



William "Billy" Kilbride

December 7, 1952 - January 25, 2026

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to William "Billy" Kilbride December 07, 1952 - January 25 2026, lovingly remembered as a unique and kind man who touched the lives of all who met him. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, he attended four different high schools before graduating and landing his first job as a server at Waterfront Restaurant, a seafood spot located in the famed Rush Street area of the Windy City.

This was just the beginning of Billy's foray into the Food and Hospitality industry. Known throughout his extended family as a consummate baker, he opened Billy's Cheesecakes , where his famous cakes were sold and raved about in restaurants—and of course enjoyed by his family and friends as well.

After a while, he left Chicago for another famous city: Las Vegas. Sin City agreed with him, and he began a 30-year career at the Mirage Casino. While there, he won several awards for his exemplary service, skills and hard work and became a member of the Culinary Union.

But Billy wasn't just passionate about hospitality. He also loved the movies. So much, in fact, that he was a card-carrying member of SAG. He acted as an extra in several films, including the 1993 blockbuster Indecent Proposal. He retained his SAG membership for his entire life, as it brought him so much joy to be on screen.

While a background character in the movies, he was a main character in life. For example, when Las Vegas legalized medical marijuana, Billy was the first person in the city to receive a medical card, even being interviewed by the newspaper on that unprecedented day. Always the happy eccentric, Billy loved to spread a little silliness wherever he went. He delighted in giving away his signature 2-dollar bills to everybody he came across. His many nieces, nephews and cousins will always remember his impish grin and infectious laughter.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Vivian Kilbride of Las Vegas and survived by his sister Vivian Miralli of Monmouth, Illinois.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Melinda Southall lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Kilbride*



Melinda Southall - March 19 at 07:02 AM

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“ *As a foworker, im so verry sorry to learn of Billys passing. I have many fond memories of working with him for 30+ years. He had alot fun memories he shared with me. One day he invited me to his house and Ill never forget the Beauriful pic of him w his German Sheoherd. Rest in Peace Billy Hopefully you can make your cheesecake in H eacen. You will never be forgotten RIP*

Melinda Southall - March 19 at 07:02 AM

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“ *Billy may u RIP you were definitely one in a million. I still have your \$2 bills.*

Rachel - March 17 at 07:39 PM