



William Fetsco

July 10, 1945 - November 15, 2022

William E. Fetsco, age 77, passed away on November 15, 2022. He was born on July 10, 1945 in Hamtramck to William and Joan (nee Papuga) Fetsco. After graduating from Pershing High School in Detroit, Bill furthered his education at Western Michigan University and Michigan State University. He enlisted in the United State Air Force and proudly served his country as a Military Policeman during the Vietnam War. Upon returning from the military, he studied at Oakland University and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education and taught and subbed for numerous years. While working at the United States Post Office in Royal Oak, Bill met Jo Mercure and the couple were married on December 28, 1974. His career at the post office included letter carrier and ultimately a trainer for new postal employees to become letter carriers. After retiring from the post office, he returned to subbing and volunteering in the Royal Oak elementary schools. He enjoyed watching sporting events, especially the Tigers, Spartans and Lions. Bill was enthralled with WWII history and enjoyed reading about the era. His happy place was Ludington where he liked to fish and hike. His favorite role was being a grandfather to Anna and Rhys.

Beloved husband of Jo. Loving father of Sara Fetsco (Andy Flynn) and Laura (Ross) Winter. Proud grandfather of Anna Winter and Rhys Winter. Brother of the late Robert Fetsco (Lorraine, still living) and Gayle Chesney (Jeff, still living). Dear cousin of Larry Fetsco and Tom (Carol) Fetsco. Beloved son-in-

law, uncle and brother-in-law of Jo's family. Memorial gathering Friday from 3 pm until time of Military Honors at 7 pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorial contributions to Vietnam Veterans or Friends of the Ludington State Park are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com <<http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com>>.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Bill was an incredible individual and one of the most kind giving outreaching and caring people I have ever known. Every time he called just to say hello and catch up was a genuine connection of true interest in me and my family. He had many interesting experiences in his life and one day came to our home to show slides of his time in Vietnam with stories that he told to our family which was an incredible experience. He always put others first and focused on them and made you feel that you were the most important thing when he was there talking with you... it made you feel special. I am glad to have known him and called him my friend. I will miss him, his kindness his great personal connection, and I wish the Fetsco family peace in this time of memories and reflection. Jonathan Strong

Jonathan Strong - November 30, 2022 at 10:32 PM

JN

“ My dad told me that William stood up in his wedding to my mom, Linda (Papuga) Nardecchia. Our condolences on William's passing.

Jeff Nardecchia - November 20, 2022 at 05:16 PM

DF

“ It was 2006 when Bill, Tom and Larry visited us in Wyoming and his warmth, kindness, and love of life and Wyoming was inspiring. The next year we drove out Michigan, to Royal Oak, Luddington, and the beautiful state of Michigan. That initial journey turned into many trips back to Michigan for Michigan State football games and more trips to Luddington. The gatherings at Jeff & Jill's are treasured memories. We will always hold your memory close to our hearts. Love Dan and Mollie

Dan Fetsco - November 18, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ Thank you Mr. Fetsco for subbing and volunteering in my classroom. Thank you for continuing the connection via our short chats at The Royal Oak diner. I will miss running into you. You always made me smile when I saw you. You touched many lives both small (children) and adults. May your family find the strength to get through this difficult time.

Michelle Piwko

Michelle Piwko - November 17, 2022 at 10:00 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Fetsco.



November 17, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Fetsco.



November 17, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of William Fetsco.



November 17, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Fetsco.*



November 17, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. We will hold many good memories of Bill with us. He always took the time to chat, in his caring, kind way It was in his nature to make you feel important & loved. ❤️
You will be remembered by many.*

Toni Lawrance-Angie Plewka's daughter on - November 17, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear this. Bill was a very friendly neighbor and kept an eye out for everyone. We will miss seeing him walk his dog daily and waving hello. With love, brooks and Kayla*

kayla - November 17, 2022 at 06:08 AM



“ *I met Bill at Northwood elementary school. He subbed for me for many years. The kids loved Mr. Fetsco. When he got to an age where he no longer wanted to sub, he still came in every week as a volunteer. Bill was the kindest person. He was one of the good guys. He will be missed. Sending prayers to Jo and their girls.*

Karen Christian - November 16, 2022 at 09:36 PM

BM

I am the first sister in law that came into Bill's life in 1979. He amazed with his terrific memory. It seems there was nothing he couldn't remember. Bill was a soft spoken guy with a sly smile on his face. He did not show emotion. He was a very kind person. He loved talking about his experiences in Vietnam and proud to be a Vietnam Vet. Bill as everyone knows, we are all unique individuals. You will never be forgotten!

Bonnie Mercure - November 17, 2022 at 09:16 AM

RW

“ We came into Bill & Jo's life when our children found each other at MSU and married. The speed trap at Horton Bay gave Bill his first speeding ticket and he proudly wore the Horton Bay tee shirt to remember! We enjoyed our short time with Bill. RIP

Ron & Barb Winter - November 16, 2022 at 09:27 PM

PJ

“ Best neighbor ever! Kalama will not be the same without Bill. Rest In Peace, Bill.

Patty Johnston - November 16, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Fetsco.



November 16, 2022 at 05:46 PM

LF

“ Love, The Stoklosa Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of William Fetsco.



Love, The Stoklosa Family - November 16, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - November 16, 2022 at 04:34 PM

BM

Oh wow! My fir

Bonnie Mercure - November 17, 2022 at 09:21 AM

EB

I just learned of Bill's passing today. I am truly saddened at the loss of one of this world's really fine gentlemen. My first teaching job was at Oakland El. and Bill would volunteer of his day's off from his job at the post office to assist me in my classroom. I loved seeing this guy every time he made himself available. I had lost contact since my retirement in the early 2000s so this was a shocker. RIP, Bill.

Edward Burnette - November 21, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of William Fetsco.* ”



November 15, 2022 at 07:23 PM