



# **William Scholes**

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**W**illiam (Bill) Wesley Scholes, Jr., born December 30, 1929 in Granby, Missouri, died peacefully surrounded by his children on January 19, 2019. After graduating from high school in Granby, he began his college education at the Rolla School of Mines in Missouri. In 1953 he enlisted in the Air Force to serve his country during the Korean War where he achieved the rank of Airman 1st Class Weapons Specialist. He was stationed at the Barksdale Base in Bossier City, Louisiana where he served as a Nuclear Technician. He was honorably discharged in 1955 and then pursued his education at the University of Arkansas where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1956. Bill worked for several oil and gas companies in Oklahoma, Texas, and Canada. He was brilliant with math and technology which enabled him to develop a computer-based compressor program for gas plants which saved workers countless hours in the field. After retiring early, Bill and his wife of 44 years, Ruth Brooks Scholes, enjoyed their home on Grand Lake in Grove, Oklahoma and then a home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma where Bill became the handyman for the cul-de-sac. Bill loved working on computers and he and Ruth enjoyed traveling in their RV, working crossword puzzles, reading, and playing games with their friends. Bill was also gifted in woodworking and the homes of his children house beautiful pieces crafted by their father. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William and Irma Scholes of Granby, Missouri, his sister, Mary Susan Ellrich, and his wife, Ruth Brooks Scholes. Bill is survived by his children Lisa Scholes Marsellis (Lyle) of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Peggy Scholes Nikkel (Lynn) of Collinsville, Oklahoma, David Scholes (Cathy) of London, Arkansas, and their mother, Treva Scholes Mincieli. He is also survived by his step-daughter, Debra Richardson Conley of Tulsa, Oklahoma, 14 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends. A memorial service to celebrate Bill's life will be held at Floral



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Haven located at 6500 S 129th E Ave A, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on January 26, 2019 at 12:30pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the John 3:16 Mission in Tulsa.



## Tribute Wall

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RS

**R. J. & Elaine Savage** posted:

I have known Bill for all my life as we both grew up in the little town of Granby, Missouri during the thirties and forties. The Scholes family were mainstays in our little community for many years. Bill's father, W.W. Scholes, was postmaster for several years and then a rural route carrier for several more years. I remember young Bill delivering coal from the bed of an old truck when I was a youngster and Bill was a teenager. Sometimes when I saw him he was almost as black from coal dust as the coal he was delivering. He knew what hard, manual labor was! I knew Bill as a man with sterling character. He generously supported the Miners Museum in Granby for years where his and his family's roots are well displayed. Bill, I am sure, was a credit to any community he was a part of and this was certainly true of his home town. We are all blessed to have had such a friend. God's blessings, God speed and Aloha

January 24 at 10:41 AM

JW

**John Williams** posted:

Bill will be very much missed. My family always enjoyed our visits with him and Ruthie, and the interesting conversations we always had. He helped me wire my garage office on 1st Street in Tulsa in the 90's, and would only accept a bottle of Johnny Walker Blue Label scotch for his time and expertise. Rest in Peace.

January 22 at 11:27 AM

RW

**Rhonda Williams** posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a much loved part of our family. He missed Ruth so much; now they are together again.

January 22 at 7:27 AM

DB

**Dale Bascue** posted:

Peggy, I know you will miss your Dad. I enjoyed the times I got to spend with him. Though the times were short and few, he was always a gentleman and an engaging conversationalist. To know that he was at peace with God is such a wonderful answer to the many prayers lifted on his behalf over the years! May the God of all compassion comfort you in all your troubles (2 Cor. 1:3,4).

January 21 at 9:13 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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