



William Lincoln Shumway Jr

May 29, 1941 - January 27, 2021

William Lincoln (Bill) Shumway Jr., 79, passed away on January 27, 2021 of natural causes at Nathan Adelson Hospice. He was a resident of Las Vegas for 44 years. Bill was born in Tucson AZ May 29th, 1941. His family moved to Bellflower, CA where he lived until joining the Air Force in 1961. Bill left the Air Force as a Tech Sergeant in 1977 to pursue his passion for bowling by joining the Professional Bowlers Association.

Bill worked in the bowling industry from the age of 17 as a pinsetter, desk clerk and certified Y.A.B.A. instructor - coach until his retirement as the League Coordinator - Tournament Director for Sam's Town Bowling Center 1994 - 2002. He also worked at Westhill Lanes 1985 - 1988 and Arizona Charlie's Bowling Center 1988 - 1994.

Bill and Barb enjoyed many adventurous road trips to places like the Sonora Desert, Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon to name a few. He loved to watch baseball especially the LA Angels or the Colorado Rockies. Bill was also a huge hockey fan and watched the Ducks or the Kings until the Vegas Golden Knights, they were his team and he watched every game. His favorite thing was bowling with Barb. They were teammates on the lanes as well as in life. Always the teacher, he was willing to help anyone who asked for his advice on their bowling.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents Bill Sr., Amelia (Millie) and brother John. He is survived by his wife Barbara; son Robert (Bob) Shumway; Son Thomas (Tom) Shumway his wife Terri and their sons Jaydin and Francois;

daughter Tina Johnston and her daughters Meagan and Kelsey.

Letter From Heaven

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not
here to see, if the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the
many things, we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time you
think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time
you think of me I'm right there in your heart.

Tribute Wall

GC

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Gary Casteel - February 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ You know yet how much I loved you.



Grant and Canara Callin - February 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ It was an honor bowling with you over the years. You were always cheering me on and giving me pointers. You will be missed. I know you are watching over Barb and looking down on all of us. Rest in Peace!

Cheryl Emmell - February 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We love you and will miss you so much! So happy to have been blessed to be a part of your life and you in our boys lives. They always loved to go bowl with Grandpa. RiP "Dad"

Terri Shumway - February 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Are thoughts & prayers are with Barb & family. He will truly be missed.

Dave & MaryAnn Kaus - January 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our prayers!



Bob and Jan Barnowsky - January 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I know our time together was short, and full of grand adventures. May you rest in peace.



Linda Lee Shumway - January 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I have met 1000's of people in my 30+ years in Las Vegas, I take pleasure in calling Bill & Barb my friends. To Bill, he will be known as a great bowler & instructor but an even BETTER person. I am glad to call him my friend. Rest in peace.

Gary D. Higashi - January 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ You will be missed

Mariann Tindall - January 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *My friend, my rock, my spouse and forever my heart. I love you.*



Barb - January 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *RIP Dad. We love ypu so much and are going to miss you even more! I am so blessed to have married your son and had you as my amazing Father in Law. You always made me feel part of the family from day 1. I will treasure every memory.*



Terri Shumway - January 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *He will be greatly missed.*



CAROL BUTZ - January 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM