



William Ray Francis

December 16, 1948 - February 25, 2024

William (Bill) R. Francis, age 75 of Chesterfield Township passed away at the Heart-to-Heart Hospice facility in Troy, Michigan on Sunday, February 25, 2024. Bill was born in Detroit, Michigan on December 16, 1948 to Robert and Marion Francis.

Bill was quite the story teller and jokester. Bill was an avid sports fan and really enjoyed watching the U of M Football games where he would root for his beloved team. You could also find Bill enthusiastically spending hours upon hours in front of the television watching reruns of Hallmark Christmas movies all year round. Additionally, Bill was a connoisseur of the vocal style rock and roll characterized by the acappella singing of nonsense syllables in rhythmical support of the melody known as “doo-wop” and listened frequently to his beloved music. Bill also enjoyed scoping out new “greasy spoon diners” and enjoying a breakfast, lunch or dinner. Further, Bill loved classic cars and remembering the vehicles from years gone by. However, one of his most beloved times was when he would sit for hours in his garage drinking a cup of coffee and smoking a cigarette while he greeted his neighbors and engaged in endless hours of conversation.

Bill married his high school sweetheart Margaret (Nee Campernel) Francis in 1972. Loving father of Amy (Pete) DiLella, Holly Francis and William Francis, Jr. Proud Grandfather of Allison Francis, Madeline and Peter DiLella, Adriana,

Ava and Presley Francis. Also survived by siblings Carol (Richard) Bianga, Gary (Diane) Francis, and Linda (Tony) Camilli. Bill is predeceased by his brother Robert (Charlene) Francis, Jr. Bill is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A memorial visitation will take place on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at St. Isidore Catholic Church beginning at 9:00 a.m. until the time of memorial mass at 10:00 a.m. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. There will be a celebration of life reception immediately following the mass at Shelby Gardens.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18201 23 Mile Rd.
Macomb, MI 48042

Memorial Mass

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William Ray Francis.*



February 29, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *Hi, my name is Jack Rychwalski and I was a longtime friend of Billy and knew his wife Margie as well. We had attended Patronage of St. Joseph School in Detroit until it closed and then went to Nativity School for the last year before graduation. There are things that people like and dislike, but you could never dislike Billy. He was a fantastic storyteller, had an amazing sense of humor and an infectious smile. Billy was everyone's friend and will truly be missed by many. I remember him as a close school friend and working with him at the Standard gas station on Conners in Detroit, after school. While we hung out he was like a bright beacon of light that shone thru any troubled water. Billy made this world a better place to live in, and I am sure he is sharing his stories up in heaven with the angels.*

Jack Rychwalski - February 29, 2024 at 02:37 PM



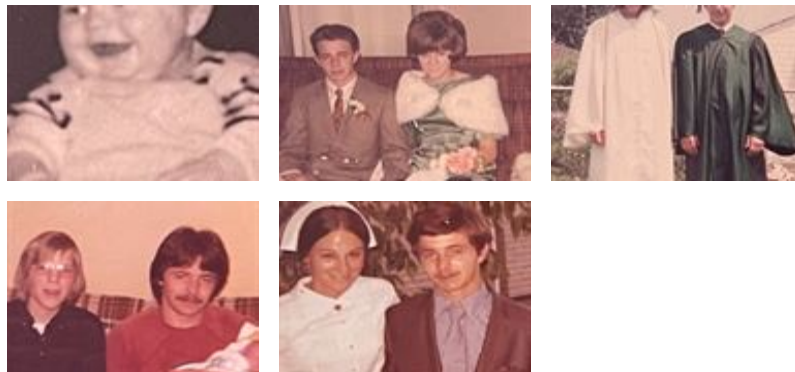
“ *Cheryl, Steve, and Dr Buttar purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Ray Francis.*



Cheryl, Steve, and Dr Buttar - February 28, 2024 at 04:19 PM



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Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - February 28, 2024 at 01:52 PM

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One of the sweetest funniest guys I ever met....Gods blessings!

Patricia Rizzo/Habarth - February 28, 2024 at 04:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Ray Francis.



February 28, 2024 at 11:58 AM

MC

“ I met Margie and Bill in 1968. Margie and I attended nursing school together and became, and remained, close friends. I was even a bridesmaid at their wedding. I remember Bill arranging a few blind dates with his friends for me back then. Nothing came of the dates and we all joked about it. I remember Bills sense of humor.
Rest in peace Bill.
Marilyn

Marilyn Costanza - February 28, 2024 at 09:36 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Ray Francis.*



February 26, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ *The Plocinik family will cherish all the memories of you and your family on David Street in East Detroit. You will be missed. ❤️*

Elaine Plocinik Isaacs - February 26, 2024 at 06:37 PM