



William C. "Bill" Sterkenburg

October 6, 1951 - October 23, 2017

William C. "Bill" Sterkenburg of Cadillac formerly of Grand Rapids passed away peacefully, Monday, October 23, 2017 at home at the age 66, with his family and wife of 40 years by his side.

Bill was born on October 6, 1951 in Grand Rapids to Walter E. & Carol A. (Holwerda) Sterkenburg.

He graduated from Ottawa Hill High School and had attended Grand Rapids Junior College. Bill had been employed for 17 years at the City of East Grand Rapids prior to moving to Cadillac in 1995. While living in Cadillac Bill had been employed at Meijer since it had opened and he had also worked at the Shay Station Coffee Shop. Bill was an active member of the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church for many years. He enjoyed coaching sports, watching the Grand Rapids Griffins hockey team and traveling. His greatest joy was spending time with his children and grandchildren.

On April 29, 1977 in Grand Rapids he married the former Elaine L. Bueche and she survives him along with their children: Brian (Laura) Sterkenburg of Kentwood, Bradley (Elissa) Sterkenburg of Holt, and Stacey (Adam) Bump of Owosso; 4 grandchildren: Loghan, Hayden, Gideon, and Samson; his parents, Walter & Carol Sterkenburg of Grand Rapids; brothers: Larry (Laura) Sterkenburg of Grand Rapids and Mark (Susan) Sterkenburg of Allentown,

Pennsylvania; sisters: Julie (Terry) Brabon of Colleyville, Texas and Sandy (Jeff) Peterson of Grand Rapids; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held 12 Noon Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church in Cadillac with Reverend Jeff Kroondyk officiating. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids. Friends may meet the family from 4-8 PM Friday at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac and one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the New Hope Shelter or to Northern Michigan Christian School. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

KK

“ Dear Elaine & family, We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We were both classmates of Bill at Ridgeview Jr. High and then Ottawa Hills. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Karl and Donna Kroeger - November 19, 2017 at 10:43 AM

SJ

“ Brad - I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sandeep Jain - October 29, 2017 at 07:54 PM

DK

“ Elaine, my condolences on Bill's passing. He was a person of integrity, and I enjoyed working with him as well as going on a few golf outings. Prayers to you all in this time. Peace.

Doug Kadzban - October 26, 2017 at 09:43 PM

TT

“ We were sadden to hear about Bill's passing away. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you today and the next several days/months during this difficult time. Terry always said Bill was one of the nicest guys to work with at EGR. Our deepest sympathy to you Elaine and your entire family.

Terry and Christine TerBeek - October 26, 2017 at 09:28 AM

AB

“ *Bill was always sincere and caring for others. His smile was contagious, and we are proud to have known him as friend. Thoughts and prayers to the family as he continues his life's journey.*

Al and Janelle Blackburn - October 26, 2017 at 05:04 AM

DR

“ *Sorry to hear about Bill's passing. I enjoyed working with him at the City of EGR. My condolences to all. Thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times.*

Diane Ritzke - October 25, 2017 at 03:21 PM

TK

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Bill was a genuinely nice man and it was a pleasure to have worked with him for seventeen years.*

Tom Keating - October 25, 2017 at 01:53 PM