



## William E. "Bill" Bogard Jr.

September 5, 1938 - November 12, 2019

William E. "Bill" Bogard, Jr., 81, of Estero, FL passed away Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. Formerly of Harrison Township, MI he began wintering in Bonita Springs, FL in 1989 and moved permanently to Estero in 2000. Bill was born September 5, 1938 in Jamestown, NY the son of the late William E. and Anna (Borst) Bogard.

He graduated from Michigan State University in 1964, earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree. His career started with Kent-Moore as an executive sales manager and he retired as CEO of Anderson-Cook Inc. in 2001. Bill was an avid golfer who also enjoyed sailing and power boating. Mr. Bogard was a member of Wildcat Run Golf and Country Club.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 33 years, Cheryl A. (Maurer) Bogard; loving children, Tracy (Gary) Bogard-Smith of Gold Canyon, AZ, Philip (Nicole) Bogard of Atlanta, GA, Sherri Dzedzic of Berlin, Germany; sister, Patricia Baker of Lakewood, NY; grandchildren, Peyton and Paige Bogard, Erin (Adam) Smith Fackler, Julia (Jacob) Smith Cramer; and great grandchildren, Mason and Merrick Fackler and Ruby Lou and Violet Jo Cramer. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Burk.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may

be made in Bill's name to the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation,  
11770 U.S. Highway One, Suite 308, North Palm Beach, FL 33408.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William E. "Bill" Bogard Jr.*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM

“ Bill and I grew up together in Bemus Point, NY, on the shores of Lake Chautauqua. We shared many hours out on that lake. He always borrowed his dad's 71/2 horsepower Mercury outboard motor and we would run it at full tilt on my dad's small fishing boat. The outboard was so heavy, we had to pull it down from his house on Merz Ave on my wagon. In its day, that Mercury was most powerful. Twenty-five horsepower motors were then claiming the top of the line.

Later, Bill and I were on the new high school tennis team that challenged other high school teams in the county. He was always better at singles than I was, but we were formidable as a doubles team. Bill was an all around athlete in basketball and, I believe our mighty 6-man football team. The Red Dragons of Bemus had a solid reputation in the world of Chautauqua sport. Bill was there.

Ruefully, I envied his arresting good looks and the natural walking gate he had, and the primal attraction the young bobbie-socked girls had.

I remember Bill took his studies seriously -- excelling in math and science. It wasn't a surprise to find he found Michigan State as the right place to continue his rapid rise.

The last time I saw Bill was at a class reunion lunch in Bemus with his beautiful wife. I hadn't seen him in more than 50 years. We pretty much picked up right where we left off.

Bemus Point, a small town in southwestern New York State, was a place of humble beginnings for many of us. Now, in dwindling numbers, our class of 1956 that began with 44 seniors, will remember Bill Bogard.

Somehow, I don't believe Bill will rest in peace. He'll be up to something.

*Doug Rhodes*

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**Doug Rhodes** - December 07, 2019 at 11:37 AM

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“ *We share your sorrow from the passing of our long-time friend, Bill. Oh the memories we have that spread over 50 years! Working together, boating together, eating, drinking and laughing. Cheryl & Bill had 33 great years together and enjoyed life to the fullest.*

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**Jan Robson** - November 15, 2019 at 10:09 AM