

Bill's Life List - Things I Want to do Before I Die

Updated December 16, 2023

Those with a check mark have been completed

Number	Done	Type	Activity
1.		Adventure	Climb Mt. Whitney
2.		Adventure	Raft the Grand Canyon of the Colorado
3.		Adventure	Swim/wade in these oceans: Arctic* (Might be too cold) √ Southern* (Might be too cold- it was!) √ Pacific (California coast) √ Atlantic √ Indian (Mombasa, Kenya)
4.		Adventure	Swim/wade in these Seas: Caribbean Dead Galilee North* (Might be too cold) Red √ Mediterranean (Monaco) √ Cortez (San Felipe, Baja California, Mexico)
5.		Adventure	Swim/wade in these Rivers √ Amazon (Been there, but not in the water) √ Mississippi (When I lived in West Helena, Arkansas) Nile
6.	√	Adventure	Become a SCUBA diver
7.	√	Adventure	Ride a motorcycle cross country more than 250 miles
8.		Adventure/Flying	Build an "experimental" airplane
9.		Adventure/Flying	Fly an airplane above 36,000 feet
10.		Adventure/Flying	Fly an airplane faster than sound
11.	√	Adventure/Flying	Fly a jet airplane (Fuga)
12.	√	Adventure/Flying	Fly an airplane
13.	√	Adventure/Flying	Fly my airplane coast-to-coast
14.	√	Adventure/Flying	See a "UFO"
15.	x	Adventure/Flying	Fly my airplane around the world (Airplane sold April, 2014)
16.	x	Adventure/Flying	Fly my airplane to 49 states (bonus Hawai'i) (Airplane sold April, 2014)
17.	x	Adventure/Flying	Fly my airplane to Alaska (Airplane sold April, 2014)
18.		Educational	Become a member of the Explorers Club of New York
19.		Educational	Become a member of the Royal Geographic Society
20.		Educational	Learn to speak French
21.		Educational	Meet a President of the USA and talk for 10 minutes alone
22.		Educational	See a "ghost"
23.	√	Educational	Become a "Ham" radio operator (KD6EMG)
24.	√	Educational	Become a member of one of the Adventurers' Clubs
25.	√	Educational	Read a complete encyclopedia (Grolier in 1957)
26.	√	Educational	Write a book (VISION: Results User Manual)
27.		Fun	Meet Julia Roberts and talk with her for 30 minutes
28.	√	Fun	Be part of a film/TV production crew (Junkyard Wars)

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29.	√	Fun	Build a website
30.	√	Life	Live to 80+ years old (On October 17, 2023 I made this goal!)
31.		Life	Live to 90+ years old (On October 17, 2023 I had 10 more years to go to make this goal!)
32.		Life	Run for an elected office, (Local, State or Federal)
33.	√	Life	Be happy and content
34.	√	Life	Make love with a "Sexy Czech Chick" 🍷
35.	√	Life	Marry and have children
36.		Life/Art	See da Vinci's "Last Supper"
37.	√	Life/Art	Read "Moby Dick"
38.	√	Life/Art	Read "War and Peace"
39.	√	Life/Art	See my favorite operas performed live √ Aida √ Madame Butterfly √ Carmen
40.	√	Life/Art	See the "Mona Lisa"
41.		Life/Religious	Memorize the names of the books of the Bible in order
42.		Life/Religious	Pray at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem
43.		Life/Religious	See the Shroud of Turin
44.	√	Life/Religious	Read the complete Old and New Testaments of the Bible (See Appendix A)
45.		Scientific	Discover a comet
46.		Scientific	See all 110 Messier objects (See Appendix C)
47.		Scientific	See all 3 dwarf planets Pluto Eris (Might not be possible with my telescope) √ Ceres (December 23, 2012)
48.	√	Scientific	See eclipses of the sun √ Total (August 21, 2017) √ Partial (Many times) √ Annular (May 20, 2012)
49.	√	Scientific	Obtain a meteorite
50.	√	Scientific	See a big meteor shower (Leonids)
51.	√	Scientific	See a bright comet (Hale-Bopp)
52.	√	Scientific	See all 8 planets with MY telescope √ Mercury √ Venus √ Earth √ Mars √ Jupiter √ Galilean moons (Io, Calisto, Europa and Ganymede) √ Red Spot a plus √ Saturn √ Rings √ Uranus √ Neptune
53.	√	Scientific	See Halley's comet in 1986
54.	√	Scientific	See Transit of Mercury on November 8, 2006

