



William Robert Fritch

January 8, 1949 - May 17, 2015

William Robert Fritch (Bill) previous owner of Fritch Master Cleaners died May, 17 after a lengthy illness. Bill was born 1-8-1949 in Okmulgee, OK. He was preceded in death by his parents Marilena and Vincel Fritch. He is survived by his wife of 45 years Jane and three daughters Lori Freije and her husband Lance and their children Nathan Alexander and Natalie Joelle of Broken Arrow; Rachel Walley and her husband Jonathan and their daughter Marleigh Jane of Baton Rouge, LA; Marlena Fritch and her husband Jason Beaver and their son James Franklin of Tulsa. He is also survived by a brother Charles Fritch and his wife Lorraine of Oklahoma City.

Bill was a 1968 graduate of Okmulgee High School and a 1972 graduate of Oklahoma State University. He retired as a Major in the United States Air Force prior to assuming control of the Fritch Cleaners.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Okmulgee on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington D.C., 20090.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Anthony Catholic Church
515 South Morton Avenue
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *William Robert Fritch*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Bill was my cousin. He was a kind and supportive person, especially when my parents, Bob and Kathryn Talley died. May God hold you close at this difficult time.*
Jeanie (Talley) Martin

jean martin - May 23, 2015 at 05:10 PM



“ *Bill and I were cousins. Our dad's were double cousins. Sorry I am out of town, but positive thoughts for the family.*

Jimmy McClendon - May 23, 2015 at 04:17 PM



“ *Bill and I sorta grew up together as summer cousins when he would visit our Grandparents in the same town to which I lived. I, being almost 3 years his elder. Bill always wore his white T-shirt and never his shoes, to which, he was always getting in a goat head patch or being stung by a wasp, bee or red ant. I remember he was a kind, patient person with a pleasant attitude as was his Mother, my Aunt. Love you always, Cousin Bill, RIP.*

G Beth Mahoney - May 22, 2015 at 05:57 PM



“ *I remember Bill as my dad's only friend in Tulsa. He wore a rock band t-shirt to my high school graduation party. He is missed.*

Sally Stafford - May 22, 2015 at 06:45 AM

TA

“ I am so sad for all of you. Thinking of you and hoping there is some peace now.

Tammy - May 21, 2015 at 09:36 AM

JC

“ Mr and Mrs Fritch were two of the nicest people I have ever known...and their son certainly reflected all of their good qualities.

Jeneane Campbell - May 21, 2015 at 12:21 AM

RS

“ What a nice, nice man. He always made me feel welcome and took genuine interest in my work, always asking how it was going. He bragged about what a good cook "Janey" was, how smart his girls all are and how he was going to teach Nathan to hunt and fish. Thanksgivings, in particular, just won't be the same. I hope there are garbage disposals in Heaven.

Ruth Smith

Ruth Smith - May 19, 2015 at 03:08 PM

DC

I have known Bill a long time we spent many a Sunday afternoon shooting trap I was just a kid back then but every time I saw Bill at the cleaners we would always talk about those days he will be missed.
Danny Colombin

Danny Colombin - May 20, 2015 at 08:50 PM

KK

Although we lived in Missouri and the Fritch family lived in Oklahoma, our mothers (being sisters) kept us connected at all times. I remember Bill as kind, thoughtful, and responsible--just a very nice guy. May God comfort all of you and give you peace.

Kay (Talley) Klingbeil - May 22, 2015 at 07:39 PM

LS

Bill was my sister's "summer cousin" and Charles was mine. Beth mentioned Bill was always barefoot, including our Aunt Betty Jo's funeral. Bill was a little tyke and Aunt Marilena put his shoes on several times but Bill would take them off. When the family entered for the services, there was Bill, all dressed up but no shoes! Aunt Marilena was so embarrassed. I'm not sure they ever found his shoes that day. I kept vigil in Tulsa with Charles and Bill when Aunt Marilena was sick and both sons were very kind and caring during that sad time. My condolences to Charles, Lorraine, Janie, Lori, Rachel, and Marlena. May you find comfort in your faith and memories of a life well lived. Rest in peace "Sweet William".

LuAnn (Penrod) Smith - May 23, 2015 at 11:19 PM

EZ

*We were searching the internet in hope of reconnecting with Bill and were deeply saddened to learn of his passing. I served with Bill at Kunsan AB, Korea and Hahn AB, Germany. He was truly a patriotic American and all around great guy. I remember enjoyable evenings with Bill, Janey, and Lori; and remember his absolute joy when Rachel was born. He was a fine officer and gentleman - even though his tactical call sign was "Oklahoma Crude". To Janey and family - we too share your loss. To Bill - we will one day share war stories again. Check six.
All the Best,
Ed and Aggie Zamorski
Niceville, FL*

Ed Zamorski - January 02, 2016 at 08:39 PM



Major Fritch and I were both in the 507th Squadron at Tinker AFB. He was a WSO on the F-4D Phantom, and I was a WCS (Radar) technician. We joked one time about how I'd bring my uniforms for him to dry clean, just so I could go and get them dirty again, working on his plane. I was scrolling through these obits, to find my mom's, when I came across his. I didn't even know that he'd passed. RIP Major Fritch. You were a great guy.

Dean Reed - August 11, 2016 at 02:12 PM

JC

I was looking for some information on Okmulgee when I came across this obituary. I played softball for Fritch's Cleaners in 1950, 51 and 52. I have a picture of the softball team in front of Fritch's with Billy standing next to me.

Jack Catlett - April 06, 2022 at 01:12 AM