



William J. "Bill" Chambo

February 1, 1944 - November 10, 2024

William J. "Bill" Chambo, passed away peacefully on November 10, 2024, at his home in Sterling Heights, Michigan surrounded by his family. He was 80 years old.

William was born on February 1, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Emil and Evelyn Chambo. Devoted husband of 61 years, young William met his future wife while attending a church activity in 1958. Who knew that a simple tug of a ponytail would pull the strings of their hearts into a lasting friendship and 66 years of togetherness?

William was a man of deep faith and integrity and a long-time member of Trinity Lutheran church in Utica, Michigan. He was known for his warm smile and beautiful blue eyes. When he was younger, he enjoyed being part of the boy scouts, singing in the church choir, and playing the trumpet in band.

William was the first student at his school awarded the John Philip Sousa Award in 1962 for his achievements in music. After graduating from Osborn High School, he attended Wayne State University for a brief time until he took a job in the printing industry where he remained for over 50 years.

William enjoyed spending time with his wife and family, walking in nature, bird watching, scenic drives, gardening, fishing, and playing games like 99 and Karma with his children and grandchildren. He was a master at jigsaw puzzles and always had one on the table for whoever stopped in to help him out. He looked forward to spending time on the weekends at their summer place in Caseville, Michigan where he piloted many jungle cruise adventures for his

grandchildren. William simply loved being there. He loved his family very much and was so proud of his children and grandchildren and enjoyed being a great grandpa!

William is survived by his wife, Suzanne of 61 years, his children: William C. "Bill" (Beth), Matthew (Victoria Hoefel), Laurel (Ken) Rutkowski, his grandchildren: Ashley (David) Shelton, Brendan (Samantha), Leya, Caden, Reagan, Kristin (Ian) Perotta, Alex and Eric Hoefel and his great grandchildren: Hailee, Kenzley and Eliza. He is also survived by his dear sister Ilene (Moots) Birch of Highland, Michigan and his sister-in-law Rebecca Smith (Jennifer John) of Troy, Michigan.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate William's life with a visitation at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke), Utica from 3-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke Ave Utica. Friends and family are welcome to gather for visitation from 10am until time of the funeral service at 11a.m.

Interment will be held at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Trinity Lutheran Church- Utica in his memory.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **13**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Instate At Church

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Neil Freitas informed me of Bills passing-I have so many good memories of moments from our time at Osborn High School and at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. Although many miles have separated that friendship I am still sad to hear of Bill's passing. I played the string bass in the dance band at Osborn when Bill played the trumpet. So many beautiful memories of is sister Ilene as well. God's richest blessings to the entire family. Rest in peace Bill. Nancy Boike Hobbs, Fallston, Maryland

Nancy Hobbs - November 12, 2024 at 09:03 PM

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“ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

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“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Chambo.



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Chambo.



November 12, 2024 at 11:49 AM



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

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“ My deepest condolences to you and your family Bill. 🙏



April Jones - November 12, 2024 at 11:16 AM