



## William "Bill" Umberger

April 15, 1936 - December 23, 2021

William "Bill" Umberger passed away Thursday, December 23, 2021, at the age of 85 at his home in Iowa, LA. He was born April 15, 1936, in Owaneco, IL to Thales and Lucille Umberger. He served his country in the U.S. Army in Korea. For over 30 years he was a machinist at Olin in East Alton, IL while residing in Edwardsville, IL.

Truly a genuine "car guy;" he never trailered a car to a function – he always drove, and his tires were well worn. From his 1934 Ford coupe of his youth to driving across country in his 1937 Chevy truck pulling his handmade teardrop trailer to multiple visits to the Bonneville Salt Flats and of course his quick stops around Iowa! Clever and quick witted with a vast knowledge of many subjects, Bill always had time for a chat or a good joke. They truly broke the mold after him. Bill was a master in all his trades. He was an active member of the First United Methodist church in Iowa, LA and will be greatly missed by the "Codgers" and many others. His humor and generosity were an integral part of his everyday life.

Left to cherish his memory are, his beloved wife of 63 years, AnnaBelle Frailey Umberger; his daughter Gena (Chris) Miller of Iowa, LA, his grandchildren Shelby (Derek) Rider of Shreveport, LA, Jake Miller and Justin Miller of Iowa, LA.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; son Russell (Rusty) Umberger of Edwardsville, IL; sister, Patricia (Pat) Umberger of San Francisco, CA, and brother James (Jim) Umberger of Taylorville, IL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the veteran's organization of donor's choice, St. Jude's, or charity of choice.

Thank you to Dr. Lewis, Barbara Laughlin, Nurse Theresa, and Eric Hardesty.

Funeral services will be in Iowa First United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Dr. David DeWitt officiating. Cremation will follow the service under the direction of Johnson & Brown Funeral Home of Iowa. Visitation is Thursday in

the church from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation** 10:00AM - 01:00PM

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Iowa 1st United Methodist

Iowa, LA, US, 70647

**DEC**   **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Gena & Family,  
It has been a Long, Long Time since the old days & HIGH SCHOOL (EHS) years. Your Dad was a Wonderful Man as was your brother, Rusty. They are now together and working on Fast Cars and all they can tinker with. Prayers & Special Memories of BOTH sent your way.



**Tammy (Courtney) Reyman** - December 30, 2021 at 06:52 PM

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“ To Annabelle and Gina I am so sorry for your loss of Bill. My family so enjoyed all the time we spent together showing horses and talking cars with Bill. May God give you strength and comfort during this difficult time.

**Becky Tipps** - December 30, 2021 at 11:24 AM

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“ KAY MILLER lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Umberger



**KAY MILLER** - December 29, 2021 at 03:24 PM

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“ Carla Lindley lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Umberger



**Carla Lindley** - December 28, 2021 at 08:25 PM

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“ I worked with Bill in Fab/Cupping 30 years ago! He was a great guy and so funny. It was an honor knowing and working with him!! He will be sorely missed and so very sorry for your loss!

**Carla Lindley** - December 28, 2021 at 08:22 PM

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“ Annabelle and Gina, Im sorry to hear of the loss of Bill. I have not seen you guys in over 30 years but I will never forget the joy I had any time hanging over a rail and shooting the bull with Bill, and no one could shoot The Bull like Bill! Praying for you in your time of loss, but just thinking of Bill brings a smile to my face. God Bless your Family.

**Johnny Davis** - December 28, 2021 at 01:51 PM

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“ Dear Annie, Gena and family  
we send you our heartfelt sympathy and love .  
Gus and Patti Siegert

**Gus and Patti Siegert** - December 28, 2021 at 11:50 AM

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“ Dear Annie,Gena & Family I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was always a cup half full and never knew a stranger. If he was around you always knew you would have a good time. All my memories of him are wonderful and loved his dry wit. Even though we didn't spend a lot of time together growing up all my Bill and Annie stories are so funny and we all tell them over and over again. He saw the good in everyone and was such a kind sole. He will be missed! Love you all. Terry Frailey-Wood (Neil Wood), Bonnie Mizeur (Steve) , Carol Satterlee (Eric), Larry Frailey (Dana)

Frailey Family - December 28, 2021 at 09:55 AM

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“ Pana IL Frailey Family lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Umberger



Pana IL Frailey Family - December 28, 2021 at 09:36 AM

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“ Dear Gena and Family,  
My prayers are with all of you at this time... May your Dear Father Rest In Peace..



Rhonda Curlee - December 28, 2021 at 09:02 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about the passing of a true gentleman, Bill never met a stranger and shared laughter with everyone, Prayers to his family and many friends, RIP Bill !

Greg Mortland , Illinois car guy & Olin - December 28, 2021 at 07:09 AM

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“ Great Guy! Loved talking to Bill. Prayers to you Annabelle and family. So very Sorry.

**Steve Gray** - December 27, 2021 at 10:15 PM

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“ Always had a fun story to tell or short poke to give you. And love to get the same back. Need more people like him to keep our world good. Gonna miss him Oh yes. he was my Sonny Fontenot road Guard!!! God is in good company now with Mr Bill

**weber fontenot** - December 27, 2021 at 10:02 PM

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“ Bill and Annabelle were one of my favorite couples at the horse shows. He was definitely one of the good guys. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

**Stephanie Nichols** - December 27, 2021 at 09:07 PM

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“ Bill was always up for a good laugh and story and he never met a stranger. He never rode that I knew of but always the first to support his beloved Annie and he will be missed by many but I bet him & my Bobby are having biscuits & gravy in heaven & having a good time catching up!

**norma quisenberry** - December 27, 2021 at 09:06 PM

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“ Such a great guy!! Used to see him and Annabelle at all the horse shows back in the day. Hugs to his family. Bonnie Petak Morton

**Bonnie Petak Morton** - December 27, 2021 at 08:13 PM

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“ Bill always had something to say about my hair, at the time it was very dry and frizzy, he never missed a beat to tell me, lol, miss you and always loved to see you and Anne Belle.



**Nancy Hopkins** - December 27, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ I have known Bill and Annie since I was a small child. You were always one of my favorite couples. I feel like I have lost a family member. I love you Annie.

**Shelia** - December 29, 2021 at 06:26 AM



“ Bill was the greatest brother-in-law that anyone could ever wish for!!! We always had great conversation that would end with discussion about automobiles. He was always my "Go To" guy if I had a question or needed assistance. Will dearly be missed.."Buck & Kay

**KAY MILLER** - December 29, 2021 at 03:22 PM