



William F. "Bill" Herhold

January 9, 1942 - January 13, 2020

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William Frank Herhold was the first-born child to Harmon Frank Herhold and Josephine Billie Herhold on January 9th, 1942 in Chicago Illinois.

Raised in a loving home built by his great grandfather, he attended Hatch Grade School and Oak Park River Forest High School in Oak Park, IL. His classmates from the Class of 1959 at OPRF have remained life long, cherished friends.

He attended SIU and Northern Illinois University and held different positions in his career before finding his true passion with Taco Comfort Systems.

Bill met the love his life, Carol Jayne Wipfli in 1966 while she was in nurse's training in Madison, WI. They were married on September 9th, 1967 in Marshfield Wisconsin where she was raised.

They made their first home in Rolling Meadows, IL. Their daughter Jenna was born in 1968 and son Bill in 1970.

Over their 48 years of marriage she and Bill owned homes in Orland Park, Hoffman Estates, McHenry, Palatine, Estero Fl and a beautiful lake home in

the north woods of WI called "Birchvue." Subsequently they found their wonderful home in Florida in 2005 endearingly called "Palmvue." His first passion in life was photography. While traveling he loved photographing the beauty of the world around him, a hobby he passed down to his son.

His other passion in life was boating and being on the water. As a young adult he bought and restored his first sailboat harbored it in Belmont Harbor, Chicago. His love of being on the water stayed with him throughout his life. This hobby and the love of being on the water lives on in his daughter Jenna.

He loved time with his family on the Fox River Chain O' Lakes, showing them the joy of navigating the waters. He purchased and restored many antique, wooden Chris Craft's and participated in the building of the Blackhawk Chapter of Antique Boats and Classic Boats.

The career and work family he had been searching for his entire life was found at Taco Comfort Systems in the late 80's. His flair for building a business flourished at Taco. He began an annual fishing Expedition with valued partners and key clients in which he treasured those times and memories. He became Vice President of OEM Sales. His job awarded him and Carol wonderful travels including the Schlossberg Castle which they treasured. They met so many wonderful people through his time at Taco.

Bill's and Carol's later life passions focused on golf and being surrounded by friends, all of which were fulfilled in the Country Creek Community. He followed his love of golf and striving for the hole in one when he and Carol moved to Country Creek Community in 2009. They enjoyed filling their days with golf, bocce ball, socializing with wonderful friends from all over the country. His desire to be surrounded by great friends at County Creek enriched Bill's and Carol's final golden years.

After Carol's passing Bill reconnected with his childhood playmate and OPRF classmate, Peg Martin. They enjoyed the same birthday of January 9. He and the family were very grateful for their friendship, laughter and companionship.

He loved his furry companions, Misty the Irish Setter, and later cats, Max, Tigger and Boots.

The quest for the hole in one was finally achieved on the 6th hole Par 3 133 yards using a 7 Hybrid club. As he put it, it bounced twice and rolled toward the cup to where it sat on the edge of the cup...a slight breeze caught the flag, moved the pin and the ball dropped into the hole. The breeze was provided by Carol from high above."

Bill is survived by his daughter Jennifer Lynn Herhold, son, William Andrew Herhold and daughter-in-law, Dana Herhold, Sister, Jeri Stine and brother-in-law, Howard Stine, nephews, Douglas Stine and James Stine.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. A funeral service will begin at 3:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bill's name may be made to the Gulf Coast Humane Society, 2010 Arcadia Street, Fort Myers, FL 33916 or to the American Heart Association of Southwest Florida, 9200 Estero Park Commons Blvd. #7, Estero, FL 33928.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *William F. "Bill" Herhold*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Bill and I met through a Facebook group called "Growing Up In Oak Park." We had grown up in the same neighborhood, and on the same street. He worked at a place called Miller's drugstore where I hung out and drank sodas from the soda fountain as a kid. Myself and my mother and siblings knew his boss at the place, Ted Miller. Bill was a good man: kind, smart, funny. I will miss hearing his thoughts!*

Carl M. Cole - January 26, 2020 at 06:06 PM

KF

“ Sorry to have missed his funeral. Bill and I met on Facebook after realizing that our lives paralleled each others separated by 15 years or so. I grew up in the house next door to the house Bill's grandfather built. I was 936 N. Hayes Avenue in Oak Park and his house was 934 N. Hayes Avenue in Oak Park. We both went to Hatch Elementary School and Oak Park River Forest High School. We both delivered prescriptions on our bicycles at Miller's Pharmacy (We shared stories of that place and it's owner many times. Even separated by 15 years we told the same tales of that place).

I was proud to provide medical recommendations for he and Carol and their friends from time to time at NCH.

Bill and I would have breakfast whenever he returned to Florida each year and again when it was time for him to head to his beloved Birch Vue. He was so proud of his son and daughter and would often tell me of their accomplishments when we were together.

I wish I would have pushed harder to buy your breakfastthat morning in early December, but I guess that will have to wait now. God Speed my friend, my brother from another mother. Kevin M. Fitzgerald-Hatch Elementary School Class of 1972-Oak Park and River Forest High School Class of 1976.

Kevin M. Fitzgerald - January 20, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William F. "Bill" Herhold.



January 18, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ *Uncle Bill,
You were always so uplifting to us, even from a far. Getting to spend time with you in Florida is a time I will never forget! My memory of you will always be of a kind, encouraging, joyful man. Thanks for brightening our world! Please send your sister signs! I know she will need them* ❤️ xoxo Colleen

Colleen O'Malia Stine - January 18, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *My condolences to Bill's family and also to Peg Martin and her family. I met "Bill" through Peg in The Villages, Fla. he had a great sense of humor and was a true gentleman. Bill will be missed by all that knew him. RIP "Bill"*



Eileen (Paddy O) Pereira - January 17, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William F. "Bill" Herhold.*



January 17, 2020 at 02:49 PM

GG

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Gary Griffin - January 17, 2020 at 01:29 PM

GG

“ *Bill we have cherished your friendship, and know you have touched many lives. We looked forward to see you in Florida in February when Gail and I drive from Marathon Key to Sarasota. When your sister informed us, it really took us off guard, as I know it did with many others.*

I will miss our weekly emails which brought me many laughs. May you rest in peace. We send our love.

*Gary and Gail Griffin
Defiance, MO.*

Gary Griffin - January 17, 2020 at 01:03 PM

KE

“ *Thinking of your family at this time. Cherish the memories.*

From your friends at the Weston Power Plant, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation in Kronenwetter, WI

Kerry - January 17, 2020 at 12:58 PM

TC

“ *The Center for Christ Consciousness purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William F. "Bill" Herhold.*



The Center for Christ Consciousness - January 16, 2020 at 01:19 PM

RK

“ *Jenna, Billy, Dana and Jeri, May the most precious memories of a beautiful life bring comfort and peace to you. Sending warm and caring thoughts with our deepest sympathy.*
Roy and Patti Kessmann
Houston, Texas

Roy and Patti Kessmann - January 15, 2020 at 09:44 PM

KC

Bill... thank you for your support and your friendship. You've left a void that can't be filled.

Ken Costich - January 16, 2020 at 10:33 PM

PH

My heart goes out to the entire family. While I didn't know Bill personally, I really appreciated his posts on the Growing Up in Oak Park Facebook page, he sure had a way with words. I was a classmate of his sister, Jeri, through Hatch and OPRF.

Pamela (Kautz) Hennessey - January 26, 2020 at 12:48 PM