



## William "Bill" H. Rader

February 9, 2020

RADER, William H., 86, passed away Sunday February 9, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Henry C. and Martha; and by his first wife Barbara Ann; and sisters, Mary Susan, Martha Frances, and Cora P. Duncan; and a brother, Abraham.

He is survived by his loving wife, Thelma (Cotton) Rader; children, W. Allen Rader (Terrie), Pamela Kay Garnhum, Barbara L. "Bobbie Lou" Harwood (Bill), William Mike Rader (Lisa), J. Bryan Rader (Claudia); step-children, Diana Picoli, Ellen Slucher, Frances Lloyd, Vernal Cotton, and Evelyn Welter; eight grandchildren; ten step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Emanuel H. Rader (Sherwin) and Henry Clay Rader (Gloria); and sisters, Lucy M. Sharp, Leeova Barrow, and Cathy Phipps.

His funeral service will be at 12 p.m. Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy with burial to follow in Bethany Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 12-8 p.m. Wednesday at Owen Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethany Memorial Cemetery

10917 Dixie Hwy  
Louisville, KY 40272

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway  
5317 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40216  
(502) 447-2600  
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

## Service

FEB 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CC

“ So very sorry for the Rader Family's loss. You are in our prayers and thoughts. Rick and Candace Chapman

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**Candace Chapman** - February 12, 2020 at 04:10 PM

TB

“ Sorry for your loss, it was wonderful seeing all you kids from next door growing up! I remember your dad & mother living next door and always being there for friends and neighbors. When we first moved in your dad came over and cut down 4ft high grass/weeds in our backyard. That was the good ole days when you could count on your neighbors. AZALEA LANE was great place to grow up!

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**Tina Benningfield** - February 12, 2020 at 04:04 PM

VW

“ Doc. Rader, I am so Sorry for your family's Loss. God Bless Your Family!

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**Vickie Watts** - February 12, 2020 at 09:29 AM

BO

“ My late wife Lois and I of had the pleasure of meeting Bill and Thelma at the Shepherdsville Country Music Show. We sat together with them at the shows. Bill will be sorely missed and my condolences and prayers go out to Thelma and the family.

*I know Bill had many talents that led to a successful business career, but his real strength was in the manner in which he related to people. This is probably best captured in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson who wrote;*

*“What is success?*

*To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate the beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch Or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!”*

*That pretty much sums up our friend Bill Rader.*

*Bill O'Neill*

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**Bill O'Neill** - February 11, 2020 at 02:30 PM

PA

“ To Thelma and family,  
So sorry to hear of the loss of Bill. We will keep your family in our prayers.

*Pam & Mike Gaddie*

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**pam** - February 11, 2020 at 11:53 AM



Pat  
Portman

“ Bill was one of our regular patrons at the Shepherdsville Music Show, but even more than that ,he was one of our close friends. .Everyone Loved him and it's not going to be the same without seeing his smiling face sitting on the front roll every Saturday. He has been with us almost 20 years.. I know he loved our show cause I can count on my hand the times he missed.He was a true patron and friend.Bill every time I sing the "Family Bible", you will be in my heart.

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**Pat Portman** - February 10, 2020 at 08:54 PM



MK

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bill. He was a wonderful and kind person. I know that he will be missed by his friends and family. I am glad that I knew him as a friend and Eastern Star Brother. Margaret Kelly, PM

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**Maggie Kelly** - February 10, 2020 at 03:59 PM



TW

“ I just have no words to express how special Bill was to me. This loss breaks my heart for everyone blessed enough to know him. Thelma and Leeova we love you and if you need anything please know we're here.

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**Tresa Ward** - February 10, 2020 at 01:41 PM