

A very small sample of the tributes in sympathy cards.

For Bill, from his work colleagues:

from Dave Smith Dave Sutton Bryan Norris:

'We had the pleasure of working with Bill over the years at Foden & Leyland - he would always go out of his way to help. A true gentleman.

We will miss him.'

from John Collins:

'He was a great guy and although I had not managed to make time to see him recently I will miss him greatly. I have always thought of Bill as a friend first and as someone who worked for me second. As a member of our section at work I always considered him to be my right hand man. He had wide ranging knowledge and was happy to tackle anything that came along. He was also our computer buff and was always at hand to help, not just at work, but at anytime I had a problem. A complete gentleman, he was valued by all who knew him.'

from Edna and Rob Lawton:

'Bill was such a lovely person...he was always so pleasant with everyone and nothing was too much trouble for him. Rob and I consider it a real privilege to have known Bill and will always have fond memories of him.'

'a dear friend and ex colleague, a really great person.'

from Colin & Jen Wassall:

'He will be remembered by all of us at Fodens as a conscientious & diligent worker, who quietly & unassumingly got on with giving his best. Most of all he will be remembered as a gentleman.'

From friends:

from John & Sue Grieveson:

John was a friend from Cowlshaw Walker days and canal holidays - brother to Ann Watson (Grieveson). Responsible for Ruth meeting Bill.

'Even though I hadn't seen much of Bill over the years, I will always remember him as my best friend.'

from his 2 best paperboys (retired), Chris Pountain and Josh Roberts - their card and flowers were on the doorstep when Marie brought me home briefly from the hospital:

'It's such sad news about Bill, both of us had the pleasure of working with him on the Co-op van for several years. He was such a great man who had time for everyone.'

Lynn & Phil: ' He was such a kind, intelligent and gentle man'.

Em & Steve (nurse friend, they live in Australia) - Em loved Bill, she wrote 'your beautiful Bill...'

Wendy Reid: 'He was a lovely man in every way.'