



William Ben Young

October 29, 1934 - July 13, 2025

William Ben Young, born on October 29, 1934, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, July 13, 2025 in Cadillac, Michigan.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Elaine; son, Scott (Elaina Beam) Young; daughter, Michelle (Pete) Graves; grandchildren, Ian and Heather Young; and great-granddaughter, Joy. He was predeceased in death by his parents, Pauline and John, and sister, Barbara Peterson.

Bill was born in Camden, Michigan, and graduated from high school at Harrison, Michigan.

He attended Central Michigan University and later graduated from Michigan State University, earning his Bachelors of Science degree in Metallurgical engineering. Bill taught math and science at Port Austin High School and later worked as a metallurgist in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was the Chief Metallurgical Engineer at Perfect Circle a Division of Dana Corporation in Richmond, Indiana for over 30 years.

He was a Mason with a 32nd degree in Hagerstown, Indiana and Scottish Rites in Indianapolis, member of the United States Power Squadron (past commander), member of Elk Rapids Marina, member of Audubon Society in Cadillac (past president) and a Loon Ranger of Spider Lake along with Elaine. He enjoyed reading, traveling, snow skiing, sailing and cheering on the

Spartans.

We celebrate his life as he provided for his family – not only through hard work and sacrifice, but through love, wisdom, and presence. Bill will be missed, however, the stories of his adventures live on as experienced and told to family and friends.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Thursday, July 17, 2025 at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac with Pastor Mike Horlocker officiating. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. (www.gtrlc.org/donate/memorial-gift/) An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

HK

“ *Hiromi Kimura purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Ben Young.*



Hiromi Kimura - July 22, 2025 at 03:01 AM

HK

“ *Hiromi Kimura planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ben Young.*

Hiromi Kimura - July 22, 2025 at 03:01 AM

PG

“ *Peter G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ben Young.*

Peter G. - July 19, 2025 at 02:48 PM

TM

“ *The Beam's: Maryanne, Kelly & Ricky, M&H planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ben Young.*

The Beam's: Maryanne, Kelly & Ricky, M&H - July 15, 2025 at 05:55 PM

TM

“ *The Beam’s: Maryanne, Kelly & Ricky, M&H purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William Ben Young.*



The Beam’s: Maryanne, Kelly & Ricky, M&H - July 15, 2025 at 05:55 PM

FF

“ *From Creda Feller and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William Ben Young.*



From Creda Feller and Family - July 15, 2025 at 04:20 PM

TA

“ *Todd A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ben Young.*

Todd A. - July 15, 2025 at 09:17 AM

FT

“ *Flexco - Strategic Accounts Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Ben Young.*



Flexco - Strategic Accounts Team - July 15, 2025 at 08:19 AM

FT

“ Flexco - Strategic Accounts Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ben Young.

Flexco - Strategic Accounts Team - July 15, 2025 at 08:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Ben Young.



July 14, 2025 at 10:49 PM

EV

“ Bill was a great boss during the Dana years and a favorite friend forever after. A fine man.

Essenmacher Vickie - July 14, 2025 at 07:06 PM