



Mr. William Patrick Jaksha

January 2, 1939 - May 18, 2022

William ("Bill") Patrick Jaksha, 83, passed away in Gosnell, Arkansas on May 18, 2022. He was born January 2, 1939 in Hibbing, Minnesota to Carl and Marjorie Jaksha. The passing of time has made it unclear what brought Bill Jaksha to Arkansas. Since he had no known family, his many friends and co-workers at Schueck Steel Company became his family.

Bill was an oiler and mechanic bar none. He worked with the operators union in Little Rock, Arkansas before accepting a position with Schueck Steel Company in early 1972. He worked for Schueck Steel for 35 years, retiring in early May, 2007. Bill Jaksha worked closely with many of the icons of Schueck Steel including Gene Riley, Bill McFall, Alvin Gatlin, Ellery May, John Metzger, Robert Johnson and Jerry Sutherland. His first assignments were in the Little Rock area before accepting a position as mechanic in Blytheville, AR to help build a first of its kind steel mill called Nucor-Yamato Steel. From there, he worked all over the country for Schueck Steel, providing his services on new construction projects and maintenance shutdowns at places like Nucor Steel Arkansas (Hickman), Nucor Crawfordsville, Nucor Berkeley, and Trico Steel, now Nucor Decatur. But his favorite place to work was always Nucor-Yamato Steel.

Bill was affectionately referred to as Mr. Bill by the residents of Gosnell. He shared stories about his life experiences that made us laugh until we cried

and as a testament to his friends, his life and his trade. Mr. Bill was loved by the community and if he wasn't seen walking around town for a few days, citizens would call Gosnell City Hall to see if they have seen him or heard from him. He would be seen at Valero in Gosnell visiting with them. He would go to Gosnell Building Supply and use Mr. Harms phone to call Minnesota. He always went to visit Mr. Brucks at his store. Then he would go to the Gosnell Donut shop and have his usual. He would make his way to PB &J Express to visit with everyone there and have a soda. Then he would stop in at Gosnell City Hall to visit with the girls and have one of the girls go with him to cash his check. Next stop would be the post office to get money orders to pay his bills. Mr. Bill had a very special friend Bobby Neal Uselton, they were so close that Neal has since passed away joining his special friend Mr. Bill.

Bill's last wish has been honored having his ashes spread at an undisclosed location at Nucor-Yamato Steel. Mr. Bill Jaksha was truly a character in his community and in the steel industry.

He is survived by a brother Charles "Chuck" Jaksha of BigFork, Minnesota, the Community of Gosnell, Blytheville and his work family from Schueck Steele (Lexicon).

Please share your personal memories and experiences with Mr. Bill at www.tri-cityllc.com so his family can understand his love of the Steel industry and the people of Northeast Arkansas.

Tri-City LLC Crematory Funeral Home is privileged and honored to assist with Mr. Bills final arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy should be sent directly to his family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mr Bill was my friend for over 16 years, He was,a regular customer at Gosnell One Stop, Mae Scott and myself always has him fresh coffee made, he was awalys telling us about himself, places his been, He had a traveling life, from what he said. He will be missed by his Two best friends, Mae Scott & Deborah Cummings 🥺

Deborah Cummings - May 28, 2022 at 05:17 PM

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“ I'm sure going to miss my Mr. Bill, he was the sweetest. Always telling me he was a single man and I was a married lady. Rest In Peace Mr. Bill

Teresa Walker - May 27, 2022 at 09:51 PM

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“ I will always remember Mr. Bill he was like a dear person to me he always would sit at P and J express outside with me and we would talk about everything from his past and things going on in my life he told me to not stress over things live life one day at a time 🙏 I still catch myself waiting to hear his voice when he would walk in the store 🥺 he was so wise , very friendly and I will always remember him 💙🙏 May his soul rest in Heavenly Peace 🙏💙🙏

Robin Self - May 27, 2022 at 02:09 PM

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Mr. Bill, you will forever be missed. I loved hearing about your lifes journey on our short trips to wherever pup and I were taking you. I love that you loved my big dog. Our community has been fully blessed just by having you in our life.

Rest in Love my friend.

❤️Ellen & pup

Ellen Mays - May 28, 2022 at 12:43 AM

RL

He always call my 5 year old his buddy , we both will miss him

Ron Loyd - May 28, 2022 at 11:19 AM

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Mr.Bill was one of the most sweetest people I've ever met... Always had a smile on his face n could easily put one on urs....he will be remembered for a long time... RIP Mr.Bill 🥹❤️

Kim Summers - May 28, 2022 at 02:07 PM