



## William Brian Hill

January 8, 1951 - September 14, 2020

William Brian Hill, age 69, a resident of Lake Orion, formerly of Berkley, passed away September 14, 2020.

Bill was born on January 8th, 1951 in Detroit, MI to William and Virginia Hill.

He was a big brother to six siblings, a husband and a companion to the love of his life, a father to four daughters, a grandfather to eight grandchildren, an uncle, a cousin, a nephew, a friend, and the warmest stranger you could've ever met.

He was proud. Proud of his heritage, of his family, of his hard work, of his stories, of the life he had built, and of each and every person he knew and cared for.

He was charming. Charming as a young boy, as a teenager, as an adult, and as an old man, even in his hardest of years.

He was effortlessly, belly-laughingly funny. The kind of funny that showed people what joy really felt like.

He was strong and gentle, resilient and sensitive, wise and silly, and a gentleman and a rascal all at the same time.

It was a privilege to love and be loved by him.

Bill was the loving father of Valerie (Thomas) Beetham of N. Muskegon, Yvonne (Kyle) Cameron of Lake Orion, Vanessa (Daran) Miller of Glen Rose, TX, and Olivia Hill (Steve Stavropoulos) of Detroit; proud grandfather of Joshua Beetham, Anna Beetham, Faith Morris, Emma Miller, Dawson Miller, Raylan Cameron, Livia Cameron, and Amelia Cameron; and dear brother of David Hill, Tennie (Houston) Sanders, and Brenda Criger all of Roseville. Also survived by his former wife, Diane Johnson. Predeceased by his parents, William and Virginia (Wroblewski) Hill; and siblings, Paulette Amspacher, Donna Tekely, and Richard Hill.

Visitation will take place Thursday, September 17, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak (4 blocks east of Woodward). Please note that only ten people will be allowed in the visitation room at any single time, and a mask is required to enter the funeral home.

Due to indoor gathering restrictions under current Michigan law, services following the visitation will be private. However, a live-stream of the service will be broadcast at <https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/obituaries/William-Hill-47/#!/PhotosVideos>. If viewing from a mobile device, please select the "Media" tab.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions appreciated to the wishes of the family:

Yvonne Cameron  
c/o Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
705 W. 11 Mile Road

Royal Oak, MI 48067

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Southern Michigan Services

4839 Fernlee Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 4:00 PM - 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/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of William Brian Hill*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - September 17, 2020 at 01:09 PM

FS

*His girls did such a wonderful job! Thank you for sharing* 💕💕

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**Faith Spitsbergen** - September 17, 2020 at 07:58 PM

TL

*One of the sweetest gentlemen I've ever had the pleasure of working with. So very sorry for your loss*

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**Tim Lilly** - September 17, 2020 at 09:24 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Chisholm lit a candle in memory of William Brian Hill*



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**kathy chisholm** - February 04, 2024 at 02:30 AM

FS

“ One of the memories as a very young kid was cousins (there 7 and our 6) walking down the street laughing and talking up a storm. Our asphalt sidewalk was too small; we took up the whole street lol. I was around 4, but I remember that day.

*Bill JR was easy going and fun loving 💕 at every age :)*

*My love and prayers go out to all his family and friends.*

*Sorry, Covid is once again in the way of family coming together when we need each other the most. This year Aunt Betty, and way too soon Bill JR ...*

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**Faith Spitsbergen** - September 17, 2020 at 03:22 PM

KB

“ *Kerri Bonner lit a candle in memory of William Brian Hill*



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**Kerri Bonner** - September 17, 2020 at 12:34 PM

KB

“ *Best Cumberland Memory is when the Cumberland crew waited anxiously for Mr. Hill to come home with the food truck! He was always so generous and would let us pick something small for ourselves. He also had the Patience of saint to have all the neighborhood girls on the front porch playing barbies! He was blessed in this life and so generous to share his joy and kindness to all! Sympathy to the girls and family.*

*Kerri (Bowker) Bonner*

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**Kerri Bonner** - September 17, 2020 at 12:29 PM

BO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Betty Otterbein - September 17, 2020 at 12:12 PM

LJ

“ 3 files added to the album 1984 Bill Hill



Larry Johnson - September 17, 2020 at 11:19 AM

ZG

“ *I called him "dad," because he wanted me too.... he had so much love in his heart, and I was blessed to know and feel that love. While walking to a fireworks display, we decided that I would call him dad, too! That was the beginning of such a special relationship; one that I will cherish, always. He allowed me into his world and showed me that there is nothing complicated about equality and spreading love to anyone that wants it. It was something that I had never really experienced, as a black woman, and it is what this world needs more of.... what a way to live and what a legacy he leaves for those who loved him... follow his example... I will surely miss him, but I'm so grateful for the time that I knew him. Love Always, Zavette*



Zavette Gibson-Hughes - September 16, 2020 at 11:35 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear of Bills passing. He was our neighbor in Berkley and our boys played with the girls when they were young. Bill was so nice and caring. He was a sweet man. God bless Bill



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**Connie and Michael Boyle** - September 16, 2020 at 10:18 PM

SK

“ There are so many. I was an honary Hill Girl growing up and spent so much time with Bill and the family. Sundays at Bald Mountain and hours spent playing on their front porch of the Cumberland house. I welcomed new babies into the family as if I were one of their own. My heart is truly breaking over his loss but I celebrate his life. He was like a second dad to me.



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**Suzy Kay** - September 16, 2020 at 03:56 PM

JK

“ Jackie Kovacs lit a candle in memory of William Brian Hill



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**Jackie Kovacs** - September 16, 2020 at 08:26 AM

BD

“ I never actually met Bill but I feel like I knew him because I often heard his voice over the phone, and it was one of the friendless I'd ever heard. Every time he called the office he would always say, "Hello young lady, I hate to bother you...."

*I will miss that about Bill. And I am truly praying that God blesses your family during this trying time.*

*Barb Dover*



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**Barbara Dover** - September 16, 2020 at 08:22 AM

BG

*I Still miss Bill he always kept an eye out in the apartment complex for us little old ladies, such a friendly and warm person*

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**Barb Goodwin** - June 09, 2024 at 04:02 AM