cancer Center at Forest Ridge several months back. I'm very sorry for your loss. But maybe he's playing golf up in heaven with Steve or poker either one or both. God bless you.

Joni Tabor - August 18, 2025 at 09:13 PM

FF

“ From your WMG Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Billy" Cowan.

From your WMG Family - January 09, 2025 at 03:03 PM

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“ From your WMG Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Billy" Cowan.



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KC

“ I really enjoyed getting to know Billy over the last few years, during his illness. He would bring in delicious food & desserts to share with us. We would always end up talking for awhile, just about life. I'm going to miss seeing him and talking to him. My thoughts and prayers are with his friends & family.

Kristi Carmack - January 05, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Cowan.*



December 31, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ *We always had a race to see who send a Christmas Card first. Billy usually won. Will miss his desserts at our class reunion's he loved to make desserts for everyone.*



Linda Wrightsman - December 27, 2024 at 10:23 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out both Larry and Jeremy. I have some really fond memories of Billy that go back to Jr high. Seems like I have known him most of my life. He will be missed.*

Pam Barber Brake - December 27, 2024 at 06:24 PM