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55.	√	Scientific	See Transit of Venus on June 5, 2012
56.		Travel	Go South of the Antarctic Circle
57.		Travel	Go to all 50 States (See Appendix B)
58.		Travel	See an aurora in person
59.		Travel	See the pyramids in Egypt
60.		Travel	Spend at least one day in over 50 countries (See Appendix D)
61.		Travel	Take a trip around the world
62.		Travel	Take Trans-Siberian railway all the way
63.	√	Travel	Go at least once to all seven continents √ Antarctica (December of 2019 on a cruise) √ Australia √ Africa √ Asia √ Europe √ North America √ South America
64.	√	Travel	Cross the Berlin Wall (1983)
65.	√	Travel	Cross the Equator (Trips to New Zealand, Brazil and Kenya)
66.	√	Travel	Drive across the USA (1976 LA to Greensboro, NC)
67.	√	Travel	Go North of the Arctic Circle (Trömso, Norway in 2004)
68.	√	Travel	Go to the "Black Museum" at Scotland Yard, London England
69.	√	Travel	Go to the British Museum in London, England
70.	√	Travel	Go to the Louvre Museum in Paris, France
71.	√	Travel	Ride a "high-speed" train (TGV)
72.	√	Travel	See "The Great Wall" in China
73.	√	Travel	See the "Big 5" in Africa √ Cape Buffalo √ Cheetah √ Hippo √ Lion √ Rhino
74.	√	Travel	Take Channel Tunnel Train between London to Paris

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Appendix A: Books of the Bible

TaNaKh or Old Testament

Torah – The Law

- √√ Genesis
- √√ Exodus
- √√ Leviticus
- √√ Numbers
- √√ Deuteronomy

Nebi'im – The Prophets

- √√ Joshua
- √√ Judges
- √√ 1 Samuel
- √√ 2 Samuel
- √√ 1 Kings
- √√ 2 Kings
- √√ Isaiah
- √√ Jeremiah
- √√ Ezekiel
- √√ Daniel

Treisar – The Minor Prophets

- √√ Hosea
- √√ Joel
- √√ Amos
- √√ Obadiah
- √√ Jonah
- √√ Micah
- √√ Nahum
- √√ Habakkuk
- √√ Zephaniah
- √√ Haggai
- √√ Zechariah
- √√ Malachi

Ketuvim – The Writings

- √√ Psalms
- √√ Proverbs
- √√ Job

Megillot

- √√ Song of Solomon
- √√ Ruth
- √√ Lamentations
- √√ Ecclesiastes
- √√ Esther
- √√ Ezra

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√√ Nehemiah

√√ 1 Chronicles

√√ 2 Chronicles

New Testament

The Gospels

√√ Matthew

√√ Mark

√√ Luke

√√ John

Narrative Literature

√√ Acts

The Pauline Epistles

√ Romans

√√ 1 Corinthians

√√ 2 Corinthians

√√ Galatians

√√ Ephesians

√√ Philippians

√√ Colossians

√√ 1 Thessalonians

√√ 2 Thessalonians

The Pastoral Epistles

√√ 1 Timothy

√√ 2 Timothy

√√ Titus

√√ Philemon

√√ Hebrews

The General Epistles

√√ James

√√ 1 Peter

√√ 2 Peter

√√ 1 John

√√ 2 John

√√ 3 John

√√ Jude

The Apocalyptic Literature

√√ Revelation of John

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Appendix B₁: US States To Visit

