



William "Bill" Richardson

February 14, 1929 - September 1, 2019

Richardson, William "Bill", passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on September 1, 2019.

Loving husband of Pearl, whom he married on April 14, 1951 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Detroit, Michigan. Dear father of Allen (Paula) Richardson, William (Jill) Richardson and Nancy (Raymond) Hepner. Proud grandfather of Abigail (Jacob) Livingston, Mary Richardson, David Richardson, Amy (Patrick) Till, Scott (Brittany) Hepner, Benjamin (Veronica Foltz-Richardson) Richardson and Katie Richardson. Proud great grandfather of Josiah Livingston, Hezron Livingston, Tobias Livingston, Nolan Till, Olivia Till, Jack Hepner and Stella Hepner.

Bill was a devoted husband to Pearl for 68 years. He had a deep and genuine love for his family. He served in the Michigan Air National Guard as a staff sergeant, attained a master's degree from Lawrence Tech, and retired as an automotive engineer from the Chrysler Corporation. Bill was a friend to many, especially in the bicycling community. He was proud to ride for Team Alex in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Bill also rode the Pedal Across Lower Michigan (PALM) many times into his 80's. He and Pearl took their children on many wonderful vacations. When the children flew the nest Bill and Pearl enjoyed many Elder Hostel excursions together, occasionally bringing their children and grandchildren with them. Bill was a gracious and

generous gentleman. He taught us by example to see the best in people. He demonstrated how to be honest and to do the right thing even if it hurts. Bill was pleased with the care he received from the doctors, nurses and other staff at Beaumont Hospital and Saint Anne's Mead. His last days with us were full of goodbyes and happy memories. He was content and ready to go, but we were not ready for him to leave us. He will be tremendously missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 10:00 AM until time of service 12:00 PM at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks East of Woodward), Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 7600 Grand River Ave. #175, Brighton, MI 48114 Donate Now (https://secure2.wish.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=donate_now&chid=022-000). Share your memories at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

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Inurnment

SEP 9. 12:30 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Tribute Wall

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“ One of the biking groups Bill belonged to just recently planted a tree in his and Pearl’s memory. The Elk’s Park Posse are honoring their memory with a tree planting in Elk’s Park.

Denise Kutchins - July 21, 2024 at 09:55 PM

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“ I worked with Bill at Chrysler Engineering from 1968 to 1973 in the Stress and Weight Department. He was a great teacher to a new Engineer on his first Job. He was a master of the simple solutions to difficult problems. He was a great guy and a role model for my Engineering Career. My condolences to Pearl and his whole Family. May he rest in a well deserved peace.

Frank Glasgow

Frank Glasgow - September 05, 2019 at 03:16 PM

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“ Our thoughts are with you in you time of loss, remember the great memories you have of him as husband, father, grandfather great grandfather for all of your family. Love, Andrea, Jason, Jesse and Alex



Jason Hepner - September 05, 2019 at 02:30 PM



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Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - September 02, 2019 at 05:37 PM