



## William Vernon Vermilyea

November 30, 1948 - February 18, 2022

William Vernon Vermilyea of Cadillac passed away Friday, February 18, 2022 at home. He was 73.

Bill was born November 30, 1948 in Toledo, Ohio to William Vernon and Geraldine June (Smith) Vermilyea.

Bill graduated from Northwood High School and later served in the United States Navy for over three years. He moved to Cadillac in August of 1985 and purchased Pete's Radiator Service which he owned and operated until 1999.

He was an avid bowler and enjoyed sharing that with his family. Bill also enjoyed deer hunting and he loved to fish. He was a member of the American Legion Post of Lake City and MCFISH.

On December 26, 1974 in Ottawa Lake, Michigan he married Beverly A. Hughes and she survives him along with their children: Matt (Julie) Vermilyea, Jason (Lisa) Vermilyea, David (Susan) Vermilyea; grandsons: Tyler, Kyle, Dylan, James; granddaughters: Faith, Kaitlyn, Emma; siblings: Charlie Vermilyea, Judith Hill, June (Chuck) Taylor, Sandi (Bob) Faulkner; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews and in-laws: Jimmy (Chris) Hughes, Dennis Petee, Pat Jacobs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Bailey Vermilyea; brothers: David and Steve Vermilyea; in-laws: Bill and Edith Hughes, Edith's special friend Bill Culp, Willy Hughes, Jim Jacobs, Joyce Petee, Beverly Hughes; nephew, Mark Jacobs and best friends: Steve Bacon and Steve Morrison.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with Peggy Campbell officiating. Friends may meet the family Monday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the Humane Society of your Choice. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral Home  
205 E. Cass St.  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
(231) 775-3411  
info@petersonfh.com  
<http://www.petersonfh.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services  
205 East Cass Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dave and family, sorry to read of your fathers passing. Terri and I send our condolences to you and your entire family.* ”



Anton Colasacco - February 21, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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“ *~Spencer Plastics, Inc. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Vernon Vermilyea.* ”



~Spencer Plastics, Inc. - February 21, 2022 at 08:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Vernon Vermilyea.* ”



February 21, 2022 at 07:29 AM

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“ *Bevie and family, my heart aches for each of you at this difficult time. We will surely miss Bill's humor, laughter and welcoming smile. Loving hugs and prayers, from Jan, Don, Angie, April and family.* ”



Jan & Don Cameron & Family (cousins) - February 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Vernon Vermilyea.*



February 20, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *One of the nicest people I ever met. A great classmate at Northwood. Deepest condolences to Bill's family. Rest in peace Ranger*

**Ray Medlin** - February 20, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Vernon Vermilyea.*



February 19, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Vernon Vermilyea.*



February 19, 2022 at 01:53 PM

MK

“ Our condolences to The Vermilyea family. William a perfect example of one who fought the good fight of faith, endured the process and is ready to receive his crown.

Know that he's your Guardian Angel watching over you and wanting you to continue living and sharing his love and legacy to others.

You and your family will remain in our daily thoughts and prayers.

Melinda, Victor and Kynneddy Knighten

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**Melinda Knighten** - February 19, 2022 at 11:50 AM

PB

“ This picture of Bill is the way I will always remember him, with that big smile! He was such a loyal friend and had a memory that could recall events from 55 years ago like they were yesterday's events. I loved his stories of he and Steve and their escapades. I am so very touched by your remembering Steve as one of his best long times friends. 🌸 Bill stood up for us when we got married and he was there as a pall bearer when Steve passed. Now I'm sure they're reminiscing together in heaven. 🌸 My most heartfelt sympathies are extended to Bev and the entire family for the loss of such a dear man.

Always,  
Pat Bacon

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**Patricia Bacon** - February 19, 2022 at 09:04 AM

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Matt,  
So sorry for your loss.  
My condolences to you and your family.  
May your father rest in God's hands until you see him again.

Sincerely,  
Jackie Lyell

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**Jackie Lyell** - February 19, 2022 at 12:59 PM