



James "Bill" Kahler

December 11, 1956 - October 11, 2021

Cedar Falls – James “Bill” Kahler, age 64, of Cedar Falls, died Monday, October 11, 2021 at his home in Cedar Falls.

He was born December 11, 1956 in Cedar Falls, the son of James F and Mae Louise (Bucknam) Kahler. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in the class of 1975. In 1986, he was united in marriage to Teresa Larsen in Cedar Falls. They later divorced. Bill worked as an assembler at Viking Pump for 31 years until his retirement in 2008. Bill loved fishing and chasing trains, having breakfast with his “constituents” and spending time with family. He was a “talker” and couldn’t go anywhere without running into someone he knew.

Survived by: his daughter, Nicolette Vallejo of Cedar Falls; son-in-law Cornelio Vallejo III of Cedar Falls; grandchildren, Trenton Leemon, Ethan (Haille Noel) Leemon, Logan Vallejo, and Isabela Vallejo all of Cedar Falls; a great-grandson, Azrael Noel; a sister, Jane (Jim) Campbell of Dike; and a niece, Amy Ray of Eules, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents. A private family gathering is being planned for a later date. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ I used to fish with Bill around Cedar Falls when we were teenagers. He was truly the "fish whisperer" and he taught me many (but not all) of his secrets. I was with him once when he caught the biggest northern pike I ever saw, maybe 20 lbs. When he got it too the bank he said "Chuck, for some reason I'm feeling sorry for this big ol' guy" and he let it go. He never mentioned it again. That was about 50 years ago but I remember it clearly. Rest in Peace Bill, the fish can now relax.

Chuck Cacek

Chuck Cacek - December 10, 2021 at 05:04 PM

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He loved Mepp's spinners for bass and walleye, he taught me how to use them. Fished a lot by the railroad tressel below Phifer Park where the creek empties into the Cedar River around 1970.

Greg Engel - June 01, 2025 at 01:12 PM

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“ I worked at Happy Chef in the 80's and have many memories of Bill coming in there. We would always talk and have jokes to share. I am so sorry for your loss.

Shelly Hill - October 18, 2021 at 09:54 AM