

### **William "Bill" Riley Love Sr. Obt.**

b. 20 October 1955, McMinnville, Warren Co., TN – d. 7 June 2025, Livingston, Overton Co., TN, md **Roberta Shavonne (Irwin) Love**. William "Bill" Riley Love, s/o **Tommy Love** (1926-1965) & **Mildred Agnes Morris** (1932-2005, both buried in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Smartt, Warren Co., TN. William "Bill" Riley Love also md on the 26th of July 1974, Putnam Co., TN to **Suzanne Steakley**, b. 7 June 1955, (Div).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 413 – William Riley Love married 26 July 1974, Putnam Co., TN, age 18, b. 20 October 1955, address: 210 Holder Ave., Cookeville, TN to Suzanne Steakley, age 19, b. 7 June 1955, address: 1087 Mitchell Ave, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: M& Mrs. Billy Steakley, parents, 1087 Mitchell Ave, Cookeville, TN)

William "Bill" Riley Love, Sr., 69 of Cookeville, Tennessee, passed away on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Livingston Regional Hospital in Livingston, Tennessee.

Bill was born on Thursday, October 20, 1955, in McMinnville, Tennessee, he was the son of the late Tommy Love and the late Mildred Agnes (Morris) Love.



Bill was a loving son, brother, husband, father, Papaw, uncle, and friend. He was an avid outdoorsman, loved hunting, fishing, and was a strong patriot. He enjoyed spending time on his farm Camp High Life with his son and grandsons. He was an avid conservationist, working with TWRA and the Tennessee Forestry Division to improve wildlife's' natural resources. He served as the Vice-President of the Friends of the NRA of Putnam County for several years and continued to be a volunteer. He was the treasurer of the Putnam County Rod and Gun Club for numerous years and was still an active member.

**He owned The Outdoor Dream Store in Baxter, Tennessee for many years.** He enjoyed a 25-year career with SEC Enterprises until his retirement at age 59 as the Sales Manager / Vice-President. Bill loved supporting his community including the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and Cookeville Rescue Mission. He was loved by those who knew him, and he will be greatly missed.

Bill is survived by wife of 30 years, Roberta Shavonne (Irwin) Love; 3 Children, Amy Beth (Love) Finley and her husband, Chris of Wexford, PA, William "Bill" Riley Love, Jr., and his wife, Lori of Cookeville, and Shavonne Lee Hutchings of Cookeville; 4 Grandchildren, Christian Alexander Finley, Katherine Elizabeth Finley, Colson Lee Love, and Carter Riley Love; Brother, Tommy Love, and his wife, Rose, and Sister, Sherry (Love) Hilton; 3 Brothers-In-Law, Ronnie Irwin and his wife, Donna, James Mayberry and his wife, Wendy, and Aubrey Mayberry and his wife, Camile; A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by, Daughter, Kelly Nicole Love; Sister, Rebecca "Becky" (Love) Gunnels (1952-2023) and her husband, Peyton Louis Gennels (1938-2020), cremated.

Funeral Service will be held Friday, June 13, 2025, at 2:00 pm from the chapel of Crest Lawn Funeral Home with Bro. Bob Sotis and Ricky Green officiating. Interment will follow in the Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the time of service at 2:00 pm at Crest Lawn Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department or the Cookeville Rescue Mission.

Pallbearers will be: Landon Davidson, Jason Dyer, Lee Martin, Darren Walker, Alex Finley, Ryan Green, Bo Gunnels, Chris Love

Honorary Pallbearers will be: Colson Love, Carter Love, Scott Wilson, Mitch Leslie, Randy Walker, and Tom Moore

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Arrangements entrusted to Crest Lawn Funeral Home.

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