Number	Done	State
1.		New Hampshire
2.		Vermont
3.		Wisconsin
4.	*√	Alabama (Selma)
5.	*√	Arizona (Glendale, Phoenix, Mesa & Chandler)
6.	*√	Arkansas (West Helena)
7.	*√	California (Auburn, San Diego, Van Nuys, Canoga Park, Northridge & Temple City)
8.	*√	Indiana (Indianapolis – I was also born there)
9.	*√	Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)
10.	*√	Washington (Walla Walla)
11.	√	Alaska
12.	√	Colorado
13.	√	Connecticut
14.	√	Delaware
15.	√	Florida
16.	√	Georgia
17.	√	Hawai'i
18.	√	Idaho
19.	√	Illinois
20.	√	Iowa
21.	√	Kansas
22.	√	Kentucky
23.	√	Louisiana
24.	√	Maine
25.	√	Maryland
26.	√	Massachusetts
27.	√	Michigan
28.	√	Minnesota
29.	√	Mississippi
30.	√	Missouri
31.	√	Montana
32.	√	Nebraska
33.	√	Nevada
34.	√	New Jersey
35.	√	New Mexico
36.	√	New York
37.	√	North Carolina
38.	√	North Dakota
39.	√	Ohio
40.	√	Oregon
41.	√	Pennsylvania
42.	√	Rhode Island
43.	√	South Carolina
44.	√	South Dakota
45.	√	Tennessee
46.	√	Texas

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Number	Done	State
47.	√	Utah
48.	√	Virginia
49.	√	West Virginia
50.	√	Wyoming











(*√ State I have lived in)

Appendix B₂: Misc. US Places to Visit





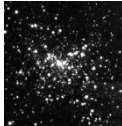





Number	Done	US Possessions
1.		American Samoa
2.		Guam
3.		Marshall Islands
4.		Puerto Rico
5.	√	US Virgin Islands
6.	√	Washington, D.C.

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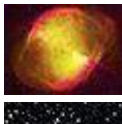


Appendix C: Messier Objects To Be Seen

M Number	Seen	First Seen on Date	NGC Number	Common Name	Picture	Object Type	Constellation
M-001	✓	2013-11-01	NGC 1952	Crab Nebula		Supernova Remnant	Taurus
M-002	✓	2013-08-28	NGC 7089			Globular Cluster	Aquarius
M-003	✓		NGC 5272			Globular Cluster	Canes Venatici
M-004	✓	2012-07-15	NGC 6121			Globular Cluster	Scorpius
M-005	✓	2008-06-29	NGC 5904			Globular Cluster	Serpens
M-006	✓	2013-08-28	NGC 6405	Butterfly Cluster		Open Cluster	Scorpius
M-007	✓	2013-08-28	NGC 6475	Ptolemy Cluster		Open Cluster	Scorpius
M-008	✓	2013-08-28	NGC 6523	Lagoon Nebula		Cluster With Nebula	Sagittarius
M-009	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6333			Globular Cluster	Ophiuchus
M-010	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6254			Globular Cluster	Ophiuchus











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M-011	✓	2008-06-29	NGC 6705	Wild Duck Cluster		Open Cluster	Scutum
M-012	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6218			Globular Cluster	Ophiuchus
M-013	✓	2008-06-29	NGC 6205	Great Globular Cluster in Hercules		Globular Cluster	Hercules
M-014	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6402			Globular Cluster	Ophiuchus
M-015	✓	2008-11-24	NGC 7078	Pegasus Cluster		Globular Cluster	Pegasus
M-016	✓	2013-08-28	NGC 6611	Eagle Nebula		Cluster With H II Region	Serpens
M-017	✓	2013-08-28	NGC 6618	Omega Nebula		Cluster With H II Region	Sagittarius
M-018	✓	2013-09-27	NGC 6613			Open Cluster	Sagittarius
M-019	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6273			Globular Cluster	Ophiuchus
M-020	✓	2013-08-28	NGC 6514	Trifid Nebula		Cluster With H II Region	Sagittarius











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M-021	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6531			Open Cluster	Sagittarius
M-022	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6656	Sagittarius Cluster		Globular Cluster	Sagittarius
M-023	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6494			Open Cluster	Sagittarius
M-024	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6603	Sagittarius Star Cloud		Milky Way Star Cloud	Sagittarius
M-025	✓	2013-08-31	IC 4725			Open Cluster	Sagittarius
M-026	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6694			Open Cluster	Scutum
M-027	✓	2008-11-24	NGC 6853	Dumbbell Nebula		Planetary Nebula	Vulpecula
M-028	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6626			Globular Cluster	Sagittarius
M-029	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6913			Open Cluster	Cygnus










