



Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV

June 22, 1966 - October 1, 2024

Mont "Flea" Everett Bodine IV, 58, passed away on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. He was born in Alton the son of Penny Jo (Losch) Bodine of Jerseyville and the late Mont Everett Bodine III. Flea worked at Morris University Center's bookstore at SIUE for many years. On February 19, 2005 in Wood River, IL he married the love of his life, Lisa Highfill and she survives. Along with his wife and his mother, he is survived by a sister, Traci Bodine Walker of Edwardsville, IL and nephews, Eli and Malachi Walker of Noblesville, IN. In laws, Gary and Jean Highfill of Alton, and his dog, Fluffy. He was preceded in death by all four of his grandparents and beloved pets Abby, Gidget and Jetty.

In Flea's younger years, he attended SIUE where he met his tribe of friends who accepted, understood and loved him. He joined the influential pop punk band, Judge Nothing, playing bass and cowriting many of their songs. While in the band, he toured the United States creating many adventures along the way. Flea met his wife through his wonderful friends Andy and Jennifer Dykeman during this time. The band released two CD's on Thick Records and continued to tour regularly until 1997. Flea shared the stage with bands such as Green Day, Fugazi, All, Shiner, Jesus Lizard, Joan Jett, Season to Risk, Bent and many others. After the band broke up, Flea took up running, participating in many events including trail runs with his wife, his father-in-law, his dear cousin Tiffany and many others. He trained regularly with his dogs Gidget and Abby.

Flea continued to play bass throughout the rest of his life with friends and neighbors. He enjoyed the comradery of playing rock and roll with nice people.

He loved to volunteer with various local organizations, especially the Sierra Club-Piasa Palisades and Pere Marquette Park Cabin Restoration Project, cultivating even more friendships.

Flea was loved by so many people and will be missed by everyone.

Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend John Pawloski will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Sierra Club-Piasa Palisades or a donation for a Memorial Park bench in memory of Flea. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends may visit our website at www.gentfuneralhome.com to view service information or to leave condolences to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **5**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Memorial Service

OCT **5**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall

LL

“ I am Lisa's cousin. Flea was also family, of course. We've know him for pretty much 30 years. He was family. I remember the times, and I don't know why we did this...lol, we visited from Indy and ate ice cream around the table...I also remember watching while Jetty climbed all over Flea every time we were there...Jetty ONLY loved Lisa & Flea. I'm convinced Jetty was a guard cat! He knew he was beautiful, and he was. I also remember Flea making thee best fried potatoes I ever had! Impressive. Just a few things. But Lisa my dear...you were Blessed to have such a wonderful, devoted husband who loved you so much! It was obvious. He was Blessed to have your love. UGH, I hate that this happened, but as you know, we are not in charge. God and His hand are. Lean on God, Lisa. I am praying every single day for your Comfort & Peace. Flea is not gone. This is temporary. He will be right there with open arms as you enter the Gates. You can count on it. You will see him again! He just got there first! Try and focus on God's Love and being with Flea again. It will happen. Love you so much!



"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' " John 11: 25-26

Lori LeSage - October 14, 2024 at 12:44 PM

CD

“ Rest in Power Flea. Will miss you. You encouraged me when we worked together and believed in me when I was so green. Thanks for teaching me the ropes at work. Am sad that we shall not request and listen to Bob Marley together. Enjoy up there in heaven cause it has gained a great person. Gone too soon. My condolences to the wife, family and all friends and colleagues at Cougar store and MUC

Cate Don - October 08, 2024 at 03:52 PM

MC

“ Many years ago I babysat Flea and Traci quite often and during the summers. Rip and God bless this family.

mary cowan - October 08, 2024 at 11:48 AM

LM

“ There is not another who could compare to this man. He always had time to smile and say and asked how you were doing. Flea you will be missed by so many. You truly were a "Star's
RIP MY FRIEND
KEEP ON PLAYING

Lynette Meunier - October 07, 2024 at 04:05 PM

YD

“ Yael D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.

Yael D. - October 07, 2024 at 11:28 AM

LT

“ My condolences to everyone who loved Flea. He was a sweet man with a kind soul and he will be truly missed by everyone who knew him. Godspeed

Lisa and Seth Taylor - October 06, 2024 at 09:31 AM

JM

My condolences and love to his family. He was always such an electric character that has become an icon of a generation. What a musician, not just a superior bass man, but a personality so full of life & light, that his passing can't extinguish either. What a man.

