



## William D. Moran

January 21, 1946 - October 18, 2017

William (Bugs) Donald Moran, 71, of Rochester Hills MI, passed away on October 18th, 2017. He lost his battle with pancreatic cancer, but not his spirit or joy for life.

He was born on January 21st, 1946, in Hamtramck, MI, the son of Marion Joan Lenzion. Sadly, Marion passed away in 1958, leaving Bill alone. Only 12 years old at the time his mother passed, Bill was already the consummate charmer and affable man everyone knew him to be. Boysville became his home. Where he made friends, played basketball and was known for excelling at every sport he participated in. Carl Quaiatto and Bill Moran met at Boysville. Their bond transcended friendship - they were brothers. Bill graduated in 1964, at the top of his class and served as his class president. Although, he would joke about the distinction pointing out his class consisted of 10 boys! By the time Bill graduated from highschool he was part of the Quaiatto family. Mary Quaiatto and her children Carol, Joe and Carl embraced Bill as a son and brother.

Instead of waiting for his number to come up, Bill heard the call of his nation and joined the Marine Corps in 1965. His natural talent for baseball earned him a spot on the Marine Corps baseball team. Stationed in North Carolina at Camp Lejeune, Bill's natural baseball skills earned him a spot on the Marine Corps baseball team. He was honorably discharged in 1969 achieving the rank of Sergeant. He promptly sought out the sweetheart he left behind before joining the Marines and asked her to marry him. Margaret (Marge) and Bill

spent 48 years married and were blessed with two children Carrie Ann and Michael William.

He spent his career working in sales for various companies. He loved to dress sharp and drive nice cars. He didn't buy these things to show off, he simply appreciated nice things. At work, Bill always donned a sharp suit, well fitted shirt, great tie and nice shoes. He sometimes hesitated to wear the nice shoes he bought for fear of ruining them. But that didn't stop him from buying them! His easy-going manner and way with a joke, endeared him to everyone he met. People would often complement Bill to Marge saying, "your husband is such a nice man", to which she would jokingly respond "what am I chopped liver?" He was generous to a fault. Some might say he was guilty of spoiling his children, however he would say he showered them with love. His early childhood was surely one lacking in the superficial things a boy covets as a child. Although you would never had heard a complaint from Bill. He was filled with love and happiness for the family he had. He felt blessed. When he gave to his children - he gave big - because it made him happy to see them happy. His generosity and love extended to the rest of his family and friends too, most especially to his granddaughter Amanda Micakaj. She was her PaPap's angel. They shared a special and particularly close relationship.

Bill could find the humor in any situation. Without a hint of self-pity, he recently pulled off a great one-liner. He overheard a person say "that is the worst thing that could happen to a person." Without missing a beat, a sly grin came over Bill's face and he said "I can think of something worse". Delivery is everything and his was impeccable. Everyone in the room broke out in laughter.

It is not possible to sum up the life Bill Moran led in a few paragraphs.

Everyone who knew him, most importantly his loving wife Marge, will be the bearers of his memory and tellers of his story. His legacy, is the happiness he infected the people in his life with. To know him was to catch a little happiness. He spread it around like a virus.

Visitation will take place at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blocks E. of Van Dyke), Utica on Sunday October 22nd, from 2:00

p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Monday at 11:00 a.m at the funeral home. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

Helping children was dear to Bill Moran. A memorial gift to St. Jude Children Hospital is appreciated in Bill's honor. [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Marge, Carrie, Michael and Amanda, I am so sorry to hear the news of Bill's passing. I wish I would have known sooner. You were such great neighbors, and are fondly remembered by all the Gaska's.

*May Bill rest in peace and may you find strength in the memories of this kind and wonderful man.*

*All of our love*

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**melissa gaska** - January 24, 2018 at 10:35 AM

KM

“ Uncle Bugs had such a wonderful sense of humor, and I remember him as being very kind & loving. I have such fond memories of him & Aunt Margaret from my childhood. My deepest sympathy to you Aunt Margaret, Carrie & Mike. I will keep you in our thoughts & prayers.  
Love, Kelly Murphy-Iversen



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**Kelly Murphy-Iversen** - October 23, 2017 at 11:41 AM

TC

“ Tom, Jim, and Rita Cartier purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William D. Moran.



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**Tom, Jim, and Rita Cartier** - October 22, 2017 at 09:40 AM

CF

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Bill. He was the kindest man, always smiling, and had the greatest laugh. He was one of my father's dearest and best friends. He will be deeply missed by everyone he knew. May you Rest In Peace. Forever in our hearts! Love, Charlene Fiore

charlene Fiore - October 22, 2017 at 05:39 AM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of William D. Moran.



October 22, 2017 at 05:28 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William D. Moran.



October 22, 2017 at 03:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William D. Moran.



October 21, 2017 at 04:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William D. Moran.*



October 21, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of William D. Moran.*



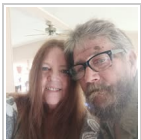
October 21, 2017 at 02:18 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William D. Moran.*



October 21, 2017 at 12:46 PM



“ *Uncle Bill was everything my father wasn't. Kind, loving and patient. I will never forget his beautiful smile and wonderful laugh or the way he made me feel when I was a young girl.*



**Sherri Lewis** - October 21, 2017 at 11:43 AM