



## Robert "Bud" Bilyeu

March 28, 1938 - February 14, 2018

Robert "Bud" Bilyeu, 79, of Monrovia, sadly passed away at 4:30a.m., on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, in his residence. He was born on March 28, 1938, in Indianapolis, to the late Paul Vernon and Berniece (Aubrey) Bilyeu.

Bud graduated from Washington High School in 1956. He entered Boy Scouts at a young age, where he was affiliated with Troop #83, and proudly achieved "Eagle Scout" status in 1952. He dedicated fifteen years of service to Yellow Freight, before relocating to Smith Brothers for seven years and most recently, he worked at the Home Depot on the west side of Indianapolis as a greeter. A tremendously talented builder and creative artist, Bud was also a quick-witted jokester and eccentric storyteller.

Bud had a smooth and charming demeanor and like a fine wine, he did not find true love until later in life. He was united in marriage to his soulmate, love and best friend, Evelyn Mae, on October 16, 1987. Together, with strong will and ambition, Bud and Evelyn purchased property in Monrovia. Solely responsible for drawing, designing, and building their forever home, he took great pride in his work and property. Bud's idea of a perfect day was spent working on various projects around the home and yard with Evelyn. Always up for a challenge, Bud liked to surprise his loved ones with sentimental gifts that he made with his own hands.

Bud had a great love and respect for animals. One day he saved an injured baby squirrel from its demise. He named him Sugar and built a deluxe enclosure which included elastic waistbands from his old underwear for Sugar to swing on. Sugar was a happy boy and lived 15 years. Through the years, Bud was surrounded by cats. One such cat is Bandit: who never left Bud's side and continues to grieve.

A thick-skinned, ornery, smooth talker, he bore a ginormous heart and loved interacting with people. With a superior level of confidence, a congenial way with words and several exaggerated facial expressions, this man could sell ice to an Eskimo and could talk his way through any situation. Not to be questioned, there wasn't any other way, Bud did it his way and it was guaranteed, he held his own. There was never a dull moment with him around and no one could begin to predict the next words out of his mouth. Living a full and enthusiastic life, he didn't know the definition of quitting or giving up. When his quality of life was altered with heart problems, Bud Bilyeu still managed to spread laughter and shed light when troubled. He couldn't be held back from embracing each day. He had an unforgettable smile and larger-than-life persona. Although Bud can now peacefully rest, his sudden passing has left a huge void in everyone's heart.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Dixie Watson.

Survivors include his loving wife and soulmate, Evelyn Mae Bilyeu of Monrovia; sister, Judy Ellshoff of Marshall, Illinois; children, Duke Bilyeu (wife, Jane) of Indianapolis, Steven Anderson (wife, Brenda) of Fillmore, Tresa Auberry (husband, Mike) of Mooresville, Denise Amonett (companion, Kevin Spears) of Avon, son-in-law David Amonett of Plainfield, and Ron Ploughe (wife, Davetta) of Monrovia; seven adored grandchildren, Brittany, Holly, Steven, Michael, Christine, Nathan and Mathew; eight great grandchildren; and special friend Kevin Spears, friend and mentor, Richard "Dick" Butz and

longtime dear friend of nearly 60 years, Joe Zupan, Jr.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 p.m., on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Celebration of Life Service will begin at 12 Noon, with additional calling held an hour prior to services, on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at the funeral home. Immediately following services, all guests are invited to follow in a procession; pausing briefly in front of the Bilyeu's residence and conclude for burial in Maple Hill Cemetery, Plainfield. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family or light a candle in his memory visit [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

709 Harding St  
Plainfield, IN 46168

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

## Additional Visitation

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

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FEB **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Bud and I met at Yellow Freight in 1984. I don't think I ever saw him in a bad mood. I didn't look forward to going to work too often, but knowing Bud was there made it better. I left Yellow in 1985 and hadn't seen Bud for years, until one day I was in Home Depot and saw him down an aisle and recognized him right away. We talked about the old days at Yellow, shared a few laughs, and said our goodbyes. Never saw him again. Great guy, enjoyed him as a coworker.

Tom Forni - October 21, 2025 at 02:52 AM

CH

“ Chan & Sharon White & family 🙏🙏 Chan will greatly miss his best friend @ the Home Depot. We had alot of fun times together, the world won't be the same without "bud" Sharon & Chan & family will meet you on the other side!! Be at peace & rest God bless .



Chantel - February 20, 2018 at 05:15 PM



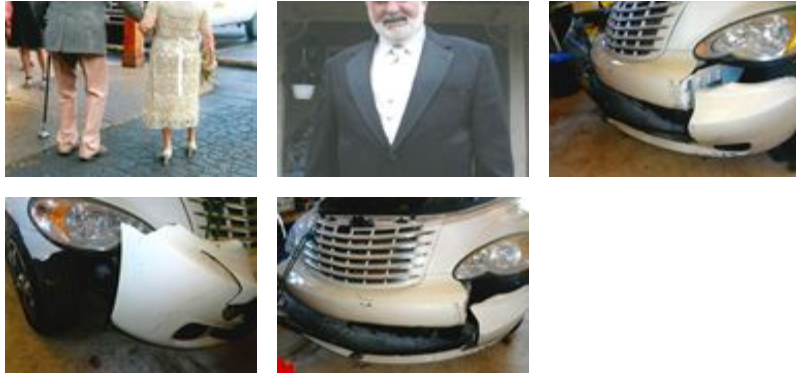
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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - February 20, 2018 at 01:21 PM



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**Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel** - February 19, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ *Hendricks Regional Health-Cardiac Rehab purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bud" Bilyeu.*



**Hendricks Regional Health-Cardiac Rehab** - February 19, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bud" Bilyeu.*



February 19, 2018 at 09:42 AM

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“ REMEMBERING BUD BILYEU

*Bud was my friend for 50 years. We first met when he was a new employee at our company.*

*I attended his wedding....TWICE !!*

*Evelyn was the best thing that ever happened to Bud. He knew it. He respected and loved her unequivocally.*

*Bud had a great sense of humor. Evelyn could write a book comprised of his many very funny sayings.*

*Bud had another great quality – what you saw is what you got and you always knew where you stood with him. If he didn't like something you said or did, he will tell you about it.*

*He also had a great talent that allowed him to visual things that he could build with his hands. There was not end to the home building projects he took on throughout his life. I am certain that his life was cut short because his recent illnesses prevented him from doing the one thing he truly loved to do. It could be that God called him because He needed Bud to do building and home repair in heaven.*

*Although we lived quite a distance from each other, Bud and I would have our holiday phone calls and to recall and stretch the truth sometimes, about the “good old days”. That's what friends do. But one thing we all learn as we get older in life, when a friend passes away, we all wish we would have made those calls more often or visited each other more frequently.*

*Bud, we will all miss you.*

*Dick Butz*

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**Richard Butz** - February 17, 2018 at 10:03 AM

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“ From Jane's family - Cindy, Susan, Maria and Tim purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bud" Bilyeu.



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**From Jane's family - Cindy, Susan, Maria and Tim** - February 16, 2018 at 10:32 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bud" Bilyeu.



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February 16, 2018 at 12:09 PM