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M-030	✓	2013-09-27	NGC 7099			Globular Cluster	Capricornus
M-031	✓	2008-11-24	NGC 224	Andromeda Galaxy		Spiral Galaxy	Andromeda
M-032	✓	2013-08-28	NGC 221			Dwarf Elliptical Galaxy	Andromeda
M-033	✓	2013-09-27	NGC 598	Triangulum Galaxy		Spiral Galaxy	Triangulum
M-034	✓	2008-11-24	NGC 1039			Open Cluster	Perseus
M-035	✓	2008-11-24	NGC 2168			Open Cluster	Gemini
M-036	✓	2008-11-24	NGC 1960			Open Cluster	Auriga
M-037	✓	2008-11-24	NGC 2099			Open Cluster	Auriga
M-038	✓	2008-11-24	NGC 1912			Open Cluster	Auriga
M-039	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 7092			Open Cluster	Cygnus











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M-040	✓	2013-09-27		Winnecke 4		Double Star WNC4	Ursa Major
M-041			NGC 2287			Open Cluster	Canis Major
M-042	✓	2009-12-04	NGC 1976	Orion Nebula		H II Region	Orion
M-043	✓	2013-10-01	NGC 1982	De Mairan's Nebula		H II Region (Part of Orion Nebula)	Orion
M-044	✓		NGC 2632	Beehive Cluster		Open Cluster	Cancer
M-045	✓	2009-12-04		Pleiades		Open Cluster	Taurus
M-046			NGC 2437			Open Cluster	Puppis
M-047			NGC 2422			Open Cluster	Puppis
M-048			NGC 2548			Open Cluster	Hydra
M-049			NGC 4472			Elliptical galaxy	Virgo











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M-050			NGC 2323			Open Cluster	Monoceros
M-051	✓	2013-08-28	NGC 5194, NGC 5195	Whirlpool Galaxy		Spiral Galaxy	Canes Venatici
M-052	✓	2013-08-28	NGC 7654			Open Cluster	Cassiopeia
M-053			NGC 5024			Globular Cluster	Coma Berenices
M-054	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6715			Globular Cluster	Sagittarius
M-055	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6809			Globular Cluster	Sagittarius
M-056	✓	2010-10-08 (OTSP)	NGC 6779			Globular Cluster	Lyra
M-057	✓	2008-06-29	NGC 6720	Ring Nebula		Planetary Nebula	Lyra
M-058			NGC 4579			Barred Spiral Galaxy	Virgo











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M-059			NGC 4621			Elliptical Galaxy	Virgo
M-060			NGC 4649			Elliptical Galaxy	Virgo
M-061			NGC 4303			Spiral Galaxy	Virgo
M-062	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6266			Globular Cluster	Ophiuchus
M-063	✓	2013-09-27	NGC 5055	Sunflower Galaxy		Spiral Galaxy	Canes Venatici
M-064			NGC 4826	Black Eye Galaxy		Spiral Galaxy	Coma Berenices
M-065			NGC 3623			Barred Spiral Galaxy	Leo
M-066			NGC 3627			Barred Spiral Galaxy	Leo
M-067			NGC 2682			Open Cluster	Cancer
M-068			NGC 4590			Globular Cluster	Hydra











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M-069	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6637			Globular Cluster	Sagittarius
M-070	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6681			Globular Cluster	Sagittarius
M-071	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6838			Globular Cluster	Sagitta
M-072	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6981			Globular Cluster	Aquarius
M-073			NGC 6994			Asterism	Aquarius
M-074			NGC 628			Spiral Galaxy	Pisces
M-075	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6864			Globular Cluster	Sagittarius
M-076	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 650, NGC 651	Little Dumbbell Nebula		Planetary Nebula	Perseus
M-077			NGC 1068			Spiral Galaxy	Cetus
M-078			NGC 2068			Diffuse Nebula	Orion









