



William Nelson "Bill" Ackerman

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He was preceded in death by his parents and son Michael Ackerman.

He is survived by his wife, Bootsie Ackerman; son, Nelson Ackerman and wife Annette; two daughters, Leslie Ackerman, Jackie Sweeney and her husband Sean; four grandchildren, Nicole Ackerman, and husband Kyle Wilkie, Nelson Lee



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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation at 2 Natural Resource Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205 or at the following link

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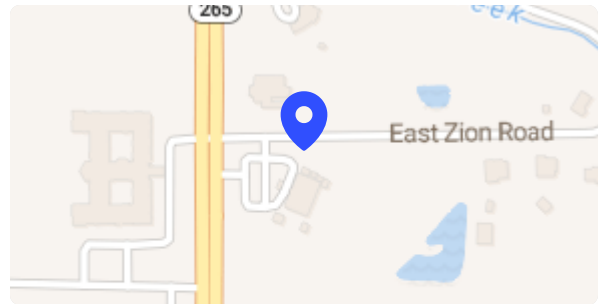
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Celebration of Life

 **Tuesday**, June 22, 2021

 10:00 AM CT

 **Nelson-Berna of Fayetteville**
4520 N. Crossover Rd., Fayetteville AR 72703





Tribute Wall

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Berna Funeral Homes shared a **Webcast Video**.



June 21 at 6:12 AM



Craig Uyeda posted:

Ms Bootsie, I was so sad to hear about Bill's passing. He was a good man who I considered a friend, a leader and a hunting partner. I remember one morning in particular, where he showed his brilliance. It was bitterly cold with record force winds in South Dakota, when Bill told us to go ahead and have fun hunting. He was going to stay at the lodge. I assumed he meant in front of the fireplace. He was definitely much smarter than the rest of our group, we should have followed his leadership that day. He will be very much missed. Craig Uyeda

June 18 at 2:09 PM



Rose Smithson posted:

Bootsie, Bill was one of the finest and most inspirational men we have ever known, and we are grateful to have known him. I always enjoyed him dropping by my office to say hello and to share information about the places where you all had traveled. He was a true friend to everyone and will be greatly missed. Rose and Bruce Smithson

June 18 at 11:14 AM



Lyle, Marsha Sarah Murry, Sondra/Lance, Robb/Heather sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White to the Ackerman family.



June 18 at 7:30 AM



Tommy And Cathy Deweese posted:

Bootsie, Tommy and I just can't even put into words the overwhelming sadness we felt when we received news of Bill's sudden passing. Such wonderful memories of the two of you and your dedication to each other and every venture you took to serve others. We just send our love to you and family during the days to come- May God comfort you. Tommy and Cathy Deweese

June 18 at 6:06 AM



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DH

David Hunt posted:

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was such a wonderful person and so giving to the community. I was especially grateful for all Bill did for our outstanding trout fisheries here in Arkansas. He was a true sportsman! He will be missed by many. Sharon and I will keep Bootsie and the family in our prayers.

June 18 at 4:48 AM

BC

Bob Caudle posted:

Bootsie, I'm so sorry to hear of this. Bill was a great guy. I always respected him and our friendship. I know he'll RIP.

June 17 at 11:41 PM

CG

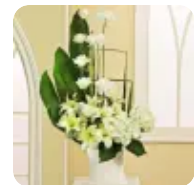
Carol Gray posted:

Ms Bootsie my heart breaks for you . Me Bill was such a gentleman, a good man, and a friend . Praying for you and all the family may the lord give you strength. I love you friend and I will miss Bill ! I will never forget the friendship ! Love Carol

June 17 at 3:51 PM

BF

Beau And Laisa Flora sent an Eternal Grace to the Ackerman family.



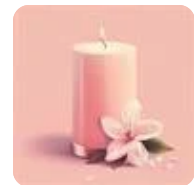
June 17 at 2:07 PM

CE

Connie Edmonston lit a candle in honor of William.

Bill was a wonderful, inspiring man that had a strong drive to get things done no matter how challenging. Bill served on Fayetteville Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and chaired the board for a number of years. He was instrumental in building a new handicap dock at Lake Fayetteville that has been enjoyed by many for years.

Bill made a huge difference in the lives of many and I am so thankful to have been able to work with him. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Bootsie and family!



June 17 at 11:11 AM



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MT

Mana Administration Team sent a Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White to the Ackerman family.



June 17 at 8:48 AM

DB

Debbie Beckerdite posted:

Bootie, this breaks my heart for you. He was too young to leave. We stand with you always. Sending love ❤️❤️❤️

June 17 at 5:52 AM

KD

Kay Dunn posted:

Bootsie, our hearts are broken for you. You and Bill were such sweet, kind, and gracious 'neighbors' and friends. We are so saddened by Bill's death. He was such a fine gentleman and you two were such a stable and involved couple. You will be in our prayers! If you ever get away, come to HSV to visit us.

June 17 at 5:34 AM

SF

Steve Foster posted:

Bootsie, Our hearts hurt for you. You and Bill will always hold a special place in our family. It is not possible to be a finer person than Bill Ackerman. Love you both. Steve Foster

June 17 at 5:00 AM



Media

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June 21 at 6:12 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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