



William "Bink" McCormick

June 17, 1949 - May 19, 2017

William (Bink) A. McCormick III, born in Pasadena, CA, passed away unexpectedly in Middletown NY on May 19th of heart failure at the age of 67.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Bink is survived by his sister Pam, and his three brothers, Pat, John and Jim.

Bink was a force of nature who embraced every possible opportunity to explore everything life had to offer. Although he never married, Bink had a profound impact on just about everyone he ever met and he will be greatly missed. Bink spent most of his life working in the construction industry, as an exterior painter, and enjoyed a wide variety of hobbies that included ornithology, water sports and traveling. He was raised in the Sierra Madre area and was well known in that community, where he briefly worked for the police department. His spirit has now moved on to the next great adventure.

He is joined by his father, William A. McCormick, Jr. and his mother June Schuster, both of whom preceded him in death.

He was taken to soon from all of us that knew him and loved him, but we all take comfort in knowing that we will be reunited in the future.

Rest in peace brother.

Comments



“ I remember spending a few days at the Sierra Madre house when cousin Irma came to visit in California. Bink was at the house and had a falcon he was training. He drove us back to Newport. We attended the Newport Pop Festival. It was 1969. Great memories! Rest in peace, Cousin! Sending hugs and prayers to all the family.

Geri (McCormick) Fribourg - May 24, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ My favorite memory of Bink is when I was visiting grandma and uncle Bill's home in Sierra Madre. He brought his falcon and demonstrated it's flying. It was amazing. our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family members. He will be missed.

Patti Edwards - May 24, 2017 at 10:11 AM



“ Bink was a very kind cousin to all of us McCormicks. We will smile when we remember his gentle personality. Sending much love and prayers to all of the McCormick family and Bink's friends. ~Love, Katie (McCormick) Shreve and family

Katie (McCormick) Shreve - May 24, 2017 at 01:23 AM



“ I remember Cousin Bink loved nature and music. We had a wonderful day at the Newport Pop Festival with our Cousin Irma in August of 1969. Rest in peace, Bink. Sending hugs and prayers to all the cousins!

Geri (McCormick) Fribourg - May 24, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ I have so many fond memories of my brother and our time together. Bink had a variety of different interests and hobbies.. He loved animals and birds and spent much of his free time raising and training them. One animal in particular that I remember was a baby orphan squirrel that he found during a hike. He raised it to adulthood before returning it to the wild. That squirrel followed him everywhere, at the total displeasure of our father, because it destroyed every curtain in our house! Bink loved him though and protected and trained it for over a year.

Bink was also an accomplished fishermen. We took many trips on my boat over to Catalina, where he caught a wide variety of fish on a regular basis. In his later years, Bink would often tell me those were the among the best memories of his life and I felt honored to be included.

Bink left us a week ago today and this is the first time I have had enough composure to share some thoughts about him. He left us way to soon. He was my oldest brother. A protector in my youth; always a friend and always supportive of every obstacle and achievement in my life. I could talk to him about anything and he was always there.

When our father died in 2015, Bink was devastated as were the rest of us, but I saw a change in him that he was never able to recover from. They spoke every morning the last 7-8 years of my fathers life and I know Bink got a tremendous source of comfort from those conversations about everyday life and the memories of past experiences. It is comforting for me to know that they are together again now and forever.

Rest in peace my brother. I loved you with all my heart!

Jim McCormick - May 26, 2017 at 01:49 PM