



William H. Bailey, Sr.

August 20, 1935 - July 26, 2009

William H. Bailey, Sr., age 73, a resident of Troy, formerly of Royal Oak, died July 26, 2009 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born August 20, 1935 in Highland Park. Mr. Bailey was a 1954 graduate of Cooley High School. He retired from the U.S. Army National Guard in 1987 after 34 years of service. He retired from the Royal Oak Fire Department as Fire Marshal in 1991 and was a member of the Firefighters Retiree Group. He is survived by his wife, Joann Bailey, whom he married November 3, 1956; daughter, Coreen Kurt Dean of Royal Oak; brothers, John M. Bailey of Vero Beach, FL and Harold F. Bailey of Jacksonville, FL; grandchildren, Alicia Derifield and Jered Dean; and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, William H. Bailey, Jr. in 1986 and daughter, Lisa Bailey in 2001. Visitation will be Wednesday 4-8 p.m. and Thursday 12-8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. The service will be Friday 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Matt Wollam-Berens officiating. The burial will take place at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the wishes of the family would be appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

BK

“ I remember the first time i saw him, is when he came home from the hospital when he was born. and babysat him,harold and johnny.I loved him then and I love him now.I know that he will see lisa and billy and if he see's pete tell him i love him to. love betty

Betty Bruce Kenny - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ How sad i was to hear that Bill had passed on .He was a truly gentle man,a loving and caring man I know there's a empty place in my heart to know that he is gone. BUT i know we"ll all see each other again.Love lee

LEE KENNY DAVIS - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I was saddened to learn just recently of Bill's passing. I worked at Station #3 in Royal Oak with Bill on different shifts, and he would always trade Christmas Eve for Christmas with me, which, as a young firefighter was wonderful for a young father of three. Later, as I moved into Fire Prevention, Bill was a great source of knowledge and information for not only myself, but for all of us who followed Bill. He was a very kind, warm-hearted person who always had time to spend with you. He will be greatly missed. My sympathy and condolences to the family for your loss.

Tom LaPado - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ To the Bailey family and BILL , YOU WERE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR LIFE AND WILL REMAIN SO IN OUR HEARTS.WE WILL MISS THE TIMES WE HAD WHEN YOU CAME TO FLORIDA.WE HAVE ALL LOST ON THIS SAD DAY.

David & Marie Kenny - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I'm sad to hear that Bill has passed away. I work with him at #3 and found him to be very fine person with more intergity than most people I've met in life. I used to kid him alot about his belt tightening and nicknamed "Belts" which he thought was funny. He was a true and loyal person I really enjoyed knowing. Sorry for your loss.

RICHARD SZETELA - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ All of us in the Fire Investigation Unit of the Oakland Co. Sheriff Dept. will miss Bill. It was always a pleasure to work a fire scene with him and the guys at R.O.F.D.. Are prayers and thoughts are with his family at this time.

Bob Gohl - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ The world has lost a true gentlemen and hero who unselfishly shared his wisdom and love. My heartfelt sorrow and prayer's for strength to The William Bailey Family.

Lawrence Zebko - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Bill. My heart goes out to all of you.

Terrie Dean Rodgers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Even though I didn't get to spend as much time as I would have liked to with Uncle Bill in my adult years, he had such an incredibly positive impact on me throughout my life. I have such great memories of our times together. He is one of the kindest, most loving, patient, giving, respectable and honorable men I have ever known and I will always love and respect him to the utmost. Our deepest sympathies and love, Cindy John Bailey's stepdaughter and husband, Brad Ashley a fellow firefighter

Cindy Ashley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ So sorry to here of Bill's passing. I knew and worked with Bill for many years on the R.O. F.D.He will be missed by many of us who knew him. My condolences to his family. Stan Bozich

Stan Bozich - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I was fortunate to attend fire inspectors school with Bill. We attended numerous updated training and we became very good friends. He was truly a professional in the fire service. Bill always did what was right and also always assisted with the Michigan Chapter IAAI "Last Alarm" ceremony. You will be sorely missed my good friend. JIM

James LaBuhn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I met Bill when I received my fire inspector training in 1987, and rode with him on some inspections. I occasionally saw Bill after his retirement when he moved into Troy, not far from my home. My condolences to his family. Dave Roberts Fire Marshal, Troy Fire Dept.

