



William Brown McClelland

November 30, 1942 - April 21, 2019

William (Bill) McClelland passed on Sunday Apr. 21, 2019 with family at his side. While dealing with cancer in his last years he continued his passion of technology and music until the end.

Bill was a gifted and inventive audio-video engineer who worked at several radio and television stations in Ohio and Florida. His time in radio included periods as an on-air personality “Wild Bill” and “Billy Mac”. He met and worked with many of the musicians and performers from the 50s and 60s. Bill acquired his FCC First Class Broadcasting license and became a Studio and Transmitter Engineer. One of his proudest achievements was building a brand-new TV transmitter and putting it on the air for the new Orlando TV-35, 1st sign-on Mar. 31, 1974. Later the station was shut down with legal issues for a few years. After the legal issues were done, Bill returned to put TV-35 back on the air again. He did so faster than expected using parts remaining on site in what RCA (manufacture of the transmitter parts) said was impossible to do. He had the station back on the air from his in-depth knowledge.

Bill was a music person. In the early days of Radio, a DJ announced the Title, Artist and position the song was on the Billboard charts (official rating system). DJ's would have to lookup and remember this content. Bill had the ability to commit this to memory and recall it even years later. Many people have commented about how he could hear 1 or 2 notes of a song and tell you all

about it.

Throughout his life, Bill provided music and lighting for events in Florida and Ohio. He was known as the Man with the Big Speakers. He always worked to have the best for his events. Bill chose to stay on the cutting edge of technology. From Radio to TV. From Mono, Stereo, Quad, to Digital Surround. From record, tape, CD, to WAV. He was an electrician, Radio-TV Engineer, Audio-Video-Lighting Tech, photographer and videographer.

Bill saved radio shows, TV productions and much more from his life to reflect on from time to time. The radio shows he had converted to CD. While playing them to him on his last days, one song came up a few times. From 1962, peaked Jan 26 1963, position #6, 'My Dad', now here is a Man.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr Bill. What a great person. I got to know him from my sister in law Donna. Donna came to Indiana and brought Mr. Bill. What stories he had to tell. My heart breaks for the family. I know Donna will miss him the most. She did all she did with the kindness of her heart. Took him breakfast, lunch, dinner, gave him medication. She carried for Mr Bill. He will be missed.*

Carolyn L.BROWN - May 19, 2019 at 07:38 PM

BH

“ *Bill was a longtime reader of the Blu-ray and DVD news website I run, The Digital Bits, and someone who shared our love of film and the home theater experience. His knowledge of these subjects was extraordinary and we exchanged many emails on the various details of new releases. A least a couple times a week he would point out interesting news or stories we might otherwise have overlooked. The upside of the Internet age is that we can get to know and interact with those who share our passions, even if they live far away. Bill was one of those people. I wish I'd had the opportunity to know him better, but I value every interaction we had over the years. He was a good person, who I'll always remember fondly, and I'm glad to have called him a friend. On behalf of myself and all of us here at The Bits: I wish Bill's family, friends, and loved ones comfort in this difficult time, and only the best of memories in the future.*

- Bill Hunt, Editor, The Digital Bits.com

Bill Hunt - May 10, 2019 at 03:41 PM

DB

I met Bill about 3 yrs ago. He was a great friend that I will always love & miss. We had many laughs, some tears, & always his love of music that he shared with myself & my friends & family. I learned a lot about TV & radio from him. He was a great friend that I will miss but, I will always remember him. I love you Poppa.

Donna Brown - May 19, 2019 at 06:50 PM

JC

*“ I called him Mr Bill or Mr McGoo because of his vibrant sense of humor. I met him 3 years ago and helped him with his medical insurance. He lived in my neighborhood so I loved stopping in to spend a little time with him. He would pull out tapes of some of his productions that he was so proud of. His ability to recall the smallest details of past and current events was impressive. He loved his kittens and his freind, Donna, who volunteered to watch over him when he thought no one else cared.
I will miss you, Mr Bill!!*

Julie Curry - May 10, 2019 at 08:16 AM

GE

“ So sorry for your loss.

Garland Elder - May 10, 2019 at 12:07 AM



“ 3 files added to the album My Dad



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DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - May 07, 2019 at 09:42 AM