



William R. Bryan

February 15, 1919 - January 14, 2015

William R. Bryan of Cadillac passed away Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at the Curry House Assisted Living in Cadillac. He was 95.

He was born on February 15, 1919 in Terre Haute, Indiana to Jesse & Myrtle (Lung) Bryan.

Bill was the owner and operator of Bryan Music Company for over 60 years. His work allowed him to meet and become friends with many establishments in the Northern Michigan area. He was known for his fair treatment and generous nature with all he encountered.

Mr. Bryan was an avid golfer, skier, and tennis player until his loss of vision forced him to give up these activities. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Low Vision support group in the Cadillac area. Bill was a Veteran of World War II serving in the United States Navy. He was a lifelong member of the Cadillac Elks Lodge, the AMVETS, the American Legion and First Congregational United Church of Christ of Cadillac. He will be remembered for his generosity for the many contributions he made to these organizations as well as many other numerous community service groups.

Bill set an example for his children and grandchildren. He was kind and loving showing compassion to those in need. His sense of humor and joy in living

inspired everyone who knew him. He spent the last several years of his life devoted to taking care of his wife Clarice, who passed away on Feb. 10, 2014.

Survivors include his children and step-children: Marilyn (Bob) Mangelsdorf of San Carlos, CA, James (Marcy) Bryan of Robertsdale, AL, Jerry (Nancy) Vollmar and Tim (Mary) Vollmar all of Cadillac; 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife he was preceded in death by a grandson, Tony Vollmar and 2 brothers: Garth and Bob Bryan.

In accordance with his wishes cremation has taken place and a celebration picnic will be held in the spring. An online guestbook is available at www.peter-sonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Mr. & Mrs. Bryan when I worked for the Curry House. They moved in around the time I started working there. I took both of them to their doctor's appointments and other trips as Mr. Bryan instructed. I took Clarice to her hair appointments in Cadillac, where she enjoyed the pampered treatment. Mr. Bryan and I had many conversations on our trips. He shared much of his life with me and I feel fortunate to have had him as a friend. I would drive him to his low vision meetings at the senior center, his hair appointments at Kay's Beauty Boutique. His vision and hearing difficulties never kept him from going where he wanted to be. He was a very caring person and I'm glad I got to know him, just a little bit. I left the Curry House in May 2014 and continue to return to visit some of my favorites. I will miss stopping in to see him and recall the last time I visited him, when he held my hand through the entire visit. Aloha good friend, until we meet again.

Georgie Hooker - February 02, 2015 at 09:41 PM

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“ My deepest condolences are with Mr. Bryan's family as you go through this grieving period. In your times of sorrow look to prayer, fond memories, and those around you. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Paulette Neebling - January 20, 2015 at 09:29 AM

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“ I met Bill in 2002 when I joined the low vision support group. The group was considering disbanding due to the lack of a facilitator. I volunteered, and ran it with Bill for several years. He eventually asked me to take over, and I am still keeping his group alive. Bill was all of those things in his obit, and more. He will be greatly missed.

Connie(and Greg) Payne - January 18, 2015 at 10:26 AM

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“ Prayers and thoughts are with you all. When we moved to Cadillac in the early sixties ,he was about the third person we met. Always enjoyed being in conversation with him.

Alice Grubba Hammond - January 17, 2015 at 11:22 AM

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“ My condolences are with Mr. Bryan's family and friends as you grieve. At such times of sorrow we may ask, " Will I ever see or embrace my loved one again?" Jesus answers at John 11:11-44 saying: " Lazarus! Come on out!" And he did. Patiently waiting for all those in the memorial tombs to hear Jesus' voice and come on out. May we all be there to welcome all those sleeping in death back to an earth that God originally promised. - Acts 24:15; Psalm 37:29; Revelation 21:3-5; Isaiah 65:21-23 Sincerely,
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La Chelle Yates - January 16, 2015 at 07:17 PM