



William "Bill" G. Hoehn

August 20, 1926 - January 11, 2015

Hoehn, William "Bill", Age 88, resident of Shelby Township. Passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2015 in Arizona. Beloved husband of the late Ardith. Dear father of James Barbara and Christine Horler. Proud grandfather of five and great grandfather of eight. Bill served with the United States Army during World War II and graduated from the University of Detroit. After graduating Bill was hired by Larry Jerome at Jerome Ford dealership in Rochester, Michigan. Bill later joined Richard "Dick" Duncan when Dick opened a car dealership in 1958 with Jerome as Dick's partner, on the corner of Hall Road and Van Dyke, Utica, known as Jerome Duncan Ford. Bill was the car dealership's first General Manager. The car dealership moved to Sterling Heights in the 1974 working there until he retired in 1985. Bill was a Kiwanis member in Rochester and after starting to work in Utica he became one of the first founding Charter Members of the Utica Kiwanis Club. 1957 with the help of 25 members, the 174th Kiwanis Club was chartered in the Michigan District. He started as the Treasurer of the club. He filled many different rolls in the club and in 1969 he served as the club President. He received many awards as well. Several awards were: 100% Attendance, The George F. Hixson Award, and the Legion of Honor Award. He also participated for many years in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing and the Kiwanis Foundation Honor Club. In 2008, the annual Bike Safety Rodeo was renamed as: Annual Bill Hoehn Bicycle Safety Rodeo. The new name was a way to honor one of its most dedicated members, Bill Hoehn, who has served with the group for more than 50 years.

Bill as well as Ray Pini, were always present at club installations of new officers and read the list of past presidents and gave information about each of them. The Kiwanis club said that Bill was a great Kiwanian and will always be their our hearts and memories as our dear friend. Bill was an active member of the Club well over 55 years. During his time with the Utica Kiwanis Club. He will be truly missed by his loving family and wonderful friends. A Memorial Gathering will be held Friday, January 30th, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Service at 1:30 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road 3 blks. E. of Van Dyke Utica. Memorials appreciated to Utica Kiwanis Club and or Special Olympics of Michigan. Please share a memory with his family at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

HM

“ January 29, 2015 I wish to extend my deepest sympathies on Bill's passing. I have known Bill since 1977 when I first came to the Utica area and became a Kiwanian. Bill at that time had already been a Kiwanian for over 20 years, a solid member of the community, a friend to everyone he met. I was fortunate to become his friend over the next 38 years. Whether it was ringing the Salvation Army bell in freezing temperatures, selling peanuts at the busiest intersections, instructing youngsters at the bike rodeo, distributing food to the needy or engaging fellow Kiwanians at the numerous club social and charitable functions, Bill was always focused on the task, combining fun with accomplishing the mission at hand. Bill was one of those persons who was so personable and genuine that you gravitated towards him. He could take a joke. Many a time Ray Pini would kid Bill to the extreme, always with "tongue in cheek" and Bill's only retort was calculated so as not to be offensive. I loved to see Bill's face when he was introduced as being the only surviving charter member of the Utica/Shelby Township Kiwanis Club with service since 1957. He would beam with pride. It was not one of conceit, rather an acknowledgment of one who took pride in knowing he was doing what needed to be done. I will always remember Bill as a person who had a love for life, and that life had a love for Bill. May Bill's soul rest in peace, Hank Matranga

Hank Matranga - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Jim, Christine and family. Your dad held a very special place in my heart and a very large place in so many great memories from our time together as kids. He and Ardith were such great friends to our family and most especially to our parents. He was a blessing to our lives. Couldn't play hockey worth a damn though. God speed Bill.

Kevin Clark - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Bill was a model husband, father and grandfather. He was a very special man. He will be deeply missed by his loving family.

Pat Fischet - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dear Hoehn Family They broke the mold with Bill.He was one of the best persons any one could know.I am so sorry I may not be able to make the service I am in a rehab recovering from knee surgery.Bill will always be in my thoughts and prayers love and prayers Ron Poli

RON POLI - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our sympathy to you all. He was a great guy!The McKay Family

Barbara McKay - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ To the family of Bill Hoehn, I am very sorry for your loss. The words found in the Bible at John 5:28 can help us to have comfort and hope. "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out". It is truly wonderful that Jehovah God has promised us that our loved ones will be resurrected. May this hope help you during this difficult time.

Ashley H. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM