



William T. Heydenberk

November 30, 1953 - August 27, 2017

William T. "Bill" Heydenberk of Cadillac passed away Sunday, August 27, 2017 at home after a brief illness with his family at his side. He was 63.

Bill was born on November 30, 1953 in Cadillac to Wilbur E. & Margaret S. (Cardinal) Heydenberk and they preceded him in death.

Bill graduated from Cadillac High School in 1972 and attended Ferris State University before starting his career in sales. He had been employed at Brown's Men's Wear and Johnson Associates and most recently at ReMax Central all in Cadillac. Bill also spent over 15 years with the Cherry Grove Township Fire Department and the Cadillac Technical Rescue Team as well as volunteering with many other community organizations.

Bill loved wood working, building furniture, refurbishing old classic travel trailers, gardening, hunting, fishing, camping and most of all spending time with his wife, daughters and grandchildren.

On January 11, 1975 in Cadillac he married the former Pamela S. Foster and she survives him along with their daughters, Angie (Dale) Keeley and Kelsey (Cory) Enyeart all of Cadillac; grandchildren: Meara & Kane Keeley, Thomas, Maggie, Lucas, Ben and Geoff Enyeart; a brother, Dick (Diana) Heydenberk and a sister, Jeanne Pobanz all of Cadillac; his mother-in-law, Harriet Foster

of Cadillac and many close brothers and sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Martha Nussle; his father-in-law, Edward Foster and many close family and friends.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, August 31, 2017 at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac with Pastor Scott Conner officiating. Friends may meet the family from 5-8 PM Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Awana International, Wexford County Habitat for Humanity or to American Cancer Society. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

LZ

“ Bill and I have been good friends for 50 years-close classmates of CHS '72-and neighbors on Sunset Point-Lk Mitchell. We shared so much in our early years from skiing Caberfae, boating and water skiing-our marriages and children. Always a warm greeting of dazzling smile, genuine hug, friendly kiss and calling me "Lindy" like my dad and favorite uncle did. I adored him. The news of his passing struck so hard. Bill was like a brother to many. A guy that had your back. A guy you trusted. A guy you could always count on. He was all of that to me. I had total respect for him-his love for Pam, girls and grandbabes. My Billy...you will be missed by so many here...yet I know you were welcomed by some of our dearest friends and your family on the other side. Rest peacefully dear friend. Friendship never dies. My sincere and deepest condolences to Pam, Angie, Kelsey and all your family.

Linda Bell Ziska - September 01, 2017 at 11:32 PM

DR

“ Our deepest sympathy to Bill's family. He was the consummate professional and a humble and gracious man. He had a servant's heart. We are grateful to have known him. May peace be yours.

Dale and Mary Rosser - August 31, 2017 at 09:53 PM

KH

“ One of my favorite memories of Uncle Bill is a game we had when I was little---if he caught me calling him Sweet William then I had to kiss his cheek. Well, Uncle Bill is very dear to my heart, and I am thankful to have known him and witnessed the impact of his gifting, loving, and redemption. He leaves a beautiful legacy in his wife, daughters and grandchildren. He is irreplaceable and will be sorely missed. First thing I'm going to do next time we meet on the other side is call out Sweet William once again and plant a big kiss on his cheek.

Kristin Heydenberk Halsell - August 31, 2017 at 10:20 AM

DB

“ Having been a friend for over 40 years, I can state that I never met a more well-rounded person. He could do anything. The one thing that stands out in my mind (next to love of his family) is his caring soul . He would do anything for anyone to help. I can only dream of being so talented and caring. You Made a difference" that more should strive for. RIP, my good friend...you shall always be loved by all who ever knew you.

Daniel Brooks - August 31, 2017 at 08:16 AM

KF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. We will always remember Bill and miss him. God Bless.

Ken & Denise Fagerman - August 30, 2017 at 10:22 PM

BE

“ A wonderful person who will be missed by all who knew him.

Bryan Elenbaas - August 30, 2017 at 06:27 PM

GR

“ I feel blessed to have known such a wonderful man. His thoughtfulness, kindness, generosity, patience, guidance, support, concern and integrity were at the forefront of every interaction we ever had. I felt a sense of peace and calm knowing that Bill was looking out for my children and I, doing his very best to ensure that we were where we were meant to be. My children's lives are better because of him. It is here, in their spacious, secure, lush backyard that I shall remember him always, with his dashing handsome smile and amazing sense of optimism.

Gretchen Rycenga-Guernsey - August 30, 2017 at 05:27 PM

TG

“ Our condolences to all of Bill's family. He was such a wonderful person and will be missed.

Tom & Kathy Gilbert - August 30, 2017 at 05:06 PM

JF

“ We were saddened to hear of Bill's sudden passing. Bill was a rare person. Always kind and friendly and willing to lend a hand. We've know Bill and Pam as neighbors for about 16 years. Our hearts go out to Pam, Angie and Dale, Meara and Kane (who are also wonderful neighbors) as well as the rest of the family. We will remember Bill with great fondness! He will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

Jim and Brenda Jakubos and family - August 30, 2017 at 04:51 PM

DH

“ Brother Bill excelled in everything he took on, from restoring boats, travel trailers, his kids' homes, building furniture from wood he harvested, to name but a few.
Bill was always learning some new skill (fire fighting, rescue, EMT training, etc.), to help people; Bill loved to help people, thrived on it. Bill was a patient man- just look at some of the projects he took on (wish I had gotten some of that gene too Billy). Tough problem/situation? call Bill.
I learned a lot from you ' little' brother, my Go-To guy. You are a blessing to your family, your community, and wherever you ' happened' to be (remember Biloxi).
I miss you my favorite brother, and I will see you again. Be at peace brother.

Dick Heydenberk - August 30, 2017 at 03:07 PM

TS

“ I remember Bill as a classmate and as he worked in our community. We are thinking of him and you, his family, at this incredibly difficult time. God' s peace to all. Sincerely, Tam & Chuck Swanberg &family

Tam (Miller) Swanberg - August 30, 2017 at 12:04 PM

LS

“ Bill was always so nice to me. I was blessed to have known such a good-hearted person. My heart goes out to Bill' s family and friends and he will be deeply missed by his RE/MAX family.

Lana Sinclair - August 30, 2017 at 11:46 AM

KB

“ Bill, you were such a gifted, talented, friendly, kind, thoughtful, sensitive, creative, intelligent, humble, funny, and handsome man. You were one of my favorite classmates. I loved your sense of humor and your genuine interest in helping others. I will really miss you, as will our classmates, your family, and the Cadillac community. We are better people for having known you. My prayers and thoughts are with Pam, your girls, and your entire family.

Kathy Barnett - August 30, 2017 at 09:08 AM

PM

“ Bill was the most kind and gentle soul that we have ever known. He and Pam will always hold a special place in our hearts. We love you Pam and God speed Billy.

Pat Mys - August 30, 2017 at 08:19 AM

MC

“ Bill and I started and graduated firefighting class together. Bill was one of the most remarkable individuals I have met. Bill's decency extended from his personal life to his business. I have never heard one unkind word about this man. There was something in Bill's personality that engendered both respect and admiration. All the firefighters had nothing but respect for him. He was always one to be counted on at a fire or emergency scene. I consider it an honor to have met and worked with Bill. Our sincere sympathy goes to his family for their great loss.

Marty Chapo - August 30, 2017 at 05:42 AM

DA

“ Known Bill since ferris. A true friend, genuine & sincere. Will miss him 4 the rest of my life but will see him again in Heaven. Bill is resting in the arms of his Heavenly Father & is happy. Be happy for him for he is still with us in our memories, his children & grand kids. Goodbye my friend.