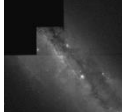
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M-079			NGC 1904			Globular Cluster	Lepus
M-080	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6093			Globular Cluster	Scorpius
M-081	✓	2013-09-27	NGC 3031	Bode's Galaxy		Spiral Galaxy	Ursa Major
M-082	✓	2008-06-29	NGC 3034	Cigar Galaxy		Starburst Galaxy	Ursa Major
M-083			NGC 5236	Southern Pinwheel Galaxy		Barred Spiral Galaxy	Hydra
M-084			NGC 4374			Lenticular Galaxy	Virgo
M-085			NGC 4382			Lenticular Galaxy	Coma Berenices
M-086			NGC 4406			Lenticular Galaxy	Virgo
M-087			NGC 4486	Radio Galaxy Virgo A		Elliptical Galaxy	Virgo
M-088			NGC 4501			Spiral Galaxy	Coma Berenices



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M-089			NGC 4552			Elliptical Galaxy	Virgo
M-090			NGC 4569			Spiral Galaxy	Virgo
M-091			NGC 4548			Barred Spiral Galaxy	Coma Berenices
M-092	✓	2008-06-29	NGC 6341			Globular Cluster	Hercules
M-093			NGC 2447			Open Cluster	Puppis
M-094	✓	2013-09-27	NGC 4736			Spiral Galaxy	Canes Venatici
M-095			NGC 3351			Spiral Galaxy	Leo
M-096			NGC 3368			Spiral Galaxy	Leo
M-097			NGC 3587	Owl Nebula		Planetary Nebula	Ursa Major
M-098			NGC 4192			Spiral Galaxy	Coma Berenices

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M-099			NGC 4254	Coma Pinwheel Galaxy		Spiral Galaxy	Coma Berenices
M-100			NGC 4321			Spiral Galaxy	Coma Berenices
M-101			NGC 5457	Pinwheel Galaxy		Spiral Galaxy	Ursa Major
M-102	✓	2013-08-31	Not conclusively identified	Could be Spindle Galaxy		Lenticular or Spiral Galaxy	Draco
M-103	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 581			Open Cluster	Cassiopeia
M-104	✓		NGC 4594	Sombrero Galaxy		Spiral Galaxy	Virgo
M-105			NGC 3379			Elliptical Galaxy	Leo
M-106			NGC 4258			Spiral Galaxy	Canes Venatici
M-107	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 6171			Globular Cluster	Ophiuchus
M-108			NGC 3556			Spiral Galaxy	Ursa Major

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M-109			NGC 3992			Barred Spiral Galaxy	Ursa Major
M-110	✓	2013-08-31	NGC 205			Dwarf Elliptical Galaxy	Andromeda

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Appendix D: Countries Visited

Number	Country
1.	Antarctic Peninsula***
2.	Argentina
3.	Australia
4.	Belgium
5.	Belize
6.	Brazil
7.	Canada
8.	Cayman Islands
9.	Chile
10.	China
11.	Columbia
12.	Costa Rica
13.	Czech Republic
14.	Denmark
15.	Dominican Republic
16.	Ecuador
17.	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
18.	France
19.	French Guyana
20.	Germany (Both West and East at the time – 1983)
21.	Greenland
22.	Honduras
23.	Iceland
24.	Ireland
25.	Italy
26.	Jamaica
27.	Japan
28.	Kenya
29.	Mexico
30.	Netherlands
31.	New Zealand
32.	Norway

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| 33. | Panama |
| 34. | Peru |
| 35. | Saint Kitts |
| 36. | Singapore |
| 37. | Slovak Republic |
| 38. | South Korea |
| 39. | Sweden |
| 40. | Taiwan |
| 41. | Tanzania |
| 42. | Thailand |
| 43. | The Bahamas |
| 44. | Trinidad & Tobago |
| 45. | Turkey |
| 46. | United Kingdom (England, Scotland & Wales) |
| 47. | Uruguay |
| 48. | Viet Nam |

*** Cruised by but did not land.