



# William L. "Bill" Hoffman

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## **William L. "Bill" Hoffman**

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**W**illiam L. "Bill" Hoffman, age 86, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2020. He was born June 26, 1933 in Muskegon to Herman and Elizabeth (Essenberg) Hoffman. Bill graduated from Western Michigan Christian High School in 1951. He then married the love of his life, the former Mary E. Wilks, in Muskegon Heights on August 22, 1953 and spent two years serving his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Once back from the service, he worked at the Kroger on Apple Ave. with his brother, Don. As well as working part-time for Kroger, Bill's primary occupation was as a Letter Carrier for the United States Post Office to support his growing family. Bill worked for the Post Office 35 years prior to his retirement. He was a faithful member of Fruitport Christian Reformed Church, where he had been an Elder and Deacon, Cadet counselor, and belonged to the Mature Express small group. Bill was an avid gardener and took great pride in his lawn. He collected stamps and enjoyed golfing and bowling. Bill and Mary also loved vacationing and visiting with Mary's brothers and sisters. He loved everything sports and even though he wasn't able to play some of them in his later years, he could always be found watching and cheering on his children's and grandchildren's sporting activities. SURVIVORS include his wife, Mary; 4 children: Denise (Nick) Lennon, Bruce (Barbara) Hoffman both of Norton Shores, Bradley (Sharon) Hoffman of Rapid River, MI, Melissa Hoffman of Whitehall; 11 grandchildren: Amanda (Jason) Zylka, Emily (Peevee) Garcia, Andrew Chase, Ryan (Melissa) Hoffman, Sarah (Josh) Saagman, Christy (Steve) Lowe, Chris (Bill) Sturgis, Curt (Dacia) Dawson, Joseph Dawson, Kendra (Jordan) Musselman, and Kory Lennon; and 13 great-grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and a brother and sister-in-law, Donald (Phyllis) Hoffman. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and social distancing, a private family graveside service will be held in East Dalton Oakwood Cemetery. MEMORIALS to Guiding Light or the Alzheimer's Association will be appreciated.



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Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)  
Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291  
S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231) 798-1100

To watch Bill's graveside service, please click on this link: <https://youtu.be/JklO63A0mR8>



## Tribute Wall

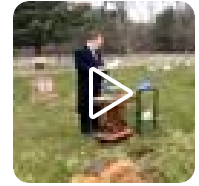
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**Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services** shared a **Video**.

April 22 at 8:46 AM



**Paul Baade** posted:

Always loved to talk sports with Bill. In addition, Bill came to a few of my fast pitch softball games over the years...He always let me know he was there. He now is with Christ.

April 20 at 1:25 PM



**Melissa Hoffman** April 20 at 7:09 PM

Oh yes! My Dad spoke highly of you. Thank you for sharing.



**Michelle Stone** lit a candle in honor of William.

Bill was our mailman throughout my childhood. What a kind man he was. Deepest sympathies to all of his family.

April 20 at 6:57 AM



**Sarah (Toman) Kong** posted:

I attended Fruitport CRC with Mr and Mrs Hoffman from 2005-12. They were always kind to me and were sure to greet me before service or chat afterward. Mr Hoffman would often discuss whatever sport was in season at Western Michigan Christian School where I taught or the various teams in Detroit. He was a gentle yet passionate man and I am grieving with you. What a blessing it is to grieve with hope. May you find comfort in our heavenly Father as you mourn together and apart in this unique time.

April 19 at 5:56 PM



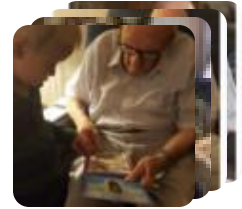
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**Barb Hoffman** shared an album called **Memories**.



April 17 at 7:39 AM



**Melissa Hoffman** April 17 at 6:07 PM

Thank you Barb ❤️ hoping your Dad is doing well...



**Barbara Szot** April 17 at 2:16 PM

Condolences to Melissa and family on their loss. You took such good care of your dad. My heart breaks for you. Hugs and prayers to all of you. 🙏🙏🙏



**Judi Delis** posted:

Bruce and Barb sad for yet another family loss. Keeping you in my prayers!

April 17 at 11:03 AM



**Barb Hoffman** April 18 at 4:43 AM

Thank you Judy. I hope all is well with you and your family.



**Jack Vaughn** posted:

We send our condolences to Ryan and his family. What a beautiful obituary . I feel honored to have met him. May he Rest In Peace.

April 17 at 10:50 AM



**Barb Hoffman** April 18 at 4:54 AM

Thank you Jack for your kind words. We pray you and Danilla are staying healthy and safe. Hugs to both of you!



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AC

**Andrew Chase** posted:

Grandpa Hoffman was one of the most selfless people that I have ever had the pleasure to be around. Everything that he did seemed to be for his family or for others. I will never forget his V-Neck white tees, his not so secret stash of candy in his trunk, him giving all of his grandchildren lifesaver boxes for all occasions, how particular he was when it came to how his lawn was to be cared for, his ability to talk about Detroit sports for hours at a time, his love for Thrifty Acres, how he was at every home hockey game I ever played in, his signature MOOOOING sound, how he called a wallet a billfold and his dedication to his church and my Grandma. You will be missed, rest in peace. Love, Andrew

April 17 at 9:01 AM

AZ

**Amanda Chase Zylka** April 17 at 12:01 PM

We must not forget to mention his love of the band Alabama and every Easter making each and everyone one of us an Easter egg! Oh and the Weenie roasts (grandpa's words not mine) at g and g's house. Man am I going to miss him! ❤️❤️❤️

DL

**Denise Lennon** April 17 at 11:39 AM

Andrew, all your comments filled me with happiness. Just know grandpa always let you follow him pushing your lawnmower.

MH

**Melissa Hoffman** April 17 at 10:18 AM

Andrew, Grandpa loved you so much...he was overwhelmingly PROUD of you and the wonderful man you are. He was your prayer warrior.

KB

**Kelley Brickley** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Sending lots of love to all of you! Mike, Kelley, Jack & Joey

April 17 at 8:53 AM

DL

**Denise Lennon** April 17 at 12:30 PM

Thank you Mike, Kelley & boys We appreciate your kindness.



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**Frances L Thielbar** posted:

Denise and Nick (and everyone), What a wonderful obituary for your dad! Thank you for that story of his life. We would most often see him and your mom in Meijer's over the years and he would always greet us by name before we could. In a different time, we would be there to visit all of you. Love to you, Dan and Fran Thielbar

April 17 at 8:33 AM

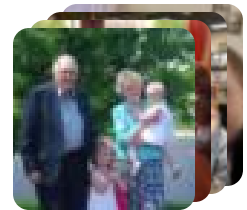


**Denise Lennon** April 17 at 11:59 AM

We love and appreciate you Dan and Fran ❤️



**Andrew Chase** shared 4 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



April 17 at 7:39 AM



**Teresa Moore** posted:

The best neighbor ever we miss him. Sure miss the way he took care of his yard. To Mary and family may God give you strength during this difficult time! May he Rest In Peace. Teresa and Eddie Moore

April 17 at 7:39 AM



**Ron Derr** April 19 at 4:44 PM

Very happy that Bill had many years of retirement. I talked to Bill many times when I was Manager of the Letter Carriers for 20 years. An excellent Letter Carrier. I am sure I will see him again in Heaven. My sympathy to all relatives and friends.



**Melissa Hoffman** April 17 at 6:05 PM

My Dad always missed that house, neighbors, he really enjoyed you guys and your boys!



## Media

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Barb Hoffman shared 7 photos to the **Memories** album.

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April 17 at 8:23 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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