

Bill was born 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, 1945, at Old Hall Farm, Lower Withington, the middle son of Edward ('Ted') and Evelyn Moston.

He attended the village school in Lower Withington, passed his 11+ and went on to attend the King's School, Macclesfield.

He served an apprenticeship at the Royal Ordnance Factory, Radway Green – once 'Apprentice of the Year'. He went on to the old engineering firm, Cowlshaw Walker at Biddulph, which regrettably closed in the 1970's – but out of that time came a lasting friendship with a fellow draughtsman, John Grieveson.

Always having an enquiring mind, Bill embraced new technology with a passion, keeping pace with change and chatting with the younger generation about the merits of different technologies – although at the same time, using his ciné camera to record family life on the farm, and in the surrounding countryside, walking, camping, climbing, all with his dog, Meg (whose lead is still somewhere on Snowdon!) and friend from Cowlshaw Walker days, John. Holidays on the Llangollen Canal produced amusing records of the fun they had.

Years later, it was John Grieveson's girlfriend who was responsible for introducing Bill to his future wife!

The relationship flourished and they married in 1980.

Next, Bill went to E.R.F. at Sandbach, then Foden Trucks, as a design engineer, heavily involved for some years in the design of a military vehicle, collating the computer information.

In 1980, Foden's became a subsidiary of the American firm, Paccar, which later also owned DAF – and was relocated to Leyland, which entailed a long trek up and down the M6 with his mates.

In 2006, as Bill had predicted, the Foden brand ceased to exist – after 150 years.

Bill suffered a heart attack in 2007, which eventually led to his retirement.

For almost 8 years, he worked for the Shavington Co-Op, unfailingly reliable, distributing newspapers in a little white van (the world's oldest 'Paper Boy!'), and becoming very popular all around the area. One of the ladies at the Co-Op, who became a friend, said 'He was a lovely, lovely man, he'd do anything for anyone, we all loved him, you must be proud to have had him as your husband!'

'Delightful' is a word very often applied by anyone who came across him.

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All Lower Withington village life was recorded on his ciné camera – including nearly 20 years of the village Rose Day, later made into films.....

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Many of Bill's films, transferred onto DVD, have been shared on the internet and on YouTube, leaving a lasting record of his film-making talents.

He created a website - the family history of the Moston, Wood, Slater, Warrington relatives.

Also the website, 'Cheshire Churches', with around 600 photographs and brief descriptions of Cheshire churches (though he had intended to retake many of the photos. with his latest camera). This elicited numerous e-mails from far-flung ex-pats!

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He had always been an excellent teacher, patient to a degree! Even as a youngster, he taught his brother, Philip, 8 years his junior - amongst other things, he showed him how to design an electrical circuit, and even taught him to drive.

Today's lovely lady florist – there is a strong bond between the families - said it was Bill who taught her how to use a camera!

As a friend in Shavington has said 'Everybody whose life he touched feels privileged to have known him – he was honest, unselfish, utterly trustworthy.'

His kindness and humour made his conversation a delight – he is remembered by all with great affection as a dear, faithful, gentle man, and by Ruth, as a husband who cherished and cared for her through all their wedded days.