



## William Michael Harding, Jr.

July 31, 1994 - June 25, 2022

William (Will) Michael Harding Jr passed away unexpectedly June 25, 2022 doing what he loved, playing basketball. He was 27 years old.

Will was born July 31, 1994 to William Michael Sr (Mike) and Traci Harding. Will was born in Park Rapids, MN, but the Hardings made their family home in Alexandria, MN. Will graduated from Jefferson High School in Alexandria, MN in 2012.

Will then received his Bachelor's degree from Concordia College in 2016. Will was a numbers guy, and held careers as a Data Analyst for several Minneapolis companies. Concordia is where he gained his main group of friends who referred to themselves as the Lab and Tool Shed. This group then extended out to include all significant others.

Will met "Billie" in 2017. Billie brought out some of Will's best qualities and their love for one another was unmatched. Will found someone who he could share all of his interests and wild ideas with. They had accomplished and experienced so much together. They recently got married on February 26, 2022 in Punta Cana. Will and Billie Jo resided in Minneapolis, MN with their goldendoodle, Aria.

Will had a passion for all things sports, whether it was through participation,

watching or even listening to podcasts. Will and Billie Jo held season tickets to the Minnesota Timberwolves, MNUFC, and the Minnesota Twins. He enjoyed playing basketball and golfing with the guys, .

Will was a positive influence on everyone he was around and loved being surrounded by his wife and friends. He was the party planner of the group. Will would try to find any excuse to get people together whether at the lake boating or floating, backyard bonfires, creating a basketball team "Just the Tip" and creating our bowling team "Show me your turkeys." Will was known for finding new hobbies and going all in such as mncraftbeerguy, smoking meats, and mixing cocktails.

Will leaves behind his wife Billie Jo Harding, his parents Mike and Traci Harding, his sister Annie Harding, his mother in law Robyn (Harry) Godfrey, sister in law Shannon (Travis) Shavlik, brothers in law; Kory (Katie) Decremer, Joseph (Nicole) Godfrey, Jacob (Hailey) Godfrey, and Jesse (Kyla) Godfrey as well as his grandparents Maureen Laird and Tabb (Sharon) Harding. Will had many more friends and family that cared about him deeply.

Will was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Susan Hoyer and Annie Heimdahl and his father in law William Joseph Godfrey.

Memorial service will be held at  
Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel, July 1, 2022 at 11am with visitation one hour prior  
2610 19th Avenue NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Chapel Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for William Michael Harding Jr. in memory of William Michael Harding, Jr.



Washburn-McReavy - June 28, 2022 at 10:52 AM

DC

Billie Jo, My thoughts are with you, and my heart breaks for you. — Darrel Cole

Darrel Cole - June 28, 2022 at 08:44 PM

CB

A beautiful service for a wonderful soul. Billy Jo we are here for you.

Cassie Bean - July 01, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Michael Harding, Jr..



June 30, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Michael Harding, Jr..*



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June 30, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to all of you during this difficult time.*

*Christi Tweet  
Bell Bank-Mortgage Customer Service*

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**Christi Tweet** - June 30, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *All of our love! - The Wolfpack purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of William Michael Harding, Jr..*



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**All of our love! - The Wolfpack** - June 29, 2022 at 08:09 PM



“ *Billie Jo and family, Nothing loved is ever lost. No one who has ever touched a heart can really pass away, because memories remain and love lives on forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time of loss.*

*Ed and Bonnie Vann*

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**Bonnie L Vann** - June 29, 2022 at 05:09 PM

BC

“ *BCforward Staffing & Consulting purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of William Michael Harding, Jr..*



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**BCforward Staffing & Consulting** - June 29, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Michael Harding, Jr..*



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June 29, 2022 at 12:18 PM

FM

“ *From his "Chelsea" mates purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William Michael Harding, Jr..*



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**From his "Chelsea" mates** - June 29, 2022 at 11:34 AM

SA

“ I have contacted Will about month ago to discuss about an opportunity with our client and my first conversation with him did go really impressive as he was very energetic, passionate and goal oriented person. We spoke multiple times over the phone, messages and he always responded very friendly and down to earth.

*This news really broken my heart and for moment i thought i was reading the message wrongly.*

*We miss you Will but you always remain alive on our thought. My deep condolence to his family.*

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**Sampath** - June 29, 2022 at 11:30 AM

LS

“ *Lauren, Dana & Sarah purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William Michael Harding, Jr..*



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**Lauren, Dana & Sarah** - June 29, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Michael Harding, Jr..*



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June 29, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *William Michael Harding, Jr.*



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June 29, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *William Michael Harding, Jr.*



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June 29, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *Suzanne purchased the Basket of Memories* for the family of *William Michael Harding, Jr.*



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**Suzanne** - June 29, 2022 at 05:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *William Michael Harding, Jr.*



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June 28, 2022 at 09:19 PM

CS

“ Will, Billie Jo and Aria were our wonderful neighbors while they lived in Brooklyn Park. We only knew him for a short time; that great smile will always be remembered.

*Rest in peace, Will.*

*Kathy and Craig*

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**Craig and Kathy Steinmetz** - June 28, 2022 at 05:36 PM

AB

“ Traci And Mike, it breaks my heart to think of the pain you are going through. Will sounds like an amazing person. I pray your memories and love for him comfort you and help to ease your pain. I am praying for your family to heal.

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**Amy Babler** - June 28, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ Mark VonBank lit a candle in memory of William Michael Harding, Jr.



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**Mark VonBank** - June 28, 2022 at 03:22 PM



*so sorry to Will's families on their loss. my heartfelt prayers are with all of you. Rest In Peace Will, gone but never forgotten.*

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**Mark VonBank** - June 28, 2022 at 03:23 PM

TG

*Mike, Traci, Annie & Billie Jo, it breaks our hearts that Will is gone. It's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort knowing you were a special part of a well-lived life. Tom & Kathy*

**Tom & Kathy Gilbertson** - June 29, 2022 at 09:28 AM

AR

*“ This floral bouquet is dedicated to close friends of Will from JHS Class of 2012. Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathies are with all of Will's friends and family during this time. We value our memories with Will greatly. Cardinals fly. Fly high Will.*

*- Melissa & Everett Fandrich, Courtney & JJ Smith, Ashley Rabehl & Steven McQueen*

**Ashley Rabehl** - June 28, 2022 at 03:15 PM



SM

*“ Smith, Ashley Rabehl & Steven McQueen purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of William Michael Harding, Jr..*



**Smith, Ashley Rabehl & Steven McQueen** - June 28, 2022 at 03:04 PM

KN

*“ Sending much love and highest good to Will's family. He was such an inspirational and grand neighbor.*



**Kathy Neitzke** - June 28, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *William Michael Harding, Jr.*



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June 28, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Grandparents - Tabb and Sharon Harding* purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of *William Michael Harding, Jr.*



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**Grandparents - Tabb and Sharon Harding** - June 28, 2022 at 12:46 PM