



Mr. William Harold "Bill" Rush

October 2, 1957 - June 17, 2025

William Harold (Bill) Rush, age 67, passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at his home on Stinking Bay.

Bill was born in DeWitt on October 2, 1957, to James Harold and Sharon L. Bullock Rush.

He was preceded in death by his father, sisters Barbara Mitcham and Becki Luebke, and grandparents Cread and Lilia Rush and Howard and Geneva Bullock.

Survivors include his mother Sharon Rush, wife Laura Byers Rush, and son Alex Rush all of DeWitt, stepson Kris Thompson of Gillett, daughter Bree Rush MacKenzie, and sister Brenda Rush Hoyt (Rick) of Fayetteville.

Bill was a 3rd generation farmer and duck guide, and was the current proprietor of Rush's Duck Club at Stinking Bay, AR. Bill also previously worked for Arkansas Game and Fish. He was an avid duck and deer hunter. Bill enjoyed having a large vegetable garden and took great pleasure in delivering veggies to his neighbors and friends. He was a member of Unity Missionary Baptist Church

Visitation will be Friday, June 20 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Essex Funeral Home. A

memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 21 at Essex Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to the Crockett's Bluff Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home
1405 South Grandview
DeWitt, AR 72042
(870) 946-3104
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

AW

“ I don't have enough words to portray just how highly I thought of Bill Rush. From his generosity to his work ethic he had my respect. His efforts to get children into the outdoors and his overall efforts toward conservation especially in the area of stinkin bay are nothing short of admirable. I am proud to say that he was a close family friend and I am just so grateful that I had the opportunity to know him. The pictures you see here are the last pictures I got with him when he allowed my family and I to stay at the camp for my mom's funeral. I sure am going to miss visiting with him. I will be praying for comfort and peace for everyone. Love Y'all.



Austin Ward - June 21, 2025 at 02:50 PM

BH

Thank you for your words, Austin.

brenda rush hoyt - June 21, 2025 at 04:32 PM

BG

“ I always enjoyed visiting and exchanging hunting and fishing stories with Bill. (If I could just got him to tell me where the ducks were. He also grew some great vegetables that he shared with others. Loved his tomatoes. I will never forget the time Bill his dad and I replaced styrofoam under boat dock. Now that was an experience.

bob goode - June 20, 2025 at 05:05 PM

BH

Thank you, Bob.

brenda rush hoyt - June 21, 2025 at 06:08 AM

DT

“ *Bill Rush was a unique character who was a wonderful friend to a whole group of "basketball guys" in the late '70's. Sahara sponsored our team and we went all over the State playing ball and having a great time. No one loved the game more than Bill. His big smile and that willingness to "rough up" the competition made for some interesting games on the hardwood. What a wonderful friend and teammate. Your personality will be missed my friend!*

David H Thigpen - June 20, 2025 at 03:09 PM

BH

Thank you, David.

brenda rush hoyt - June 21, 2025 at 06:07 AM

BB

“ *Rush was One of the Good Guys.*



Bubba Burns - June 19, 2025 at 06:40 PM

BH

Thank you, Bubba Burns! A great photo!

brenda rush hoyt - June 19, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Harold "Bill" Rush.*



June 19, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ *Though I only knew Bill thru social media, I enjoyed his comments on many subjects. I could tell he loved his life experiences and family as well as his community, Stinking Bay. We shared thoughts on Duck Hunting, Farming, Duck Calls, Shotguns, Blinds, and Things happening in our world and lives. He shared this picture with many of us, and it stuck with me. REST IN PEACE. My Friend. Prayers for All.*



Tommy Thompson - June 19, 2025 at 08:37 AM

BH

Thank you, Tommy.

brenda rush hoyt - June 19, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ *Tyler Golden & Lindsey King purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William Harold "Bill" Rush.*



Tyler Golden & Lindsey King - June 18, 2025 at 05:38 PM