Joey Manor - October 06, 2024 at 03:43 PM

KP

“ I'm heart is broken to hear of the passing of Flea. He was so sweet and it was a pleasure to call him as a friend. My deepest love goes out to Lisa, Tracey and his family ❤️ there are fantastic memories of the band and our friendship! May Gods peace be with you. All my thoughts and prayers! Kati (Vaughn) Perez

kati perez - October 06, 2024 at 08:23 AM

IC

Extraordinary...bass.player punk rock talented . Peace for his family & friends.faye I Carter Jax FI

I F carter - October 07, 2024 at 03:26 PM

RB

“ Rachael B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.

Rachael B. - October 05, 2024 at 05:15 PM

WB

“ William B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.

William B. - October 05, 2024 at 03:56 PM

LB

“ Flea was so kind and helpful every time I visited the bookstore, and I also just loved his chill vibe. He was a campus staple and the university won't be the same without him. Prayers for comfort and strength to all who love him as you navigate this difficult time. He will be missed.

Laura Baker - October 05, 2024 at 11:31 AM

DT

“ Rest in peace sir. You will be greatly missed!

Dr. Toby - October 05, 2024 at 10:36 AM

MS

“ Michael and Kimberly Simpson purchased the Pr etty Please for the family of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.



Michael and Kimberly Simpson - October 05, 2024 at 09:45 AM

MS

“ Michael and Kimberly Simpson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.

Michael and Kimberly Simpson - October 05, 2024 at 09:45 AM

WS

“ Flea took a class with me years ago and I used to see him regularly in the SIUE bookstore. He would always say hello. There was such a nice person and I am very sad to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family and friends.


Wendy Shaw - October 05, 2024 at 08:29 AM

BR

“ I haven't seen Flea in ages but I have so many wonderful memories of classes with him at SIUE, working at WSIE on campus, and seeing him playing with Judge Not. I wish all Flea's family and friends peace and strength to get through this devastating time. May Flea's memory be a blessing and a comfort to all who knew and loved him.

Bonnie Richardson - October 05, 2024 at 12:06 AM

JF

“ I've known Flea all of his life. Such a kind and humble man. My heart breaks for his family. . May you all be wrapped in comfort and strength. Rest in Peace sweet Flea!!



Jill Fowler-Trudell - October 04, 2024 at 05:44 PM

NE

“ I had the pleasure to work with Flea during my time at SIUE. I have fond memories of our time together and hope such special memories will give you all strength and comfort during this difficult chapter. It is my privilege to salute a great colleague and may his gentle soul rest in peace.



Nobby Emmanuel - October 04, 2024 at 04:44 PM

RP

“ Rose Piel purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.



Rose Piel - October 04, 2024 at 03:50 PM

JC

“ Jonathan C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.

Jonathan C. - October 04, 2024 at 03:30 PM

LN

“ Libby "Kochan" Nolan purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.



Libby "Kochan" Nolan - October 04, 2024 at 03:20 PM

TF

“ The SIUE Cougar Store & MUC Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.

The SIUE Cougar Store & MUC Family - October 04, 2024 at 03:07 PM

TF

“ *The SIUE Cougar Store & MUC Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.*



The SIUE Cougar Store & MUC Family - October 04, 2024 at 03:07 PM

TF

“ *The Klinke Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.*

The Klinke Family - October 04, 2024 at 03:03 PM

TF

“ *The Klinke Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.*



The Klinke Family - October 04, 2024 at 03:03 PM

DJ

“ *Dave, Toni, Emily, and Josh. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.*



Dave, Toni, Emily, and Josh. - October 04, 2024 at 01:56 PM

ES

“ Elizabeth Scrafford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.

Elizabeth Scrafford - October 04, 2024 at 01:42 PM

ES

“ Elizabeth Scrafford purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.



Elizabeth Scrafford - October 04, 2024 at 01:42 PM

GC

“ Gary & Teresa St. Cin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.

Gary & Teresa St. Cin - October 04, 2024 at 12:45 PM

GC

“ Gary & Teresa St. Cin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mont Everett "Flea" Bodine IV.



Gary & Teresa St. Cin - October 04, 2024 at 12:45 PM