



William E. "Wilbur" Ruth Jr.

August 19, 1961 - October 10, 2022

William Edward Ruth, Jr. "Wilbur", age 61 of New Baltimore passed away on October 10, 2022. Wilbur was born on August 19, 1961 in Detroit, Michigan to William and Donetta Ruth. Wilbur was a member of the Eagles and the Huron Pointe Yacht Club. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, being at the family cottages on the St. Clair Flats, boating, fishing, duck hunting, antique boats, dancing to James Brown and driving Mr. Drysdale. Wilbur always entertained his friends and family with the "Wilbur Show". Wilbur was a Mechanic for the city of Detroit for many years and enjoyed working at Ron's Marine. He was a giving person, always lending a helping hand to anyone in need. Beloved husband of the late Mary Ann Melchior – Ruth. Loving son of Donetta Finkbeiner and the late William Ruth Sr. Dear brother of Vickie (Mike) Houppert. Dear uncle of Hannah. Also survived by several special cousins and many dear friends. Memorial visitation for William will be on Sunday, October 16, 2022 from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home – Gendernalik Chapel located at 35259 – 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore. Eulogies will be shared at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials would be appreciated to the American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **16**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - New Baltimore
35259-23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047
(586) 725-0177
<https://www.gendernalikfh.com/>

Eulogy

OCT **16**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HM

“ Uncle Wilbur, on behalf of myself and my children Nicole & Victor ("Sport coat") we have many fun loving memories with you! We had so much fun at the "Eastwood Estate" when I was the "cave woman" lol! You & Aunt Mary Ann hosted countless family gatherings and you were always right there in the kitchen carving the turkey and make the ordinary hilarious! The party would often move to your garage where more laughing and shenanigans would unfold around Mr. Drysdale, your special antique car! At Alcatraz you and Mary were in your element! You built a beautiful place on the North Channel with all the comforts of home life on your own little island. We know you could fix just about anything; that was your special talent! I'm happy that we made it to Amsterdam in 2017 as I know you were intrigued by my stories of travel abroad! That was your only Atlantic ocean crossing until now! Now you are free with Mary of pain & heartache We pray that you & Aunt Mary will watch over us all until we meet again. God bless you. Love, Heather, Nicole & Victor



Heather Melchior - October 16, 2022 at 05:52 PM

JO

“ Rest In Peace Wilbur 💕. So many good times at the parents house pool side sundays , holidays always filled with fun and laughter and you always showed this west side sister a good time bar hopping on the east side 🍸. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs 🙏
All our love , Jill and Erica Osborne

jill osborne - October 16, 2022 at 02:26 PM

GO

“ Rest In Peace Wilbur. Our hearts will always hang onto the good times, laughter and love shared w Wilbur. You will be missed. My deepest condolences to family and those closest to Wilbur. Love Gail, Tony, Megan & Sydney Owens.

Gail Owens - October 16, 2022 at 12:08 PM

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“ Gail Owens lit a candle in memory of William E. "Wilbur" Ruth Jr.



Gail Owens - October 16, 2022 at 12:02 PM

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“ My condolences to the family of William E. "Wilbur" Ruth Jr. for thier loss.

*Hey Scooter! What can I say? We promised to get together and remince about the old times and make some new memories for the future the last time we talked. I guess we figured that we had time and we said "ha, we can do it tomorrow." Time is a funny thing you know. I ran across a saying a few days ago that said, "the difference between time and money it that you always know how much money you have, but you'll never know how much time you have." Now that saying has really hit me hard! Man I miss you and now I won't get that chance to get together with you again physcally. But the memories that we share from our days working for the City of Detroit and our time as friends, will always be with me. Rest on Billy Ruth! My brother, you may be gone but you will always be in my heart because you were truely my brother!
Until we meet again, much love. ... Ike (Isaiah Ford)*

ISAIAH DERRICK FORD - October 16, 2022 at 12:48 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



kathy Brady - October 15, 2022 at 10:59 AM

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“ *Wilbur, I know you're at peace, I wish Sandra was too. Her grief is the last act of her love for you. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.
Until we meet again my friend,
see you later.*
Todd and Kathy Brady



kathy Brady - October 15, 2022 at 10:56 AM

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“ *Love Sandra purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William E. "Wilbur" Ruth Jr..*



Love Sandra - October 14, 2022 at 06:48 PM

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“ Dear friends and family of Wilbur,
Tom and I are so sad to hear this heartbreaking news
Tom and I will truly miss you! You were a wonderful friend to us for that past five years, you always treated us like we knew you a lifetime.
I'm so grateful to Sandra for bringing you into our lives, the four of us had a lot of fantastic times together. You guys made a great couple, and the two of you really knew how to throw a great party. You were such a great person and did so many nice things for us. I know Sandra will miss you the rest of her life, as so will we. Its not goodbye my friend, it's see you again someday
Love D'Ann and Tom



D'Ann Munro - October 14, 2022 at 03:24 PM