



## William H. "Bill" Hillard, Sr.

July 26, 1941 - March 11, 2017

William H. "Bill" Hillard, Sr. of Cadillac passed away Saturday morning, March 11, 2017 at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. He was 75. Bill was born on July 26, 1941 in Ypsilanti to Cassious L. & Helen E. (Oelke) Hillard and they preceded him in death. Bill graduated from Cadillac High School and later went in to banking. After retiring from Old Kent Bank in Cadillac in 1987 Bill went on to have many private ventures and later retired to Florida in 2000. Mr. Hillard loved farming the property on 48 Road in Hobart. He loved to get up early to do the chores and then head into work at the bank and later in the day return to the farm to complete the chores of the day. Bill also enjoyed attending auctions in the area and visiting with his family and friends. Survivors include his children: William H. (Barbara) Hillard, Jr. of Alexandria, VA, Beth (Randy) Leary of Orlando, FL and Scott Hillard of West Palm Beach, FL; 2 grandchildren: Ryan & Rodney Leary; a sister, Joann Ellery of Traverse City. Memorial visitation will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 4-6 PM at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the MSU 4H Extension. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our condolences to a long time dear friend. Will always cherish his famous smile and laugh and sense of humor. Diane and I are out of town so will be unable to visit or the to make it to the funeral but we are praying for her the family in their loss*

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