



William Charles Bolthouse

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Mr. William Charles Bolthouse, age 75, passed away Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at his home. He was born in Grand Haven on August 5, 1945 to Andrew and Bernice (Rutkowski) Bolthouse. William graduated from Michigan State University, class of 1967, and remained a loyal fan. He spent 11 years teaching at Spring Lake High School prior to his career with GTE (Verizon) where he worked as a planning engineer from 1978 until his retirement in 2000. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven. William enjoyed traveling, especially trips to Disney World. On August 15, 1970, William married the former Edythe M. Behm and she preceded him in death on March 26, 2014. He is survived by two daughters, Andrea (Tyler) Engbers and Sarah (Joseph) Eadeh; three grandchildren, Greg, Matt, and Katherine; three sisters, Marie (Jerry) Jones, Rosemary Mosley, and Linda Wade; four sisters-in-law, Cleone Bolthouse, Nancy Hall, Mary Behm, and Marge Kane; two brothers-in-law, Carl (Carol) Sorensen and Ron (Dawn) Behm; and his dear friend, Ginger Dykstra. In addition to his wife, Edythe, he was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bob Bolthouse; sister-in-law, Ellen Sorensen; and brothers-in-law, Robert Hall, Vern Behm, and Pat Kane. SERVICES will be 1:00 PM Friday, August 28, 2020 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. VISITATION will be one hour prior to his service. A private burial will be in Spring Lake Cemetery. You may sign his online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com



Events

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Visitation

Friday, August 28, 2020

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



Funeral Service

Friday, August 28, 2020

1:00 PM ET

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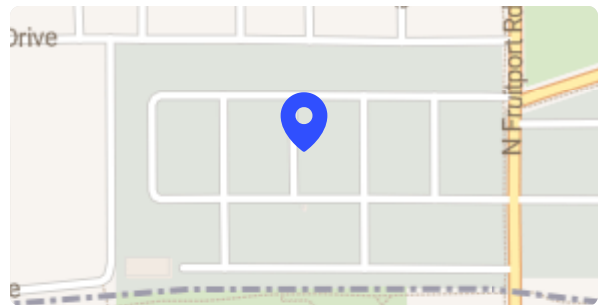
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Cemetery Details

Spring Lake Cemetery

17181 North Fruitport Road, Spring Lake MI 49456





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LB

Laura Bailey posted:

Andrea and Sarah, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. I worked with your dad for many years at GTE. He trained me for my last job. I loved sitting in his office most mornings solving the world's problems. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family during this difficult time. Laura Bailey

August 28 at 4:12 AM

DC

David Cooper posted:

Bill was a good friend. We met in Jr. High School in Spring Lake Michigan. when his family moved to Spring Lake. He, Harold Merz and I always did things together, like Football, Basketball games and just riding around Grand Haven. After teaching math at S.L. school I suggested he apply at GTE in Muskegon, where I worked. He did, was hired and retired there. It changed to Verizon, but bill enjoyed making many friends there.

August 26 at 11:48 AM

DC

Dave And Mary Cooper sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Bolthouse family.



August 26 at 11:24 AM

JW

Jamel Debri & Kris Weller sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bolthouse family.



August 26 at 8:36 AM

MC

Marge Coffey posted:

Andrea, Sara, and family, So sorry for your loss during this pandemic. Bill was a wonderful person who loved each of you and was proud of the people that you have become. I always enjoyed talking with him, he was happy to share what his girls and grand kids were doing. Treasure the good memories that you have of your times together. I admired the way he always remembered your mom on her birthday, their anniversary and at Christmas by the floral donations in her name. The anniversary ones were even the flower choices she made for their wedding. What a sweet man!! Marge Coffey

August 26 at 4:48 AM



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Julie Hughes posted:

Sarah, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to all of you during this difficult time. Julie Hughes

August 25 at 11:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bolthouse family.



August 25 at 7:03 AM



Chris & Ruth Sorensen posted:

Andrea, Sarah, and family, Condolences, Love and Peace to all of you. Uncle Bill will be missed, but always remembered.

August 24 at 9:07 AM



Meghan Ramil posted:

Bill Bolthouse was such a kind, caring man. He treated me like I was part of the family when I was around during holidays and even asked me to call him Grandpa Bill. I'm so sad that he is gone, but I hope he has found peace by reuniting with his wife. Sending love and best wishes to the family!

August 24 at 8:40 AM



Jodi L Bondy posted:

I don't think Uncle Bill ever knew the impact he had on my life and some of my adult choices. My most favorite memory is sitting near the piano at Gramma and Papa Behm's house during a family gathering and he would be helping me with Algebra. My very own private tutor. And every time I tutored a student or worked on Algebra, he was sitting on my shoulder watching over me. Andrea, Sarah and the rest of the family, our tears will not wash away the memories we have but maybe the pain and grief we feel will be drowned. Jodi

August 24 at 8:37 AM



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Joyce Tiles posted:

Andrea, Sarah and families. Words cannot express the sadness I feel for losing Uncle Bill. He was such a gentle soul. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families at this time of grief. He will so be missed. Love Joyce and Ron Tiles

August 24 at 8:29 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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