



## William Joseph Strauss

July 27, 1953 - November 1, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of William J. Strauss Sr., a loving father, brother, and friend to many. Bill, as he was affectionately known, departed this world on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at the age of 70, in the comfort of his Troy, MI home.

Born on July 27, 1953, to the late Edwin Strauss and Elizabeth Delmotte, Bill's life was filled with adventure and cherished moments. He was the proud father of one son, William "Bill" Jr., and a doting grandfather to Haylee. His life was enriched by hobbies such as dirtbikes, snowmobiles, tennis, and volleyball, which brought him immense joy.

Bill's career at Chrysler as a Die Maker spanned several decades, and in 2008, he retired, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and dedication. His work ethic and commitment to his craft were admired by his colleagues and friends alike.

One of Bill's favorite retreats was the family cottage in Lewiston, MI, where he spent many holidays with family and friends at the lake making memories with those he held dear.

Bill is survived by his loving son, Bill Strauss Jr., and his cherished

granddaughter, Haylee. He is also remembered by his siblings, Cheryl (Jim), Jeff (Jeanne), and Tina; and many cousins, nephews and nieces, who will forever hold his memory close to their hearts.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Elizabeth, and his brother, Bob (Ann). While we grieve his loss, we take solace in knowing that he is now reunited with those who went before him.

In keeping with Bill's wishes, a Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. allowing family and friends to gather and share their stories, memories, and fond remembrances. Please contact Bill Jr. at 586-277-3157 for additional information.

To honor Bill's memory, the family kindly requests that you share a memory or pay your respects at [www.sullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhome.com), where we can collectively celebrate a life well-lived and the impact he had on all of us.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Italian American Cultural Society and Banquet Center  
43843 Romeo Plank Rd #1  
Clinton Twp, MI 48038-1297  
(586) 421-5155

*Please contact Bill Jr. at (586) 277-3157 for additional information.*

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ I was a fellow worker at Chrysler who also rode dirt bikes with Bill. Great easy going guy who was very fast on his dirt bike. We often rode out of my cabin in Harrison, Michigan and all those rides were fun rides. I remember taking Bill on his first Michigan endurance race ever and he did not do well at all and never raced like that again. He simply rode the trails at a high rate of speed and loved every minute of it. He often also rode with the "Tree Whackers" on Michigan trails. I will definitely miss Bill a whole bunch and he will always be remembered by our group of riders as "Wild Bill". He was one of the best and never criticized anybody on their riding skills. Slow or fast he always rode with you and we all watched out for each other on the trails.



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Larry Flis - May 21, 2025 at 07:08 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Joseph Strauss.



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November 14, 2023 at 08:35 PM

JS

“ My tribute , eulogy, and fond farewell to the best dirt bike and happy hour riding buddy I ever had the pleasure of riding with. If you were in front of him you knew he was coming he loved to compete and ride fast but if you crashed he would never ride by without stopping to make sure your ok , Bill played fare , rode fast and never shirked a chore

I first met Bill around 1978 or 79 when his uncle? Mike Ions introduced us at a dirt bike trail ride up near St Helen and even at that young age he was the same pleasant, polite, soft spoken, well mannered, fast riding guy we all know and love, in all the years and thousands of miles ridden , and enjoyable camaraderie I never heard Bill speak a mean word to anyone, he made us all better men

Good Be my Good Friend, and God Speed

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john I schulte - November 11, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William Joseph Strauss.



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November 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM

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“ Love- Wade & William Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Joseph Strauss.

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Love- Wade & William Wilson - November 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM

CJ

“ Bill was a great cousin and there was never a dull moment with him; interesting conversations was a norm and he will be missed by many❤️. He was so much fun on our snowmobile adventures with the group and I remember this one adventure he threw me in the snow as we were taking a warming break and oh boy the look he got from his mom 🤔 was a Kodak moment 📷📷

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**Cousin Lori Jean** - November 06, 2023 at 07:02 PM