



William G. Carrothers

August 8, 1930 - February 6, 2021

WILLIAM "BILL" GEORGE CARROTHERS had a great life as an American, husband, father and grandfather as well as a retired Anchor Bay Schools teacher, counselor, coach and principal and a member of the V.F.W. Post 7573. He passed on to his reward on Saturday, February 6, 2021. Born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada on August 8, 1930, to Lanson Theodore and Lulu Isabelle (Hale) Carrothers, Bill and his family moved to Hazel Park, MI in 1933. A graduate of Hazel Park High School in 1948 and after working at various jobs, he became an American citizen and joined the United States Air Force in May of 1953. Serving tours in Korea during the Korean War and elsewhere, he eventually was stationed at Selfridge Air Force Base where he was awarded Airman of the Month two times. He met his future wife, Bette Jane (Dunlap), in 1956. She was a life guard at the New Baltimore City Park, where he often came to swim. After graduating from Central Michigan University in 1960, Bill was hired by Anchor Bay Schools as an elementary physical education teacher at Anchor Bay Elementary School (now Ashley Elementary School). As the years went by, he became an Anchor Bay Junior High math teacher, an Anchor Bay High School counselor, an assistant principal and then, later serving as the Naldrett Elementary School Principal, retiring in 1985. His career also included the role of the high school golf coach. Bill and Bette were married on April 13, 1957, at First Congregational Church and have resided in Anchorville since 1969, after nearly ten years living in Algonac. Bill is survived by his wife Bette Jane, daughter Alison Lee

(Brian) Shilling, Raeford, North Carolina, son Jay William (Jeanie), Marine City and daughter Lesley Jane Pastoria and friend John Slota of St. Clair. Grandchildren include Alissa Frances Baker, (fiancé Matthew McDonnell), Amy Michelle Baker, (fiancé Alex Newby), Trevor David West, Alexa Jane Pastoria, (fiancé Landon Benner), Valentino William, Luciano Antonio and Leonardo Joseph Pastoria, sister Margaret (Clem) Smith, Port Huron and brothers-in-law Duane (Laura) Dunlap, Fred Dunlap, and sisters-in-law, Barbara Cleland Dunlap and Nancy Dunlap Malcolm. Numerous nephews and nieces survive him, including retired ABHS ROTC Col. Jeffrey Carrothers. Bill was predeceased by brothers Lanson (Dorothy) Carrothers, James Carrothers, and sisters Marilyn Carrothers, Barbara (Larry) Danforth, Marjorie (Bill) Whipple. The life of "Mr. C." will be honored this coming summer near the American Flag at City Park with all who were blessed with his presence during his life, invited. A life well lived is a gift and must be celebrated. Memorials may be made to the Bette Dunlap Carrothers Music Scholarship which is administered by the Anchor Bay Community Foundation, P.O. Box 88, New Baltimore, MI 48047, the First Congregational Church, 36223 Alfred, New Baltimore, MI 48047 and the New Baltimore Historical Society, 51065 Washington, New Baltimore, MI 48047.

Tribute Wall



“ *In Memory of a kind and loving man*

February 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill will be missed but we take solace knowing he is with our Lord.
Cherish your memories! Catherine & Ron Plichta*

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“ *William G. Carrothers*

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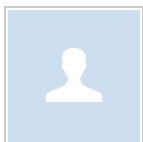
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“ *His smile always lit up the room. Such a kind and generous soul. We are holding a special place in our hearts for him . Love the Calisi Family*

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“ *Mr. Carrothers' kind heart left an impression on all that he met. He will be missed by so many. All of my love and condolences to his family.*

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“ *For my brother in law Bill. Thanks for all the good times with family.*

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“ *I have such fond memories of Bill and Bette's 60th Wedding Anniversary Open House on April 22, 2017. Everyone was included and felt welcomed. It was just perfect in every way. Pasty time was another event where Bette excelled in taking orders and promoting the church. Even when busy, you could tour the areas. Bill was right by her side doing anything she asked of him, which was usually running errands and making bank deposits. They were perfect for each other and complimented their marriage as lovers and partners for almost 65 years. It was a pleasure to have known such love and companionship. Bill will be missed by his very large family and by so many of us who consider him family, as well. Bette, I hope you reach out to me once the dust settles and you feel like talking about your wonderful husband. I would so love to hear all your many memories. Love, Lucille and Paul Schaffer Ira, Michigan*

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“ *Bette's Sweet William... says it all.*

February 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Bette and family. My condolences and hugs sent to you at this time. God is with you wishing you strength and peace Deanna.*

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“ *Back in high school days Mr. and Mrs. C always welcomed the gang into their home like we were one of their own. Sending love and blessings to your family. Rob and Carol LaPorte*

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“ *I worked in personnel at the Central Adm bldg. Every December for about fifteen years Bill would bring me a box of candy canes and told me to pass them out to the girls and whatever was left I could keep. After he retired from school, come December, he still brought his girls at Central the candy canes. He was a kind and thoughtful man. Nancy Moreno*

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“ *Bette and family - my love and prayers are with you as you grieve the loss of a wonderful man.*

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