

OBITUARY

William E. (Bill), 70, of Tulsa was born on January 25, 1938, in Saint Paul, MN to Gladys and Stanley Thiets. Bill died on December 24, 2008.

He graduated from Wilson High School in St. Paul, MN. in 1956 and has maintained a very close relationship with all of his classmates. He was a very serious Lionel train collector and shared his hobby with many of his friends.

Bill retired from Thrifty Rental Car and has had an active relationship with all of his co-workers since his retirement.

His love was his volunteer work with stroke patients in the rehab center of St. Francis Hospital; he gave encouragement to others and shared his experiences that he endured during a stroke in the past. He was also very active in the Stroke Survivor Group here in Tulsa and always tried to share himself with all.

Bill always tried to be the rock for his family and loved sharing time with them when he could. He was dedicated to his church where he served on the Board of Directors.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his youngest daughter, Nancy. Bill will be missed by loving family members: his wife and best friend, Mary Ellen; his daughter, Patty; his sons, Kirk, Guy and Michelle, Doug and Teresa and Garry; grandchildren: Jeff, Brian, Erin, Michael, Chad, Ashton and Taylor; great-grand- daughter, Maykala.

**Memorial service will be 11 a.m., on Saturday, January 17, 2009, at Unity Church of Christianity, 3355 S. Jamestown, Tulsa, OK (918) 749-8834
William E. (Bill) Thiets**

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