



Bill Burt

December 7, 1941 - June 29, 2025

Obituary for Robert William "Bill" Burt

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert William "Bill" Burt, who left us on Sunday, June 29, 2025, at Corewell Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. Born on December 7, 1941, in Macon, Georgia, Bill was the beloved son of the late Claude "Bud" and Margaret Burt.

Bill found his truest purpose and deepest happiness in his marriage to his devoted wife, Barbara. He was a steadfast partner, a loving confidant, and her unwavering champion throughout their 60 years together. His dedication to her well-being, happiness, and comfort was evident in every thoughtful gesture and constant attention to her needs, leaving an indelible mark on her heart and their family.

Bill's life was marked by his vibrant spirit, his dedication to his family, and his passion for the water. He was a proud alumnus of Catholic Central High School and the University of Detroit. Professionally, Bill enjoyed a successful career as a manufacturers' representative in the boating industry, a field that perfectly aligned with his love for the open water.

Outside of work, Bill was an avid sailor, often spending weekends out on the water. He was a competitive force, racing sailboats out of the Bayview Yacht

Club in Detroit, where he was a well-known and respected figure. Bill sailed a total of 42 Port Huron to Mackinac races and was honored to join the Society of the Old Goat after his 25th race. His commitment to his community was evident through his extensive volunteer work; Bill was a Cub Scout Master for an impressive 20 + years and an active member of the Dad's Club, touching countless lives with his guidance and enthusiasm.

Bill's infectious personality shone brightly in every interaction. He was known for being playful and chronically sarcastic, always ready to strike up a conversation with anyone, whether they liked it or not. He found immense joy in simply being around his family, creating cherished memories that will be held dear.

Bill is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara, and his five loving sons, Steve (Malissa), Jeff, Scott, Jamie, and Jason (Kim). He was a proud grandfather to Aliana (Nathan), Ethan, Maddox, Sebastian, and Weston. He also leaves behind his sister, Laurie, and was preceded in death by his brother, John.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a Scripture Service and Sharing of Memories at 7:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Friends and family will gather on Friday, July 11, 2025 from 9:30 am until time of Memorial Mass at 10:00 am at Christ, Our Light! Catholic Church, 3077 Gloucester, Troy, 48084.

Donations in Robert's memory may be made to Capuchins 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207 www.thecapuchins.org.

Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 10. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Scripture Service/Sharing of Memories

JUL 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Mass

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light Catholic Church
3077 Gloucester Road
Troy, MI 48084

Tribute Wall

RS

“ We shared a lot of good times at the dance club. I'm sorry that Janet and I are out of town. We would love to be there but our prayers go with you and your family and may Bill rest in peace 🙏❤️
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Your dad rest in peace God love him.(dads club)

Rick and Janet Surdu - July 10, 2025 at 08:00 PM

SD

“ Stan, Glaish, Dano, Lyons and Dave purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bill Burt.



Stan, Glaish, Dano, Lyons and Dave - July 09, 2025 at 04:56 PM

SD

“ Stan, Glaish, Dano, Lyons and Dave planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Burt.

Stan, Glaish, Dano, Lyons and Dave - July 09, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bill Burt.

July 05, 2025 at 10:36 AM

MM

“ *The Irish Mist and Sea Wise Alma Mater (Jim Weiss, Jay Kaiser, Billy Burt and Mike Mahan) exiting New York Harbor on our way to Florida on my boat “Arabesque.” Sailing thirty miles offshore with a double reef, the only dry thing on the boat was Billy’s wit.*

I shall miss him very much.

Michael Mahan



Michael Mahan - July 03, 2025 at 10:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Burt.*



July 02, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bill Burt.*

July 02, 2025 at 12:22 PM

MB

“ Bill, Vic and I see you now in pure happiness and joy! During your time here on Earth, you gave many people the gift of your uplifting personality and lots of “wisecracks”. You were always so welcoming to me in my many visits to you and Barb, especially when I was a teenager. I so appreciate that. Thank you for the love you gave my sister and will continue to give to her and your incredible family. We will miss you but know we will see you the next time around.

Maggie Bukowski - July 02, 2025 at 12:09 PM

RS

“ Bill was a true "classic" in every sense of the word. His and Barb's ability to create, and survive (and thrive,) such a large family are true testament to their dedication to one another and their family. I was fortunate to run into he and Barb at our local grocery store in recent years, and Bill was still quick with some witty comments. God bless him, Barb, and the Burt family. He had a heck of a run!

Rich Stimson - July 01, 2025 at 09:05 PM

&B

“ Bill and Barb were the center of our college group, the "Golden Couple". Both so outgoing and welcoming to all. Bill's smile and energy affected anyone who met him. We treasure the long years of friendship with them and wish Bill eternal peace.

& Doug Bader - July 01, 2025 at 10:51 AM

TF

“ The Kozacki family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bill Burt.



The Kozacki family. - July 01, 2025 at 08:06 AM

GA

“ *I am sorry to hear about Bill. I have lots of pleasant memories from time over at the house or seeing him in the yard when I'd be back visiting my parents and coming over to say hello. My prayers are with all of you.*

George Van Antwerp - July 01, 2025 at 07:49 AM