



William J. Bergold

February 6, 1944 - March 3, 2020

William J. Bergold 76, passed away on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 surrounded by loved ones. Bill was born on February 6, 1944 in Cleveland, OH to the late William C. and Catherine E. (Poturica) Bergold. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Jean M. (Zehnder) Bergold of Bonita Springs, FL; son, William F. Bergold of Dallas, TX; daughter, Christine M. Neal and her husband, Jeffrey S. Neal of Naples, FL; two grandsons, Wesley S. Neal and Jason W. Neal. He is also survived by his two sisters, Audrey Hudak and her husband, Daniel J. of Stow, OH and Colette Ide and her husband, David E. of Lakewood, OH and his loving nieces and nephews.

Bill graduated from St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, OH in 1962. He went on to play baseball at Villanova University and graduated with a degree in Accounting in 1966. Bill received a Master's degree in Business Administration from Case Western Reserve University in 1969.

Bill was a certified public accountant spending his entire 35-year career with Ernst & Young. He retired as a partner in 2004, specializing in healthcare for the Cleveland office.

As a member of both the Bonita Bay Club and Lakewood Country Club, Bill loved playing golf with his family and friends.

Bill was a devout Catholic and a parishioner of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs, Florida and St. Ladislas Parish in Westlake, Ohio. In addition to the Church, he was very charitable to many organizations.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:15 AM on Friday, March 6, 2020 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church 28300 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL. Additional services are being planned for Cleveland and will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the William and Jean Bergold Scholarship Fund at St. Ignatius High School 1911 West 30th St., Cleveland, OH 44113 or to the St. Leo Scholarship Fund C/O St. Leo the Great Catholic Church 28300 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 6. 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Rd.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall



“ *William J. Bergold*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I was blessed to be mentored by Bill when I was a very inexperienced new audit staff in the Cleveland office of EY. Bill was gracious to me and provided lots of opportunities to grow and learn. More importantly, he was a living example of being at the top of a profession, while continuing to possess strong values. I vividly remember Bill insisting that we get home to our families at a reasonable hour during “busy season “. My prayers and condolences to the entire family.*

Eric Pelander - April 30, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ *Bill was always a great gentleman at Bonita Bay Club. You always knew he had great values and family. I was fortunate to play a lot of golf with this great competitor for more than 10 yrs. I will miss him greatly .SIP my friend .
John Cassin*

John Cassin - March 06, 2020 at 08:22 AM

HW

“ Jean, I am so sorry and saddened to hear about Bill. I do not have to tell what a great person Bill was. Please tell his son, daughter and grandchildren that Bill was the best athlete in the 1962 class at St. Ignatius. And also the most gracious and unassuming. He will be missed. God bless you, Bill.

Howie Williams

Howard Williams - March 05, 2020 at 01:55 PM

MN

“ Bill taught me how to age gracefully. He was always a gentleman, but even more with his sickness. His faith spoke to all who knew him. The love of his family was great! He fought the fight without complaining. May God hold him in the palm of His hand. Rest in peace.

Marie and Bob Nannini

marie nannini - March 05, 2020 at 10:53 AM

NF

“ Bill was a member of our Tuesday Bonita Bay golf group for many years. He was a very good golfer with a terrific short game. I always enjoyed having him on my team because he would always tell me where to hit the putt so I even made a few. Equally important, he was a very nice guy with a great sense of humour. I will miss him.

Norm Freedman

Norm Freedman - March 04, 2020 at 08:11 PM

MW

“ I worked for Bill at EY as a young staff and he was instrumental in my career at EY and in healthcare. My thoughts are with the family.
Maureen Wood

Maureen Wood - March 04, 2020 at 05:08 PM

TL

“ I worked with Bill many years but got to know him so much better after we retired and played many many rounds of great golf together. His courage and faith confronting his condition over the past year is a tremendous legacy for his kids and grandkids to be proud of. He was a really good audit partner but I think he might have been even better as a golf instructor. Maybe in his next life! My deepest condolences to Jean and his children.

Tom Latkovic - March 04, 2020 at 05:05 PM

JB

Jean, my sympathy to You and your family. Bill was a pleasure to be with, at EY or socially. Bill was a role model to many of us. He conveyed more in fewer words than others. I miss Bill, but his classy, unassuming spirit lives on. Jim Bond Jim.bond48@gmail.com

Jim Bond - March 06, 2020 at 01:28 PM

KL

Jean my deepest sympathy to all the Bergolds , especially you on the loss of Bill.. Although I haven't seen or talked to Bill in several years, I frequently had pleasant thoughts of our great times together on and off the golf course. He was a good friend during those formative years of our lives, and from what I here from EY friends a great person to work with. He will be greatly missed by all his friends. God bless the Bergold Family.....Kevin Leigh.....erikleigh@gmail.com

Kevin A Leigh - March 06, 2020 at 04:23 PM