



Bill Arce

October 31, 1935 - October 10, 2022

George William Arce 10/31/1935 - 10/10/2022

George William (Bill), age 86, of Royal Oak, MI passed away peacefully on Monday, October 10, 2022.

Bill is survived by Beverly (Brown), his loving wife of 66 years, children Michael (Xiomara), Jeffrey (Donna), James, Thomas (Cristina), David (Mary), and Linda Cosgrove. Bill was so proud of his 16 grandchildren; Nicholas and Julia (Alexander) Arce, Isabella and Colin Wheaton, Jessica and Shannon Murphy, Andrea (Kieran) Wilhelm and Andrew (Ruthie) Arce, Leonardo Arce, Colleen, Matthew, William, Joseph, and Katherine Arce, and Claire, Patrick, and Margaret Cosgrove, and five great grandchildren; Lola and Ryder Arce-Keener, Xander Arce, and Emma and Isabelle Wilhelm. Dear Brother to Michael (Lois) and Julie Desiderio (Sam). Bill was a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents George & Mary, sister Alicia, son Stephen, son-in law Joseph Cosgrove, and grandsons Jeremy Arce and Jeffery Whitacre.

Bill had an incredible 37 year career with State Farm Insurance, 2 years as an agent and 35 years in agency leadership. During his leadership years Bill was responsible for hiring, training, and mentoring dozens of local State Farm agents. He retired from State Farm in 1997. In retirement he split his Michigan time with a residence in Fort Pierce, Florida. Bill spent his time on the golf

course and bridge table. Bill and Beverly have many dear and supportive friends in Fort Pierce and Meadowood Country Club.

Bill was a lifelong parish member of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, MI. He attended Shrine Schools from 1942 until he graduated from Shrine High School in 1953. Bill was a proud team member of Shrine's 1952 State Champion Golf Team. In 2009 the 1952 Golf Team was inducted into Shrine High School's Hall of Fame. Bill served as the boys Varsity basketball coach of Shrine Grade School for 17 years, 1968 to 1985. Bill also coached girls' basketball with his brother Michael Arce at Berkley High School from 1984 to 1990. Bill cherished the friendships he developed with his athletes long after his coaching days.

Bill will be remembered for his devotion to his wife, Beverly, his seven children and many grandchildren. Bill had a unique talent to be selectively hard of hearing during long card games of Solitaire and virtual Bridge. His gentle way and spirit will surely be missed.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 20 from 4 pm to 8 pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Bill will lie in state on Friday, October 21 from 11:30 am until time of Funeral Mass at 12 noon at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 W. 12 Mile Rd, Royal Oak, 48073. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Shrine, Raise the Roof Capital Project.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Mass

OCT **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

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“ To Bev and her dear families! Will always remember the many good times with State Farm and wherever those times took us. Also our yearly visits in Florida. So many laughs each time we met. Will remember those moments in our lives and cherish them dearly. Love and payers to all. Carolyn & Bob Holmes

Carolyn S Holmes - October 23, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.



October 20, 2022 at 03:12 PM



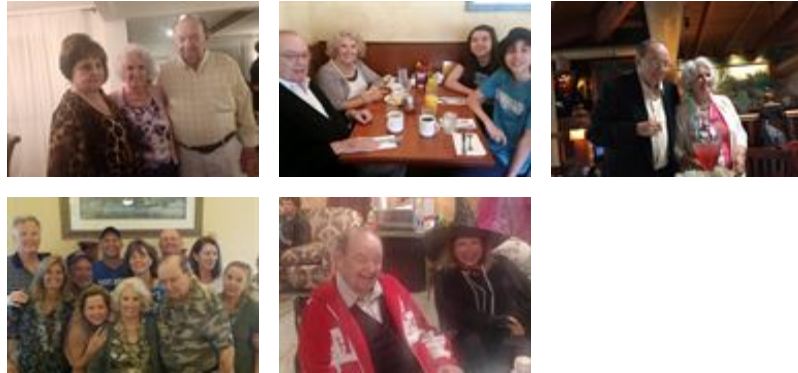
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.



October 20, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ 246 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - October 20, 2022 at 02:14 PM



“ God bless the great Arce family. I have had the pleasure of knowing the Arce family - for most of my life. Mr. Bill Arce was my 8th-grade basketball coach at Shrine Grade School - what a coach - you always felt better around him. He had that gift. We send our love and prayers to the entire Arce family.

The Massucci Family - Mike, Karen, AJ, Anthony, and Jake

Michael L Massucci - October 20, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.



October 19, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.*



October 19, 2022 at 05:34 PM



“ *We had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Arce when he visited Linda & Joe. We have witnessed Linda and her brothers tend so beautifully to their dear Dad during his health hurdles. Small deeds with great love. LYT 🌹❤️ Barbara & Bob Murray and the boys*

The Murray's - October 19, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.*



October 19, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.*



October 19, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.*



October 19, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.*



October 19, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *Bill is a great man with a wonderful family. I'm deeply grateful for the chance to teach and know some of his grandchildren.*

Michael DeBruyn - October 19, 2022 at 08:10 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.*



October 18, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.*



October 18, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.*



October 18, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.*



October 17, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.*



October 16, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bill Arce.*



October 14, 2022 at 06:50 PM