



William Jeffrey Draheim

October 12, 1952 - January 27, 2014

William Jeffrey Draheim, of Warren, passed away Monday, January 27, 2014 at the age of 61. He was born October 12, 1952 to William and Dulcie (nee Lewis) Draheim in Detroit, Michigan.

William is the beloved husband of Donna (nee Ledbetter). Dear dad of Binak (Angela) Gacaferi, Hasan (Milisa) Gacaferi and Mirlinde Gacaferi. Loving Papa of Giavanna, Gabriella, Aidan, Kujtim and Alexander. Dear brother of Kathy Vokes and Pat (Dave) Merlotti. also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather Saturday at 12 noon until a Memorial Service at 4:00 pm at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 23801 Kelly Road (south of Stephens) Eastpointe.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Lutheran Church
23801 Kelly Rd.
Eastpointe, MI

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JK

“ My deepest sympathy to the Draheim family in the loss of their loved one. Please know that he is now in the Hand of God and free of pain and suffering.

Joyce Kaminski
(Paul's mom)

joyce kaminski - February 11, 2014 at 07:05 PM

JB

“ With heavy hearts we remember the wise words of a special man. "The Lord is good." and "The Lord shall provide." Thank you Billy for being a lifelong friend as well as
...a valued teammate at Softball City even though we once flattened each other like pancakes in an outfield collision...a travelling buddy to Toronto to see the Tigers play the Blue Jays and countless trips to see your beloved Red Wings,
...a pillar of strength when we needed it most,
...an inspiration during a faith-filled journey, and
...a man who found true contentment in family and the ties that bind. We embrace these memories of you dear friend and shall keep you always in our hearts.

Sue and Joe Battaglia

joseph battaglia - February 01, 2014 at 09:01 AM

WJ

“ Donna & Family, Dan and I are very sorry for your loss. "Billy Boy" was a very big part of our Hazmart crew. Working with Bill for 12 years, he was like a brother to me. Ups and downs were shared like in any family relationship, but we always worked it out in the end. I am very glad we were able to spend some time with Bill, you and your family. I remember Bills 60th birthday party and how hard you all worked to make it perfect for him. It was a great time, as always, plenty of great food, great friends and family and alot of laughs (Dan and his dog collar, real looking rats (YUK)). There are so many memories Bill has shared with us from your wedding to your grandkids. You two really did compliment each other. While marriage isn't always smooth sailing, all the things you have been through made you two stronger. While sending out the news of Bills passing, I realized just how many paths he actually crossed and how many lives he touched. Everyone that came in the office to sign had a funny story to tell or a kind word to say. The 3 days of collecting thoughts and prayers were sad but also a good tribute to what kind of person Bill really was, funny, caring, good spirited, stubborn but pationate, ornery and thoughtful. I can honestly say, Bill was truly one of a kind and will be missed. As always, if you need anything, we are just a phone call away. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Dan & Wendy Jenuwine and family

Wendy Jenuwine - February 01, 2014 at 07:52 AM

ST

“ Donna,
You are in our thoughts.
Some find it hard what to say when losing a friend, in this case so many things come to mind when we think of “Billy D”. Bill Draheim was our dear friend for over 35 years. His passion for keeping his friendships was remarkable. Billy was always one to call and ask how you were doing, how’s the family, we need to plan a barbeque. His famous “Billy Beans” were always a treat at those BBQ’s. When in his presence his personality, humor, and passion constantly wore off on the people around him. Even in the darkest of times his remarkable attitude preceded him and his never ending faith in the Lord to get him through was boundless. Bill always played the hand God dealt him with dignity and strength. His passing will leave a significant void in our lives. Rest in Peace our dear friend.
Thank you for the memories....
Sam & Kathy Taormina

Sam & Kathy Taormina - January 31, 2014 at 05:04 PM

DS

“ We remember William (Bill) Draheim as a friend with a big heart and who was always very positive about his battle and recovery with his disease.

You will always be in our heart and mind.

R.I.P. Danny and Michele Shoaff



Danny and Michele Shoaff - January 30, 2014 at 07:02 PM

NM

“ Nancy Morgan lit a candle in memory of William Jeffrey Draheim



Nancy Morgan - January 30, 2014 at 02:00 PM

DD

“ Bill -- I know how proud you were of the time you spent serving our country. I want to thank you for that and for your friendship. We didn't speak often, but you were in my thoughts and prayers. I will miss you, my friend. Rest in Peace. I hope we see each other again.

Donna

Donna Davis - January 29, 2014 at 03:39 PM

DD

“ Donna Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of William Jeffrey Draheim



Donna Davis - January 29, 2014 at 03:34 PM

SS

William "Bill" Draheim, was an awesome man. I was blessed to know him for just less than 5 years. In these pass three (3) years Bill walked before me and our co-workers as a true representative of Christ. His walk encouraged me to endure whatever trials I would be facing in life. He never complained but would seek prayer for his situation. He was a good friend with a BIG HEART. He would go out of his way to share joy and laughter throughout the Detroit Arsenal. I'm proud to say that William "Bill" Draheim was my friend.

Sheryl Stevenson - January 30, 2014 at 10:33 AM