



William E. Breough

October 5, 1932 - June 4, 2024

William "Bill" Edward Breough, born in Detroit, Michigan, to Floyd and Bernice Breough, peacefully passed away on June 4, 2024. He was a beloved brother to his two sisters, Mary Breough and Doris Oja.

Bill's journey began in Detroit, where he graduated from Denby High School and met his first love, Ruth Ulmer. He pursued his education at Eastern Michigan, affectionately known to him as Michigan State Normal, where he played football. His studies were interrupted by his dedicated service in the U.S. Army as a military police officer from 1952 to 1954. Upon completing his service, he finished his college education at Wayne State University.

Bill's professional life was marked by a long and successful career at Ford Motor Company, where he worked in labor relations for 37 years, retiring on April 30, 1991. After the passing of his beloved wife Ruth in 1991, Bill found love again with Mary Way, whom he married in 1995. They cherished their years together in Naples, Florida, until Mary's passing on March 22, 2022.

Bill and Ruth were blessed with four children: Cindy Holsinger (Phil), James (Lisa Garcia), Susan (who predeceased him on April 11, 1968), and Ronald (Karen Graziano). He also embraced his stepchildren, Daryl Way and Darcy Way (who predeceased him in 2021). Bill was a proud grandfather to 13 grandchildren: Phillip (who predeceased him in 2022), Austin (Molly), Jordan

(Katie), Meghan, Taylor, Erin (Evan), Shannon, Melissa (Jon), Kelsey (Clark), Christa (Connor), Alyssa, Andrew, and Mark (Kelly). He was further blessed with five great-grandchildren: Crosby, Sylva, Mason, Arlo, and Jude.

An avid golfer and card player, Bill found joy in simple pleasures and shared his devout Christian faith with his family and friends. His warm smile and kind spirit touched many lives throughout his journey.

A service of remembrance for Bill will be held at 1 pm on June 14, 2024, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1955 Curling Ave, Naples, Florida. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

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

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Service of Remembrance

JUN 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
1955 Curling Ave.
Naples, FL 34109

Tribute Wall

MI

“ *Never met the man but he raised a great son. Mick*

Mick - June 11, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William E. Breaugh.*



June 11, 2024 at 01:38 PM

DB

“ *Blessed to have met Bill a couple of times during my lifelong friendship with Jim. Paula and I hope our Breaugh bff's mourn Bill well but celebrate his most excellent life!*

Doug&Paula

doug baile - June 10, 2024 at 06:58 PM

BS

“ *I am so happy I got to visit Bill in April when I was in Naples. Beckie Spiro*

Beckie Spiro - June 08, 2024 at 12:15 PM

JK

“ Cindy, Jim and Ron your Pops was a very good man. When I was very young he coached me in baseball and was very kind to me and I very much enjoyed seeing him through the years as Ron and I grew up. We are very sorry for your loss. May you all be comforted by your memories and may you remember that grief is love persisting. Blessing to you all who love your Pops. John Kaplan and Family.

John Kaplan - June 07, 2024 at 11:27 PM

RP

“ Bill was an incredible HR leader, colleague and friend. He is extremely talented in labor relations, and always worked diligently to find solutions to issues in the interest of both employees and Ford. He enthusiastically passed along his knowledge to so many in HR and I will always remember and value our relationship. Rick Poynter

Rick Poynter - June 07, 2024 at 08:13 PM

DW

“ I remember meeting Bill the first time in Naples at Tin City at the Riverwalk Cafe. My mom was nervous. The two of them were like teenagers in love. I had never seen my mom so happy. Next time, he was driving to Canada to propose. My mom had no idea and she was suffering from the flu. Ever the gentleman, Bill asked for my blessing. He probably had done the same with his kids. The rest is history. He brought so much joy to our lives. My mom was able to live out her days happy.
Bill, I miss you. I know you are surrounded by love and light!

Daryl Way - June 07, 2024 at 08:37 AM

VS

“ *My condolences to the Breaugh family with the passing of their Dad. I meet Bill back in 1995 and he has been part of my life since. He treated me like part of the family from day one. He will always be in my heart and will surely be missed. May you find comfort in knowing what a great man he was and loved by everyone who knew him. RIP Bill I know you are with your love ones again.*

Vera Sellars. - June 07, 2024 at 08:11 AM