David Roberts - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Mrs. Bailey, I am so sorry to hear about Bill. My boss, Jim Safran, and I worked very closely with him when we were upgrading the fire alarms/sprinklers at Beaumont Hospital RO when he was the Fire Marshal. My husband met him when we ran into him at Wheelers in Standish. I liked him very much. He is one of those genuinely NICE people. Truly a fine man. I will miss him. Gloria

Gloria Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Joann and family, John and Harold, How we shall all miss Bill. "I remember", that is what I have been saying for weeks. The early memories with our families at the cottage. How impressed I was that you were able to swim across the lake. The stories of the witch on the island. Like a big brother. Later memories of visits as you came to Florida or we came to Michigan. These are the remeberances that are a comfort and will remain. Sharing the joy and the pain. The importance of family. So many things I can "Remember". Love, Janet

Janet Hope - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Dear Coreen, Kurt and family, We are so saddened for your loss of your father, a very fine sounding gentleman. Best regards, Rob and Ann

Robert and Ann Angove - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I was very saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I did not work directly with Bill but as a Fire Marshal, I know his legacy continued. He was a man with integrity and professionalism. I knew I could find him having coffee at the McDonalds on 14 Mile if I needed his expertise. I am sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

David Lundberg - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ My memories of Bill Bailey are of the highest regard and are fond memories of a very gentle and special person with a huge heart and kind manner. When Bill would visit Florida with his three young children at the time, to share Spring vacations with the Florida cousins, Bill was the prime example of a loving father, husband and uncle. I know he will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of having him in their life.

Nancy Taylor - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To Bill's Family, I will always remember him for the fine soldier he was in our times at the Detroit Artillery Armory. He was always ready to go, alert and responsive to every mission. I also remember our time together during the tough training tour in Panama Canal. Bill was always a great leader and a good friend. Our times together remain deeply embedded in my memories. Sincere sympathies to Joann and the family. Joseph M. Salvia

Joseph M. Salvia - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“BILL, YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE THAT SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART. THE LAUGHTER YOU BROUGHT INTO OUR HOME. THE SUPRISE PARTY WE THREW FOR YOU IN 2008. THE SMILE WHEN I COOKED LIVER AND ONIONS FOR YOU AND JOHN. OF COURSE I HAD TO MAKE EGG SALAD FOR HAROLD AS HE TURNED DOWN THE LIVER. THE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES AND ALL THE SWEETS YOU GUYS ATE WHILE PLAYING CARDS. SPEAKING OF CARDS, JOHN AND I REALLY PUT A WHIPPING ON YOU AND HAROLD. HANNA AND I "ANNIE" HAVE SUCH WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF YOUR VISITS HERE. WHAT A BLESSING TO BE INCLUDED BY SUCH A WONDERFUL AND LOVING FAMIY. ALL THESE PRECIOUS MOMENTS WILL BE FOREVER IN OUR THOUGHTS. TO: JOANN, COREEN, KURT, ALISIA, JERED, SUMMER, PRESTON AND MCKENNA, HAROLD AND JOHN, MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WILL BE WITH YOU. ANN PHILLIPS AND HANNA

Ann Phillips - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“Uncle Bill as will always be known to me was the perfect role model in life. As a child- I was so proud to be able to brag to all my friends that my uncle was a fire chief. He was a great example of what a person should be and always took the time to patiently explain things to a curious kid like myself at the time. He was always very kind hearted and never showed a lack of patience or love. I will forever miss his warm smile and very helpful advice. He will be missed by all, but especially by me!

Kevin M. Bailey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My memories of Bill are many. He was one of the first people I worked with when I hired on and was assigned to station 2. We had alot of good times there. I'll remember his smile and friendly nature and the professional way he always conducted himself. Great guy and I'll miss him.

Richard A. Strehlke - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. I worked with Bill at the fire dept for many years. He was my boss for the last several years there. I couldn't have worked with a better teacher-friend. Bill always shared his knowledge with me and I know I would not have been prepared to step into his shoes without that help. He will be sorely missed!! Mike Corless R.O. Fire Dept. Fire Marshal Retired

Michael Corless - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM