



## William "Billy" Altenbern

May 19, 1988 - October 8, 2021

Bill, or Billy as he will be fondly remembered by his family, was called home to his Lord after a courageous battle with cancer. Bill will be remembered as a lover of music; often played so loudly he could be heard blocks away or rattling your windows. Bill was a loyal friend; always willing to help. He loved and enjoyed food, often requesting spaghetti for special occasions. He loved to play and watch sports; playing several as a kid and more recently enjoying Fantasy Football. Bill's faith was strong; cemented by his early school years at St. John Lutheran School and being a life-long member of St. John. His loved ones can rest assured Billy was one of Jesus's little lambs and was ready to join his other family members called home before him. He is preceded by his paternal grandparents, Donald and Donna; maternal grandparents, Harry and Helmi; and aunts Linda P, Patty, and Linda A. He will be dearly missed by his parents, Helmi and Bill, and his sister, Lizzie (Jake), and the family dog Ellie, as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, and his many friends. We ask that in Bill's memory, consider a donation to St. John Tuition Fund to support other little lambs coming to faith. We also ask that in his honor you play your favorite song as loud as your ears can take. As a child, Billy would often say good-bye mix-matching phrases. So Billy, we will see you in "a couple of whiles" until our Lord calls us home.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, October 11, 2021 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. in Libertyville. Funeral - services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church, 501

W. Park Ave. in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **11.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Funeral Service

OCT **12.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church  
501 W. Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL

# Tribute Wall

JW

“*Billy boy, Billbo, Bill, Bro, Brother! I miss you more than I'll ever be able to convey with an EKG, a brain scan, and a therapist. You have been a constant in my life since before I could understand what a joy it was. You'd wander over, five or six years old, bright eyed and ready to play, when I was nine. The age gap then was not trivial. I would sometimes be annoyed, but you were so happy to be with us that you wouldn't even notice.*

*One time my sister was getting ready to go to an R rated movie with her friends and I invited along. I was fourteen and was granted permission to go with, and you happened to walk over in the ten minutes before we were heading out. We all looked around like how are we going to explain that we're leaving now? My sister just said at some point, hey Bill we're going to the movies but it's R rated. Without hesitation, you said, really? I'll go ask my parents? And disappeared across the Dunbar's lawn. You were like eleven!*

*We were standing there like, how long might this take? I think we considered just leaving but the thought of you emerging a couple minutes after we left was just too sad. Your irrepressible optimism and joy was something truly special.*

*The older we all got, the less age factored in and it was just before high school when we hung out regularly. I remember getting Halo 2 at midnight and we beat coop before school the next day. I remember hundreds of football games in the backyard. I remember how we sat outside Walmart for two days and nights in a cold November to get PS3s (one to keep and one to sell). We made a hundred dollars profit for forty eight hours of shivering. I remember you kicking my butt in chess repeatedly because you're a chess savant. I remember getting my heart shattered by an ex and being invited to your parties. I remember making a short film together. I remember skateboarding on the board you gave me. I remember your circus catches, where you'd bat the ball into air and juggle it for ten yards. I the time the ball spent tumbling between your hands a betting pool of local dads developed to tabulate the over/under of*

*whether or not you'd catch the ball. In the clutch you caught it. I remember beating prime Brian and Matt with you. I can't even list the amount of meaningful quality time we spent just talking or being in each other's presence.*

*When I left LA three years ago, paranoid and distrustful of many people I knew, I went to the county fair with my parents. The fair is now so much larger than it ever was before and we parked thirty rows from the entrance and as I got out of their car, I looked over and literally four cars over, you were getting out of your car and I knew I was safe because there you were, totally unplanned. Thirty rows deep at the fair. Bill is here.*

*It crushes me that you're gone. I still have the PTO I set aside to spend a week with you once you healed up. I must have sounded a little in denial the last time we spoke because you didn't let me know. I love you. I understand why you had to go, but it's just crushing.*

*No matter what though, you will be with me. Thank you for your friendship and brotherhood. Thank you for being Billy!*

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**Jordan Weimer** - October 13, 2021 at 10:09 AM

-J

“ - John purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William "Billy" Altenbern.



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**- John** - October 10, 2021 at 07:06 PM

GC

“ Gina Connor purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William "Billy" Altenbern.



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**Gina Connor** - October 10, 2021 at 04:29 PM

JW

“ Bill was our neighbor on lake street. When we would play football in the back yard, my two sons and myself, Bill had an uncanny way of knowing we were out there and he would come over to play. This set the stage for a lifelong love of football. Bill would join us most years for the turkey bowl, no matter how cold it was.

*Bill was such a kind and likable guy. I always loved seeing him at the game to catch up on his life. The Weimer's will miss him profoundly. We look forward to meeting up in heaven some day. Maybe we'll have time for another game or two.*

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**Jack Weimer** - October 09, 2021 at 11:54 PM

TM

“ Tim and Linda Moran purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William "Billy" Altenbern.



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**Tim and Linda Moran** - October 09, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Altenbern.*



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October 09, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Altenbern.*



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October 08, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Altenbern.*



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October 08, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Altenbern.*



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October 08, 2021 at 04:19 PM