



William J. "Bill" Shanahan

September 18, 1935 - November 5, 2019

William J. "Bill" Shanahan, 84, of Naples, FL passed away Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at ManorCare at Lely Palms. Formerly of Pocatello, ID, Toledo, OH and Westfield, NY he moved to Bonita Springs, FL in 2001 before relocating to Naples. William was born September 18, 1935 in Chicago, IL a son of the late Joseph F. and Dorothy V. (Ferguson) Shanahan.

Mr. Shanahan was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was a graduate of Loyola University in Chicago where he earned his Doctor of Philosophy Degree. Bill was a professor of English Literature and author but most of his career was spent serving individuals with chemical dependency. He was a member of NCADD and helped found the Toledo Hospital's Drug and Alcoholism Treatment Center as well as serving as its director.

Bill enjoyed music as a jazz trumpet player and was a baseball enthusiast and season ticket holder of the Toledo Mud Hens. He also enjoyed watching the New York Yankees and Notre Dame Football.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 47 years, Patricia (Mayer) Shanahan; loving children, Josephine (Phil) Sherwell of Chicago, IL, Paul (Laura) Shanahan of San Diego, CA, William Shanahan Jr. of Portland, OR; 4

cherished grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his brothers, Brian and Thomas Shanahan.

A Visitation and Time of Sharing will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at The Chapel at Lely Palms Retirement Community, 1000 Lely Palms Drive, Naples, FL 34113.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 13. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel at Lely Palms
1000 Lely Palms Drive
Naples, FL 34113

Tribute Wall



“ *William J. "Bill" Shanahan*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *He was a great friend and sponsor. I will never forget how he led me on the path to where I am today. My life is better for having known him. Godspeed my friend.*
Pete Carroll

Pete Carroll - November 13, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Shanahan.*



November 13, 2019 at 02:02 AM



“ *Great memories from the 90's in Toledo, Ohio; full of fellowship, fun and food! Thanks for being a wonderful example Bill. God's peace to you and your family.*



Jeff Tennant - November 12, 2019 at 06:47 PM

GD

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to Pat and Family,
I feel fortunate to have been able to meet Bill and even share a
lunch with the two of you.
May Bill now Rest In Peace. Sincerely, Gail V, Marco Island*

Gail V Damon - November 12, 2019 at 04:13 PM

GB

“ *I knew Bill in Chicago at Loyola University when I was a gradate
student in Psychology in the early 60's, while Bill was completing his
Ph.D. in English . We played music (chiefly Jazz) together in small
combos , often with his brother Tom. I played piano for him on an
audition tape of Bill's musical based on George Bernard Shaw's
Major Barbara which was sent to Jay Landsmann of the Crystal
Palace in Gaslight Square in St Louis. I don't know if it was ever
produced as we both went our separate ways after finishing our
degrees.*

*We then lost touch with each other. Bill was an exceptional Jazz
trumpet player and arranger. He was also a fine man and a talented
scholar. I have thought of him frequently over the years.
I extend my deepest sympathy to his family and friends.*

*Gary Burger
St Louis , Mo.*

Gary Burger - November 12, 2019 at 10:46 AM

RL

“ *To Patricia and family. Since Columbus I missed you all but thought
of you and Bill so often. Sorry we lost contact. Bill was a big part of
my life and recovery and for many. Peace and serenity Bill and all of
you.*

Ron and Barb Lembright

Ron Lembright - November 12, 2019 at 09:45 AM

EF

“ Dear Patricia & Family,

I regret that I am unable to attend Wednesday's Memorial for Bill. I can only tell you that he made a big difference in my life when I really needed it. I must admit, it took me a while to cotton up to him, but once I listened, I found there was much for me to pay attention to. I last saw him at the Club, and he never failed to ask me how Linda was faring from her illness at the time. I always appreciated that thoughtfulness. Please accept my sincerest sympathies.

*Rick & Linda Flewelling
Naples, FL*

Edrick C. Flewelling - November 11, 2019 at 05:01 PM