



William Travis Chamousis

January 15, 1947 - November 9, 2022

William (Bill) Travis Chamousis passed away on Nov 9th at the age of 75. (Jan 15, 1947 - Nov 9, 2022) He was the eldest of five children born to Virginia and Peter Chamousis and is survived by three siblings, five children and seven grandchildren; with one on the way. Bill was born in San Francisco but grew up in the San Fernando Valley where he graduated from Reseda High. After high school he enrolled in LA Pierce College, earned a degree in Police Science and joined the West Valley Division of the LA Police Department. Following a ten-year stint in law enforcement he opted for a safer life style. He purchased a small tire shop in San Francisco and successfully operated that business for the next ten years of his life.

Bill was quite a handful from day one and continued to be for most of his life as a child, dubbed by his father as the "ringleader" of our clan. He loved to share stories of his adventures as a police officer as well as comparing notes with his father who was a Sheriff with LA County. There were a lot of laughs and interesting events. He had a passion for photography and, again following in his father's footsteps, was quite skilled at it.

Bill suffered a cerebral aneurysm in 2000, nearly taking his life and leaving him totally disabled. Two years after the stroke and some very intense rehabilitation he began a new life living with his sister and her husband in Arroyo Grande, CA. He progressed to the point of being able to live on his own and continued to do so until Lewy Body Dementia ended that independence. During the time spent in various assisted living/extended care

facilities he amazed everyone with his positive, loving outlook, friendly manner (no one was a stranger to Bill), and ever-present smile. One could hear his laugh all over the facilities in which he lived. He radiated joy and love in spite of the crippling effects of the disease and was never heard to utter a word of complaint, anger or resentment, professing daily how much he loved his life. He was the epitome of a soul at peace and fittingly, peacefully passed away while he slept. He is and always will be, "our big brother", and will be sorely missed by the many, many people whose lives he touched.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Bill and I met at Emelita Elementary School in Encino. I remember him as a focused kid that had trouble getting through his math class and so I would come over after school and help with his homework. One time, after seeing how tough a time he was having, I bet him a dollar that he wouldn't pass the class. He did pass and then later refused to collect on the bet.

I also remember seeing Bill as a cop on the street. He and Rick Walker joined at the same time and both bought new Porches. I was just out of service and he tried to talk me into joining LAPD also, but I declined.

I am sad to hear that Bill has passed away. The world just lost one of the good guys...

Dave Walker - February 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Bill was a sweet ,kind & jolly man! I only knew Bill for a couple of years but it only took those couple years to realize what a wonderful person he was. After he moved I thought of him often there was always a piece of him in my heart ❤️

Eril Gammon - December 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Bill- your great sense of humor and your kindness will be forever missed. We will always remember our last visit with you, your laughter that day still brings a smile to our faces. We are so glad to have known you ❤️❤️.

James and Christina

Christina Conley - December 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Bill, your joyful loving memory remains in our hearts forever. Your loving sister and brother-in-law.*

Anonymous - December 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Hey Billy Boy, you are the best big brother ever, always protecting me, often in spite of myself. I will always remember and hold dear the times we spent together, especially toward the end when we reminisced about our childhood. I love you and feel your joyful presence every day. I am grateful that you are at peace with all the rest of our family that has gone before you.*

Penny Chamousis - December 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Dear Bill- You were always a loving, positive presence in my life. So positive and kind and jovial too. I was so lucky to have been reunited with you and our family! So very glad you had a chance to see a bit of my life here in NYC, especially when there was snow on the ground and in Central Park. Think that was my favorite memory of our time together, that and being at the memorial for 9/11 downtown too. Remember you meeting me for coffee on 57th St. and how happy and excited you were to be in NY. Sending you love. Your sister, Katina*

Katina Demetra - December 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

A Memorial Tree was planted for William Chamousis - November 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM