



William Edward Merriwether

July 11, 1939 - December 26, 2024

William Merriwether of Chicago, Illinois passed away on Dec 26, 2024. His loved ones are composing his obituary, which you will be able to read here.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home Landmark Chapel
7030 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL 60621

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial/Interment

JAN 17. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery
20953 W Hoff Rd
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

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“ Our Condolences To The Family



Lawrence and Movita O'Neal - January 17, 2025 at 07:12 AM

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I still vividly remember that warm summer evening when cousin Bill and I sat on his back patio, overlooking the pool. Grilling catfish, playing chess, listening to James Brown with Maceo Parker on the Sax, as he shared stories of friends and family (especially George Harris and Tickle).

Bill had moved to the south years before and every time he visited, he painted such a beautiful picture of his life in the south. He spoke of the slower pace, the friendly neighbors and the feeling of community that seemed to be woven into the fabric of the southern life. His stories were filled with laughter and a sense of peace that was hard to find in the bustling city where I grew up. As he spoke, I could see the contentment in his eyes and hear the sincerity in his voice. He encouraged me to take a leap, to seek out a place where i could find that same sense of fulfillment.

That conversation stayed with me long after I that. His words echoed in my mind and the idea of moving south started to take root in my heart. It wasn't an easy decision but knowing that he had found happiness, and a sense of home gave me the courage to follow in his footsteps.

Looking back now I realizes how pivotal that moment was. Moving south was one of the best decisions I've ever made, and I owe it all to that heartfelt conversation with cousin Bill. His influence and encouragement set me on a path to a life filled with warmth, community, and a deeper sense of belonging.

R.I.H. Cousin Bill

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