D. Armbruster - August 30, 2017 at 01:24 AM

DM

“ We were blessed to have Bill as a part of our family for all these years. We always admired the love and devotion he gave to Pam and his girls. Bill was at his best as a grandpa to all his grandchildren. The precious memories we have from our time with Bill will get us through this. Bill you will always be our brother and the boys Uncle Bill. Rest In Peace we will always love you.

Dan & Lorie Moriarty - August 29, 2017 at 10:04 PM

D7

“ Sorry for your lost. Bill had a smile on his face all the time. He will be miss. RIP my friend.

Don Eastway Class of 72 - August 29, 2017 at 07:43 PM

HH

“ I will always remember your wonderful sense of humor, your intelligence, your kindness, and of course you were very handsome! I am so very sad you have left us but you are so lovingly remembered.

Helenann McKellop Hoblet - August 29, 2017 at 07:25 PM

MZ

“ So very sad to hear of your loss. Bill was one of kindest, friendliest men I knew. He will be missed by many! RIP my friend--Mary Z.

Mary Zagers - August 29, 2017 at 05:36 PM

JR

“ I have fond memories of our time together in the woods. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Jim and Sheila Rupert - August 29, 2017 at 05:07 PM

LM

“ Growing up, I have fond memories of the Heydenberk clan getting together at the Lake Mitchell cottage. Bill and his parents and siblings were such a tight knit group and always fun to be around. I appreciated his support and blessing after my father's recent passing. Wishing you God's comfort and peace.

Larry Mathews - August 29, 2017 at 03:59 PM

MM

“ I never saw anything less than a smile on Bill's face. He had a welcoming approach to his demeanor. May his family know their loss will be felt by many.
~ warmest regards, Terry & Margaret

Margaret McGory Moffit - August 29, 2017 at 03:28 PM

JL

“ We are so very sad and at a loss for words as we grieve Bill's sudden and unexpected passing. We pray for comfort for the family and know of his many beloved family members and friends that he leaves behind. We have known Bill for the past 50 years as we remained in Cadillac after graduation. Remembering our friend as caring, compassionate, and professional and loved by all. A very fine person, not to be forgotten.

Jerry and Diane Leavell - August 29, 2017 at 03:26 PM

VH

“ We met Bill, when he was one of the sales team at Brown's Men's Wear, and for almost 13 years, we observed and appreciated the kind and gentle young man that always took the needs and wants, of the customer very seriously and with integrity and patience. He was never different, and always tried to uplift those he came in contact with. Our community is a better place to live, because Bill and Pam were a part of it. His influence and presence will be missed, but Heaven's gain. Our prayers of comfort for his family.

Vicki & Charlie Huffman - August 29, 2017 at 03:01 PM

BG

“ One of the most friendly and multi-talented guys I have ever known. Capable of doing anything, and everything, and still doing it all well. Was the perfect next door neighbor for many years. Losing him is big loss to his family, friends and the entire Cadillac community.

Bill Goggin - August 29, 2017 at 02:34 PM

JV

“ *Bill was a blessing and a warm welcome when we were new here and house hunting. He will be sorely missed.*

Jack & Gloria VanderHenst - August 29, 2017 at 02:08 PM

SH

“ *My heart is heavy and saddened, Bill will be missed so very much. He was one of the kindest and most genuine people I have ever known. He was a pleasure to work with, I always looked forward to his closings. Such a professional, always had every T crossed and I dotted, never boastful or cross and always working towards solutions to any problem that arose. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Sara Parmenter Haskin - August 29, 2017 at 01:40 PM

SD

“ *A great man that will be missed, loved by all and wonderful father, son, husband, brother and friend!
Rest in Peace My Friend.*

Steve Donahue - August 29, 2017 at 12:28 PM

CN

“ *We had never met Bill, but know he was loved and admired by Dick, Diana and family. RIP*

Con and Joyce Niergarth - August 29, 2017 at 11:13 AM