



William Alan Bartenstein

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William Bartenstein Obituary

Bill was born in Hartford Connecticut. He had an older brother Bernie, a adoring sister Bev and his youngest brother Ronnie.

Wheels were an important part of Bill's life from his youth. First it was bicycles and then he moved onto bigger things...cars. And cars became his life.

Bill joined the Marine Corps fresh out of high school There he did a tour of duty in Japan where he began racing motorcycles and was also stationed in Hawaii which many years later would become his home.

Bill's first car was a 53 Ford. His wife Gail talked him into his first vette which was a 57. That is where it all started. He has been building vettes and custom cars since 1962. Bill opened Corvette Center and was known as Mr Vette. Bill worked long hours and was a craftsman, and a perfectionist. Gail was always right there with meals waiting at all hours just so he could keep up his hectic hours.

Bill and Gail have 2 children Billie and Stacy. Billie worked by his side as soon as he was old enough too. They built custom vettes and cars for Barrett Jackson where they would "rock the block" and sell their custom Corvette mods. They were well known builders at Barrett Jackson as well as in Hawaii. Family life was centered around Corvettes and were and always will be a true Corvette Family.

Bill lost his wife to stage IV glioblastoma in 2017 and their lives were never the same. Bill is finally at peace at his wife's side in heaven
He is survived by his two children, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great grand children. He was loved and will never be forgotten



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Memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at Mililani Mortuary Makai Chapel. Visitation begins at 5:30 pm and service at 6:30 pm.

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JB

John Browning lit a candle in honor of William.

It is such a sad day, for I just found out the news of such a wonderful man who helped me through so many fun builds and good times at car shows displaying his cars and my cars side-by-side many times. Always so much fun to see him and I always look forward to going to his home to see what he and Billy were building and putting together. The memories will last forever. It was an honor to know him and see all the beautiful creations that he put together. I will miss you, Bill. Thanks for all your good advice and all the good times and memories. Aloha John S Browning



March 30 at 3:00 PM

CP

Craig Patton posted:

I started working for Billy in 1971. I will never forget the good times we had at the Corvette Center in Bolton Connecticut.

June 28 at 11:17 PM

JH

John 'Hutch' & Patti Hutchinson posted:

So sorry, we just now heard this sad news. Patti and I send our sincere condolences to Billie and Stacy. We will always cherish the fond memories we have of the fun times we had with you and your Mom & Dad on our many outings with the Corvette Club of Hawaii in the 1970's. A long time ago, perhaps, but still fresh in our minds and hearts. We pray for God's comforting grace to be upon you and your entire family. Aloha, Bill. We will meet again.

January 26 at 7:44 AM

EG

Eric Gange posted:

It was the sound of various V8 engines, that drew our attention to cars, who parked around the stadium, on a Saturday morning, at the markets 2010. We met Bill, and noticed the 4 sale sign on "BadVet", a nice C5 Convertible. We purchased the car, Bill assisting us with transportation to LA, then onto Melbourne, Australia, where we had to do the right hand drive conversion at Corvette Clinic. Then the long haul across country, to Perth, Western Australia. Our hearts are hurting, condolences to Gail, Billy, and family. Eric and Ida Gange

December 26 at 4:39 AM



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MK

Mark Kutsy posted:

It was an honor and pleasure meeting Bill with son Billy at a Cars & Coffee nearly 2 years ago. Either Bill or I would make it a point to stop over each others Corvette to say hi and talk story at every months Cars & Coffee when we were there. Bill's friendship will be missed but not forgotten. Condolences to the Bartenstein Family.

December 5 at 11:18 PM

SH

Steven Hyer posted:

Bill it was such an honor knowing you personally I know you are driving your Holyiest vette with Gail by your side like the good old day's Bill you will truly be missed here but until we meet again enjoy every moment Aloha Steve

November 22 at 3:54 AM

RH

Raynette Hyer posted:

My condolences to Billy and Stacy. Your dad was a wonderful man. I am glad to have met and befriended him. He will truly be missed. It won't be the same at the car show. At least we all know that he is happy to be with his wonderful wife. Love you my friend you will be missed. Raynette Hyer

November 21 at 11:30 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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