



William "Bill" Charles Gottschall

May 3, 1950 - January 24, 2021

William "Bill" Charles Gottschall, 70, of Harrietta, died peacefully at his home on January 24, 2021. He was born May 3, 1950, in Pontiac, Michigan, to Nolan and Peggy Gottschall. He married Linda Deuman on October 16, 1976 and they recently celebrated 44 years of marriage.

Bill is survived by his spouse, Linda; four children, Dawn (Tim) Coon of Cadillac, Josh (Beth) Gottschall of Cadillac, Will (Kerrie) Gottschall of Harrietta, Melissa (Brad) Coyne of Harrietta; ten grandchildren: Chris, Betsey, Travis, Danny, Brandon, Tyler, Isabella, Megan, Allie, and Lilly; and two great grandchildren, Camden and Jeremiah "Roy". He is also survived by two brothers Nolan (Debbie) Gottschall and Dan (Sharon) Gottschall, and one sister, Marje Marvez.

Bill's parents and two sisters preceded him in death.

Bill was a long-time resident of Harrietta where he lived since leaving his hometown of Pontiac, Michigan. He graduated from Pontiac Central High School in 1968 and became a master plumber, working for the public school system in Pontiac, and for the State of Michigan at Oaks Correctional Facility until his retirement in 2010. In his lifetime, Bill also served as a Boon Township Trustee, Assistant Fire Chief for Slagle-Harrietta, union steward for the MSEA, and was a regular volunteer for CAPS.

Bill was a man of eclectic tastes and valued his family and friends above all else. He is remembered as a generous man who would help anyone that asked, was a master of making the best of any situation, and exemplified hard work every day. Bill passed his love of knowledge, music, and the out-of-doors to his children and grandchildren.

A visitation with the family will be held Thursday from 1:00 to 3:30 PM at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan Cadillac Chapter. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ *Our memories of Bill are all fond ones.
Prayers for your family during this difficult time.*

Stephen & Jacqueline Kuchta - February 04, 2021 at 04:47 AM

KR

“ *Very sorry about your loss and our prayers are with you and your family in this time of Hardship*

Kristina & Russell - January 28, 2021 at 12:29 PM

AE

“ *Dear Linda, Missy and family,
We are deeply saddened by your loss.
Bill was a wonderful and happy person. We are thankful for the moments we had together with Bill and you at your place and here in Germany.
Our deepest condolences to you and your family.
Anne and Eric with Lea and Sara*

Anne and Eric Englbrecht - January 28, 2021 at 11:31 AM

SS

“ *My sincere condolences to the Gottschall family on your loss. My dad, Jerry Ball, also served on the SHFD and we were neighbors once upon a time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Shani (Ball) Skutt - January 27, 2021 at 08:02 PM

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Anne and Eric - January 27, 2021 at 01:39 PM

ST

“ Linda and family - I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is breaking for you... He was a good man and always up for fun. Please comfort yourselves in the memories that you all have made with him.

Sally Thompson - January 27, 2021 at 09:12 AM

KW

“ The Wicklund family would like to extend their condolences to the Gottschall's. My parents both served on the Slagle-Harrietta Rescue Squad and my Father served on the Fire Squad with Bill. My Mother also worked with Bill at the Oaks. You are in our thoughts!

Kristina Wicklund - January 27, 2021 at 06:21 AM

DE

“ ”

Linda and Family we are so sorry for your loss. We often referred to Bill as a gentle giant and one of a kind. He will be truly missed by all who had the pleasure to know him. Our deepest sympathy to the family. Ray & Deb Freeman"

Deb - January 26, 2021 at 11:48 AM

BS

“ ”

Sorry for your loss. My favorite neighbor and a great family. A great guy and a real person always in my prayers.

Bill sapilewski - January 26, 2021 at 11:37 AM

MM

“ ”

So sorry! I always enjoyed chatting with Bill at Forest View. I will always remember his smile and caring ways! He sure loved his children and grandchildren; you could see the pride on his face when he talked. What a great man! Prayers!

Marie Mercier - January 26, 2021 at 05:31 AM

TS

“ ”

Bill was a great man, he is one of those people that once you got to know him you knew your life was better for it. He was very stand up & a proud man. My heart felt sympathy to Linda, kids and grandkids.

Tracy Sherman - January 26, 2021 at 03:42 AM

AL

“ *Linda and Family*
My deepest sympathy to you. Bill was an awesome guy - We will miss him. So sorry for your loss.
Al & Alice Finnerty

Alice - January 26, 2021 at 12:45 AM

DW

“ *So sorry for the loss of Bill he was a fine man. My deepest sorrow is shared with his family. Bill thank you for your service to Rolling Thunder Michigan Chapter 1. You will never be forgotten. Your service to Veterans past and present was so appreciated. Prayers for you and your family.*

Duke Willoughby - January 25, 2021 at 08:57 PM

JP

“ *So sorry for your loss. I hope peace and comfort come to take the place of grief and pain and that family and friends remember the good times and happy memories. Peace to all*

Josh Perry - January 25, 2021 at 01:59 PM